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**May 1, Friday**  
World Diabetes Day [November 14, 2020]  
Group Planning Committee

**May 4, Monday**  
RIMS Board of Directors Meeting –  
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Chair of the Board; Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH, President (via teleconference)

**May 5, Tuesday**  
RIMS Physician Health Committee Meeting – Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair (via teleconference)  
RIMS Board of Directors conference call with Congressman James Langevin

**May 6, Wednesday**  
Workers Compensation Advisory Council, RI Dept. of Labor & Training

**May 8, Friday**  
World Diabetes Day Group Planning Committee  
Health Professional Loan Repayment Program, RI Dept. of Health

**May 12, Tuesday**  
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force, Harm Reduction Work Group

**May 13, Wednesday**  
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, RI Dept. of Health  
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force –  
Sarah Fessler, MD  
MMJUARI (Joint Underwriting Association) Finance Committee –  
Newell Warde, PhD

**May 14, Thursday**  
Conference call with state medical societies on COVID-19 epidemic

**May 18, Monday**  
Health Insurance Advisory Committee, Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC)

**May 20, Wednesday**  
Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee, RI Dept. of Health  
RIMS Nominating Committee –  
Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH, President (via teleconference)

**May 21, Thursday**  
MMJUARI Board of Directors, Annual Meeting – Newell Warde, PhD, Director

**May 26, Tuesday**  
Alpert Medical School, Primary Care-Population Medicine Program panel,  
Sarah Fessler, MD and RIMS staff  
Meeting with RI Health Center Association, Thundermist Health Centers and RI Physical Therapy Association regarding telemedicine legislation

**May 27, Wednesday**  
Health Professional Loan Repayment Program, RI Dept. of Health

**May 29, Friday**  
Meeting with RI Health Center Association, Thundermist Health Centers and RI Physical Therapy Association, RI Dental Association, American Nurses Association – RI, regarding telemedicine legislation

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**Kathleen Boyd, MSW, LICSW,** elected to Board of Federation of State Physician Health Programs

Since January of 2013, she has been the director of the Rhode Island Medical Society’s Physician Health Program. She is responsible for the daily management and operation of the program, including conducting initial interventions and providing ongoing case management for all referrals to the program, which serves physicians, physician assistants, dentists and podiatrists. In addition, Boyd serves as advisor to Brown University’s Medical Student Health Council, and serves as a consultant to multiple boards of licensure, health care professionals and healthcare facilities. She holds academic appointments at Brown University, Department of Medicine, and Johnson & Wales University’s Center for Physician Assistant Studies.

Boyd participates on three FSPHP committees: Northeastern Region Nominating Committee member, the Medical Student & Residents Committee, and the Performance Enhancement & Effectiveness Review Committee (PEER-C).

She is a 1985 graduate of Smith College School for Social Work and holds an undergraduate degree in Human Development.

In her spare time, she enjoys sailing, yoga, playing the piano and guitar, and writing music when inspired.

For more information on the Physician Health Committee visit:  
https://www.rimedicalsociety.org/physician-health-program.html or email kboyd@rimed.org
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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