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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

January 3, Friday
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January 6, Monday
COBRE on Opioids at Lifespan.
Presentation by João Castel-Branco Goulão, MD, General Director of the Service for Intervention on Addictive Behaviors and Dependencies, Portuguese Ministry of Health
Meeting with Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) Health Insurance Advisory Council:
Peter A. Hollmann, MD
RIMS Board of Directors: Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH, President,
Guests: João Castel-Branco Goulão, MD, Josiah Rich, MD, Neil Steinberg, President & CEO of the RI Foundation.

January 7, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Meeting with Care Transformation Collaborative (CTC-RI) regarding prior authorization: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, and staff
Meeting with Governor’s staff regarding State Fiscal Year 2021 budget
Public hearing: proposed Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) regulations

January 8, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, RIDOH
Governor’s Overdose Intervention and Prevention Task Force Harm Reduction

January 8–11, Wednesday–Saturday
AMA Advocacy Resource Center State Advocacy Summit, Bonita Springs, FL: Michael E. Migliori, MD, RIMS Public Laws Chair; RIMS staff; RI Senate Health and Human Services Committee Chair, Senator Joshua Miller

January 14, Tuesday
Physician Health Program Governance Committee, Jerry Fingerut, MD, Chair
Governor’s Overdose Task Force Harm Reduction Working Group, at RIMS
Telephone consultation with Accreditation Council for CME: Patrick J. Sweeney, MD, PhD, MPH, Chair of RIMS’ CME Committee

January 15, Wednesday
Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee, RIDOH

January 16, Thursday
Meeting with Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC)

January 17, Friday
Meeting with RI Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians (RI ACEP) regarding legislation and political action committee

January 17–20, Tuesday–Friday
AMA Advocacy Resource Center State Advocacy Summit, Bonita Springs, FL: Michael E. Migliori, MD, RIMS Public Laws Chair; RIMS staff; RI Senate Health and Human Services Committee Chair, Senator Joshua Miller

January 21, Tuesday
Improving End of Life Care Coalition
Meeting with Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) Health Insurance Advisory Council

January 22, Wednesday
Certification and Licensing Partnership, Department of Health Special House Commission to study Step Therapy Protocols
Meeting with Neurological Society regarding Step Therapy
Charter School Committee: Bradley J. Collins, MD, Past President

January 23, Thursday
Meeting with Optometry, Nursing, PAs, Podiatry, Dentistry, and Department of Health regarding “Fining Legislation”
Meeting with new Director of Johnson & Wales University’s PA Program, Ellen D. Mandel, DMH, MPA, MS, PA-C

January 27, Monday
Mental Health Parity Coalition

January 29, Wednesday
Department of Health Transitions of Care Stakeholder Group Meeting:
Mark Braun, MD, RI Medical Society Workers Compensation Advisory Council

January 30, Thursday
Medical Group Managers Association of Mass/RI (MGMA) Winter Meeting with insurers and OHIC Commissioner Dr. Marie Ganim
Fundraiser for Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker of the House:
Christine Brousseau, MD, President;
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Board Chair

January 31, Friday
Community Health Workers Association of RI: a half-day summit for healthcare and social services stakeholders held at Rhode Island College: RIMS staff
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The Rhode Island Medical Society continues to drive forward into the future with the implementation of various new programs. As such, RIMS is expanded its Affinity Program to allow for more of our colleagues in health-care and related business to work with our membership. RIMS thanks these participants for their support of our membership.

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Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island is a non-profit HMO founded in 1993 in partnership with Rhode Island’s Community Health Centers. Serving over 185,000 members, Neighborhood has doubled in membership, revenue and staff since November 2013. In January 2014, Neighborhood extended its service, benefits and value through the HealthSource RI health insurance exchange, serving 49% the RI exchange market. Neighborhood has been rated by National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as one of the Top 10 Medicaid health plans in America, every year since ratings began twelve years ago.

RIPCPC is an independent practice association (IPA) of primary care physicians located throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA, originally formed in 1994, represent 150 physicians from Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. RIPCPC also has an affiliation with over 200 specialty-care member physicians. Our PCP’s act as primary care providers for over 340,000 patients throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA was formed to provide a venue for the smaller independent practices to work together with the ultimate goal of improving quality of care for our patients.
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