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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

April 1, Wednesday
Blue Cross conference call regarding telemedicine coverage issues
Department of Health providers conference call regarding clinical issues

April 2, Thursday
American Tort Reform Association (ATRA) webinar COVID-19: The Legislative Response (via teleconference)

April 3, Friday
Blue Cross conference call regarding telemedicine coverage issues
Conference call with American Nurses Association-RI, RI Academy of Physician Assistants, and the Hospital Association of RI regarding provider issues

April 4, Saturday
RIMS goes live as a collection site for donated PPE in collaboration with the Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians

April 6, Monday
AMA federal legislation update call
RIMS Council: Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH, President; James McDonald, MD, MPH, Medical Director RI Department of Health, guest (via teleconference)

April 7, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair (via teleconference)

April 8, Wednesday
Governor’s Overdose Opioid Overdose Intervention and Prevention Task Force (via teleconference)
RIMS goes live as the collection site for donated iPads as a partner in “COVID Connectors,” an action initiated by Rory Merritt, MD, and Kaya Suner, to enable isolated patients to maintain contact with loved ones

April 9, Thursday
AMA conference call with state medical societies, Patrice Harris, MD, MPH, AMA President

April 10, Friday
RIMS Notes production
Governor Raimondo issues Executive Order 20-21 conferring liability immunity upon health care professionals and institutions during the emergency. The Governor acted in response to RIMS’ March 30 call for such immunity

April 11, Tuesday
Governor’s Overdose Task Force Harm Reduction Working Group (via teleconference)
Conference call with U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and staff: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Chair of the Board; Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH, President; Catherine A. Cummings, MD, President-elect; Michael Migliori, MD, Chair; Public Laws Committee; and staff

April 15, Wednesday
Department of Health Primary Care Provider Advisory Committee (via teleconference)

April 16, Thursday
American Tort Reform Association (ATRA) webinar COVID-19: Legislative Recommendations to Curb the Coming Legislative Surge (via teleconference)
Call with state medical society public health leads – COVID-19 (via teleconference)

April 17, Friday
AMA federal legislation update call
World Diabetes Day (WDD) planning meeting – Department of Health (DOH)
Call with Department of Health (DOH) regarding federal grant application for dementia funding

April 18, Saturday
Bi-Annual 11th Hour CME Event, (via webinar)

April 21, Tuesday
American Medical Association (AMA) Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) Executive Committee Conference Call

April 22, Wednesday
RI Medical Repertory Charter School Board of Directors Call: Bradley Collins, MD, RIMS Staff

April 24, Friday
RIMS Notes production
World Diabetes Day (WDD) planning meeting – Department of Health (DOH)

April 28, Tuesday
Conference call with Congressman Cicilline and staff: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Chair of the Board; Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH, President; Catherine A. Cummings, MD, President-elect; Michael Migliori, MD, Chair; Public Laws Committee; and staff

April 30, Thursday
Health Professional Loan Repayment Board/Department of Health: Steve DeToy, Board Member (via teleconference)
New England Delegation (NED) to the American Medical Association (AMA) conference call: Peter Hollmann, MD, Chair
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 healthcare 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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