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## Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities



### New Legislators Reception

RIMS held its bi-annual New Legislators Reception on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. Eighteen new legislators were elected to the General Assembly for the new 2015-2016

session. New legislators attending the event included Senators Coyne, Morgan, and Gee; and Representatives McKiernan, Lancia, Solomon, Fogarty, Filippi, Price, Tobon, and Regunberg.



RIMS members in attendance were Peter Karczmar, MD; Gary Bubly, MD; Bradley Collins, MD; Sarah Fessler, MD; Christine Brousseau, MD; James Griffin, DO;

Arnold Herman, MD; Mike Migliori, MD; and Senator Christopher Ottiano, MD, and James Carney, PA-C.

Lively conversation between the legislators and RIMS members made for an enjoyable evening in this informal, relaxed setting.



### January 5, Monday

Meeting with Hospital Association of RI (HARI); RIMS staff  
Governor's Commission on Disabilities meeting  
HealthSource RI Advisory Board meeting  
RIMS Executive Committee meeting

### January 6, Tuesday

RIMS Physician Health Committee (Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair)  
Bryant University Physician Assistant Program's White Coat Ceremony

### January 7, Wednesday

RIMS Membership Committee meeting, Drs. Fingerut, Fera, Frazzano, Jones, Karczmar, Settipane and RIMS staff

### January 7-10, Wednesday-Saturday

AMA State Legislative Strategy Conference; Michael Migliori, MD, Chair, RIMS Public Laws, and Staff

### January 12, Monday

OHIC Administrative Simplification Workgroup

### January 13, Tuesday

HealthSource RI Expert Advisories board meeting  
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse/Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists' reception for legislators

### January 14, Wednesday

Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (BMLD) meeting  
Secretary of State meeting regarding lobby regulations  
Special Commission to Study Health Plan Patient Liability Provisions on Access to Health Care and Provider Financial Condition  
RIMS' Reception for New Legislators, RIMS leadership and staff

### January 15, Thursday

Health Services Council meeting  
Meeting with Rhode Island Quality Institute

### January 16, Friday

Coalition of Mental Health Professionals of RI  
Meeting with Purdue-Pharma regarding opioid-related legislation  
Meeting with Amy Nunn, ScD, Brown University School of Public Health, regarding RI Public Health Institute

### January 20, Tuesday

Meeting with HSRI Staff  
Meeting with HealthSource RI Expert Advisory Board  
OHIC Health Insurance Advisory Committee meeting  
Legislative hearings

### January 21, Wednesday

Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee, Department of Health  
OHIC Administrative Simplification meeting  
Recovery Works Coalition meeting  
Meeting with Chairman Miller, Chair Senate Committee of Health and Human Services, regarding 2015 legislation  
Legislative hearings  
Speaker Mattiello Fundraiser, Drs. Migliori and Rich, and RI Society of Anesthesiology members Rafael Padilla, MD and Brett Arron, MD; attending

### January 22-23, Thursday and Friday

American Society of Association Executives' *The Business of Meetings* Certificate Program, Washington, DC

### January 22, Thursday

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition meeting  
Joint Senate Finance/Health and Human Services hearing regarding State Innovation Model Grant

### January 23, Friday

Meeting with DOH staff regarding legislation

### January 27, Tuesday

DOH Health Services Council meeting  
Meeting with Chairman Keable, House Committee on Judiciary, regarding legislation  
Legislative hearings

### January 28, Wednesday

Legislative hearings

### January 29, Thursday

Meeting with Aetna  
Legislative hearings  
Senate President T. Paiva-Weed fundraiser; Michael Migliori, MD, and RIMS staff attending





## 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.



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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](http://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

