



Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

February 1

RIMS Physician Health Committee (PHC):
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
American Medical Association (AMA)
Advocacy Resource Center conference
call to discuss legislative efforts that
threaten Public Health Authorities
Legislative Committee hearings

February 2

American Medical Political Action
Committee (AMPAC): regional political
directors' call
Hospital Capacity Workgroup meeting:
Elizabeth Lange, MD, President; **Catherine
A. Cummings, MD**, Past President; **Thomas
Bledsoe, MD**, President Elect; **Bradley
Collins, MD**, RIMS Past President; **Nadine
Himelfarb, MD**, President RI-ACEP
Legislative Committee hearings

February 3

Meeting with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of
Rhode Island (BCBSRI): **Elizabeth Lange,
MD**, President; **Thomas A. Bledsoe, MD**,
President-elect
Diabetes Prevention Program
Stakeholder Network
Legislative Committee hearings

February 7

RIMS Council meeting: **Elizabeth Lange,
MD**, President

February 8

Meeting with Senator DiMario regarding
prior authorization legislation

February 9

RI Department of Health (RIDOH) Board
of Medical Licensure and Discipline
(BMLD)
Governor's Overdose Intervention and
Prevention Task Force: **Sarah Fessler, MD**,
RIMS Past President

February 10

Annual Healthcare lobbyist pre-session
discussion

February 11

RIMS Finance Committee:
Kwame Dapaah-Afriyie, MD, Chair
Health Information Technology Steering
Committee

February 14

Legislative Committee hearing

February 15

AMA National Advocacy conference
virtual Capital Hill visits: Senator Reed,
Congressman Langevin, Congressman
Cicilline; **Thomas Bledsoe, MD**, President
Elect; **Heather A. Smith, MD**, Vice
President, AMA Council on Legislation,
Vice Chair; **Stacy Paterno**, RIMS CEO
Legislative Committee hearings

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Legislative Committee hearings

February 17

Office of the Health Insurance
Commissioner (OHIC) HIT Steering
Committee: **Peter Hollmann, MD**
Legislative Committee hearings

February 18

Meeting regarding Ambulance Service
Coordinating Advisory Board (ASCAB):
Elizabeth Lange, MD, President;
Elizabeth Cummings, MD, Past President

February 21

State House Update: **Michael E. Migliori,
MD**, RIMS Public Laws Committee Chair;
and **Peter Karczmar, MD**, RI Medical
Political Action Committee (RIMPAC)
Chair

February 22

Meeting with Alkermes, Inc. regarding
RIMS legislation to codify MAT/MOUD
at Department of Corrections
Interstate licensure compacts strategy
discussion

February 23

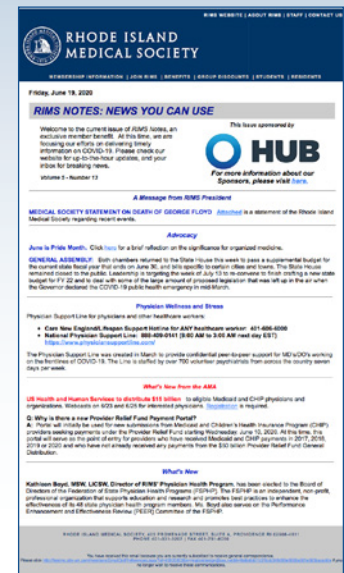
Addressing the Opioid Crisis: Sage
Consumption and Federal Preemption –
What's Next?: Yale University Webinar

February 24

Governor's Overdose Task Force:
Racial Equity Work Group
RIMS Physician Health Program
Governance Committee:
Jerry Fingerut, MD, Chair

RIMS NOTES: News You Can Use

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members. Contact Dulce Cosme if you've
missed an issue, dcosme@rimed.org.





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 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.



www.ripccpc.com

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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