At the Rhode Island Medical Society’s Eleventh Hour Education Event held on May 17, participants included, from left, Steve DeToy, RIMS Director of Government Affairs; Russell Settipane, MD, program chair; Kelly I. McGee, Esq., who participated in the panel discussion on medical marijuana; Megan Turcotte, RIMS Director of Member Services; and Todd Handel, MD, a panellist who specializes in interventional pain management and sports medicine.

Attendees listened to panelists discuss issues related to pain management, medical marijuana, and also heard updates from the leadership of RIMS.

Jaime Rampone from the Lincoln Central Elementary School is the 2014 winner of annual Tar Wars Poster Contest. She received an all-expenses paid trip to the national competition in Washington, D.C. Held annually since 1993, the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Rhode Island Medical Society have cooperated to bring the national Tar Wars® anti-smoking educational program to fifth-graders in Rhode Island.

Volunteers and participants at the 2014 bike helmet distribution at the Mary Fogarty School in Providence. Vouchers for the helmets are distributed to RIteCare families in the state, along with bike safety material and other items donated by the RIMS Foundation.

Robin Webster, MHA, BSN, RN, a clinical risk management consultant at Coverys, spoke on her areas of expertise.

Afreem Siddiqui, MD, pain management speaker, answering questions from the audience. She is president of the RI Society of Anesthesiologists and Director of Interventional Pain Management at the Providence VA Medical Center.
Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

May 1, Thursday
Legislative hearings, State House
Dr. Migliori and Mr. DeToy meet with the Speaker of the House regarding economic impact study.
Retirement party for HARI President Chairman Keable fundraiser
Reach Out and Read RI Annual Gala

May 2, Friday
Tobacco Free Rhode Island conference call
NE Delegation to the AMA meeting, Meredith, NH; Drs. Hollmann, Adrain, and RIMS staff attending

May 3, Saturday
NE Delegation to the AMA meeting, Meredith, NH; Drs. Hollmann, Adrain, and RIMS staff attending

May 5, Monday
Meeting with Chairman Miller regarding RIMS legislation
Executive Committee Meeting

May 6, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee (Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair)
Meeting of interested parties regarding DOH proposed pain regulations
Meeting with Chairman Miller regarding general health care legislation
Legislative hearings, State House
Health care professionals fundraiser, co-host Peter Karczmar, MD, on behalf of Providence mayoral candidate Brett Smiley

May 7, Wednesday
Legislative hearings, State House
RI State Nurses Association awards dinner honoring RIMS members Sen. Christopher Ottiano, MD, and James Carney, PA-C.

May 8, Thursday
US Attorney’s office planning committee June 7 CME Event
New England MGMA annual conference, Newport; RIMS-IBC staff attending
RI Chapter American College of Physicians annual conference; RIMS staff attending and staffing exhibit table
Legislative hearings, State House
Rep. Frank Ferri fundraiser

May 9, Friday
Tobacco Free RI conference call

May 10, Saturday
RIMS annual bike helmet giveaway; Jim Carney, PA-C, Kristin Carney, PA-C, WAMS member students, and RIMS staff attending
Annual Tar Wars poster contest - Art Frazzano, MD, Chair; RIMS President Elaine Jones, MD, celebrity judge; and RIMS staff attending

May 12, Monday
Rep. Malik fundraiser

May 13, Tuesday
Health Services Council
AMA State Litigation conference call; Newell Warde, Chairman
Legislative hearings, State House
Brown University Health Council

May 14, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline Meeting
Legislative hearings, State House
Chairman Gallison fundraiser
Rep. Cimini fundraiser
Rep. Tanzi fundraiser
Rep. Ajiello fundraiser

May 15, Thursday
Legislative hearings, State House
Felice Freyer farewell event
Sen. Lombardi fundraiser
Speaker Mattiello fundraiser

May 16, Friday
Meeting with Neighborhood Health Plan

May 17, Saturday
Eleventh Hour CME event, RIMS Vice President Russ Settipane, MD, Moderator, RIMS and RIMS-IBC staff attending

May 19, Monday
Lobbyists meeting
RIQI monthly update, RIMS staff
AMA Advocacy Resource Center conference call
Chairman Shekarchi fundraiser
Sen. Ottiano fundraiser

May 20, Tuesday
Chronic Care Sustainability Initiative (CSI) Annual Meeting
Meeting with Health Care Lobbyists
to discuss proposed DOH opioid prescribing regulations
Tobacco Free RI Coalition meeting with Speaker
Legislative hearings, State House

May 21, Wednesday
DOH Primary Care Physicians Advisory Committee meeting
Meeting with Lt. Governor’s staff regarding AHSRI
Worker’s Comp Advisory Committee meeting
Legislative hearings, State House

May 22, Thursday
 Lt. Governor’s LGBT Listening Session
Tobacco Free RI advocacy day
Legislative hearings, State House
Rep. Guthrie fundraiser
Rep. Amore fundraiser

May 23, Friday
WAMS Awards Day, RIMS staff attending
DOH Health Professional Student Loan Program executive committee meeting

May 24, Saturday
Stanley Aronson Event at WAMS, RIMS staff attending
RI Prescription Drug Abuse Collaborative, RIMS staff attending

May 27, Tuesday
DOH public hearing regarding proposed controlled substances prescribing regulations
Meeting with Dr. Fine, Dr. Jones, Dr. Karczmar, and RIMS staff
Legislative hearings, State House
Rep. Bennett fundraiser

May 28, Wednesday
RIMS Membership Committee meeting
Legislative hearings, State House
Rep. Abney fundraiser

May 29, Thursday
Johnson & Wales University Physician Assistant program building dedication, RIMS staff attending
RI Prescription Drug Abuse Collaborative, RIMS staff attending
Legislative hearings, State House

May 30, Friday
TFRI conference call
Why You Should Join the Rhode Island Medical Society

The Rhode Island Medical Society delivers valuable member benefits that help physicians, residents, medical students, physician-assistants, and retired practitioners every single day. As a member, you can take an active role in shaping a better health care future.

RIMS offers discounts for group membership, spouses, military, and those beginning their practices. Medical students can join for free.

**RIMS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Career management resources
- Insurance, medical banking, document shredding, and independent practice association
- Powerful advocacy at every level
- Advantages include representation, advocacy, leadership opportunities, and referrals
- Complimentary subscriptions
- Publications include Rhode Island Medical Journal, Rhode Island Medical News, annual Directory of Members;
- RIMS members have library privileges at Brown University

**Member Portal on www.rimed.org**

Password access to pay dues, access contact information for colleagues and RIMS leadership, RSVP to RIMS events, and share your thoughts with colleagues and RIMS

**SPECIAL NOTICE: 2014 AMA DUES PAYMENTS**

The American Medical Association (AMA) will direct bill its Rhode Island members for their 2014 dues. Beginning August 2013, AMA members will receive a separate dues statement from the AMA instead of paying AMA membership dues through the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) membership invoice. This is simply an operational change so that both RIMS and AMA can concentrate on their respective member satisfaction. There remains no requirement for RIMS members to join the AMA.

Please let us know if you have questions concerning this change by emailing Megan Turcotte or phoning 401-331-3207.

Above: State House press conference on health care, Brown MSS at the AMA, CPT update seminar, bike helmet distribution, medical student volunteers; Upper right: Meeting of RIMS membership committee