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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

February 1, Monday

Interview with Providence Business News regarding Zika virus; Christine Brousseau, MD
RIMS Council Meeting

February 2, 2016

RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair
Interview on *Dan Yorke State of Mind* television show; Sarah Fessler, MD, President-elect, and Steve DeToy, Director of Government and Public Affairs
Legislative hearings

February 3, Wednesday

Workers Compensation Advisory Council
Legislative hearings
House Majority Leader DeSimone fundraiser

February 4, Thursday

Conference call regarding amicus briefs defending confidentiality of Patient Safety Organization data in a liability case involving a Rhode Island physician and a hospital
Legislative hearings
Senate Majority Leader Ruggerio fundraiser

February 9, Tuesday

Conference call regarding Emergency Department Information Exchange/possible legislation, Gary Bubly, MD, Past President, and RIMS legal Counsel

February 10, Wednesday

Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline presentation on RIMS' legislative agenda
Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force, Josiah Rich, MD; Gary Bubly, MD; Peter Karczmar, MD
Legislative hearings
House Majority Whip Edwards fundraiser

February 11, Thursday

Legislative hearings
State Innovation Model Steering Committee; Peter A. Hollmann, MD

February 12, Friday

Meeting with health insurers regarding telemedicine legislation

February 16, Tuesday

Meeting with RIMS Sponsor Shred-it

February 17, Wednesday

Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee
Conference call regarding RIMS' outreach

February 18, Thursday

SIM Population Health and Behavioral Health Subcommittee
Secretary of State seminar on lobbying legislation, reporting, and compliance regulations

February 19, Friday

Meeting with Providence Health Centers regarding potential nutrition grant; Stanley Block, MD

February 22, Monday

Meeting with Neighborhood Health Plan

February 23, Tuesday

Sarah Fessler, MD, President-elect, and Steve DeToy, Director of Government and Public Affairs, attend AMA National Advocacy Conference and meet with Congressional delegation
Secretary Roberts Provider Advisory Council at RIMS



On February 23, **Sarah Fessler, MD**, President-elect, and **Steve DeToy**, Director of Government and Public Affairs, attended AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC to meet with **US Senator Jack Reed** (above left) and other members of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation.

February 24, Wednesday

Legislative Hearings

February 25, Thursday

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting; Steve DeToy, RIMS Director of Government and Public Affairs, Co-chair

Meeting with insurers regarding telemedicine legislation
Legislative Hearings



AFFINITY PROGRAM

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 health-care and related business to work with our membership.

RIMS thanks these participants for their support of our membership.

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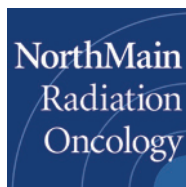
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