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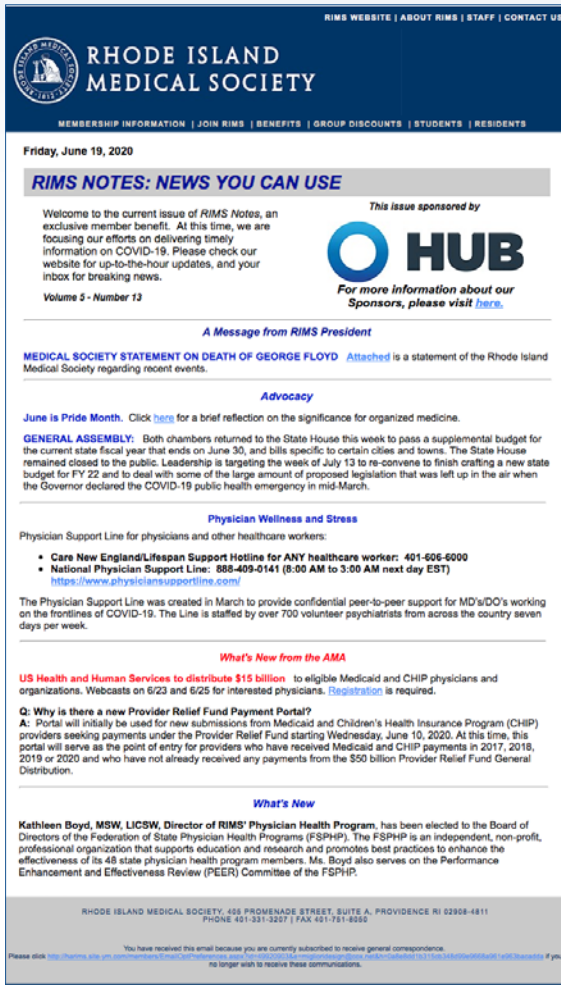
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# RIMS NOTES: News You Can Use



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## Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

### August 4, Tuesday

Health Rosetta Summit  
"Re-localizing Health Care" webinar  
RIMS Physician Health Committee:  
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair  
(via teleconference)

### August 5, Wednesday

Governor's Overdose Prevention and  
Intervention Taskforce, Racial equity  
work group

### August 6, Thursday

Governor's Legal Counsel regarding  
immunity (via teleconference)

### August 7, Friday

Meeting with Legal Counsel regarding  
RI Attorney General's pharma lawsuit  
Alpert Medical School Student  
Activity Fair (via Zoom)  
Meeting with Physician Health Program  
consultant

### August 10, Monday

Consultations with Accreditation Council  
for Continuing Medical Education

### August 11, Tuesday

COBRE webinar regarding stigma and  
People Who Use Drugs (PWUD)  
AMA Federal Advocacy call regarding  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
(CMS) proposed Medicare fee schedule  
(via teleconference)  
Call with AMA regarding RI Attorney  
General's pharma lawsuit

### August 12, Wednesday

Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline  
Governor's Overdose Prevention  
and Intervention Task Force:  
Sarah Fessler, MD, Past President

### August 18, Tuesday

Office of the Health Insurance  
Commissioner (OHIC), Health Insurance  
Advisory Committee



### Donna Stetson joins RIMS' Physician Health Program team

The Rhode Island Medical Society recently welcomed **DONNA STETSON, LMHC**, to its staff as Clinical Associate. Ms. Stetson brings a wealth of education and experience to this new position, which the Society was able to create under a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation. Ms. Stetson will work exclusively for the Society's Physician Health Program under the direction of Kathleen Boyd, MSW, LICSW. The new position permanently expands the

Program's capacity to serve the community.

A licensed psychotherapist, Donna Stetson is a Wellesley College alumna with a master's degree in psychology from Northeastern University and a graduate certificate in Human Resources Management from Bryant University. She is a seasoned Employee Assistance Professional (EAP) who provided case management, counseling and coaching services to staff at a variety of organizations, including New England Medical Center, Mount Auburn Hospital and Massachusetts Medical Society. Her clinical focus includes cognitive behavioral therapy and mindfulness techniques to help clients better manage anxiety, depression, stress and grief. Prior to moving into the mental health field, Donna spent 10 years in management consulting conducting primary research, facilitating focus groups and providing corporate training and public speaking.

### August 19, Wednesday

Department of Health (DOH) Diabetes  
Prevention Program Stakeholder Network  
(via teleconference)

### August 20, Thursday

RI Orthopedic Society (RIOS)  
teleconference with US Senator Jack Reid  
Providence Business News recognition of  
RIMS' Board Chair, Dr. Peter Hollmann,  
as "Leader and Doer"

### August 24, Monday

AMA/State Medical Society Public Health  
LEADS regarding COVID-19

### August 25, Tuesday

AMA Advocacy Resource Center:  
The need for better drug overdose  
surveillance data

### August 26, Wednesday

Meeting with Elizabeth Samuels, MD,  
subject matter expert Governor's  
Overdose Task Force regarding  
Overdose Prevention Centers  
a.k.a Safe Injection Facilities (SIF)  
Meeting of RIMS ad hoc Committee on  
Governance: Yul D. Ejnes, MD, Chair

### August 27, Thursday

OHIC Telemedicine Advisory Group,  
Peter Hollmann, MD  
Racial Equity Work Group  
(via teleconference)



## RIMS CORPORATE AFFILIATES

The Rhode Island Medical Society continues to drive forward into the future with the implementation of various new programs. As such, RIMS is expanding 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.

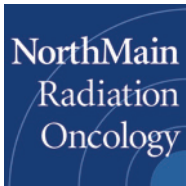


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RIPCPC is an independent practice association (IPA) of primary care physicians located throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA, originally formed in 1994, represent 150 physicians from Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. RIPCPC 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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