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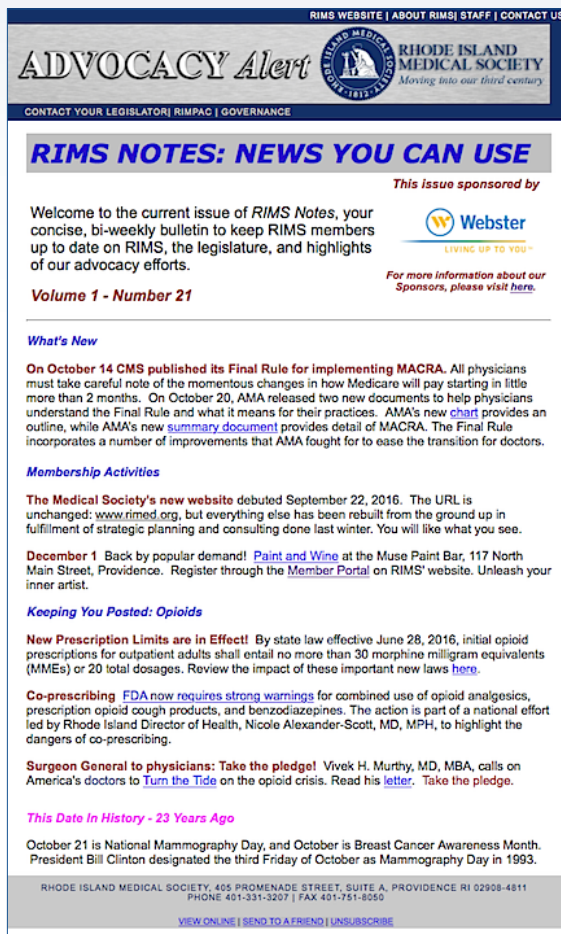
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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

May 1, Friday

World Diabetes Day (November 14, 2020)
Group Planning Committee

May 4, Monday

RIMS Board of Directors Meeting –
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Chair of the
Board; Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH,
President (via teleconference)

May 5, Tuesday

RIMS Physician Health Committee
Meeting – Herbert Rakatansky, MD,
Chair (via teleconference)
RIMS Board of Directors conference call
with Congressman James Langevin

May 6, Wednesday

Workers Compensation Advisory Council,
RI Dept. of Labor & Training

May 8, Friday

World Diabetes Day Group Planning
Committee
Health Professional Loan Repayment
Program, RI Dept. of Health

May 12, Tuesday

Governor's Overdose Prevention and
Intervention Task Force, Harm Reduction
Work Group

May 13, Wednesday

Board of Medical Licensure and
Discipline, RI Dept. of Health
Governor's Overdose Prevention
and Intervention Task Force –
Sarah Fessler, MD
MMJUARI (Joint Underwriting
Association) Finance Committee –
Newell Warde, PhD

May 14, Thursday

Conference call with state medical
societies on COVID-19 epidemic

May 18, Monday

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

May 20, Wednesday

Primary Care Physician Advisory
Committee, RI Dept. of Health
RIMS Nominating Committee –
Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH,
President (via teleconference)

May 21, Thursday

MMJUARI Board of Directors, Annual
Meeting – Newell Warde, PhD, Director

May 26, Tuesday

Alpert Medical School, Primary Care-
Population Medicine Program panel,
Sarah Fessler, MD and RIMS staff
Meeting with RI Health Center
Association, Thundermist Health Centers
and RI Physical Therapy Association
regarding telemedicine legislation

May 27, Wednesday

Health Professional Loan Repayment
Program, RI Dept. of Health

May 29, Friday

Meeting with RI Health Center
Association, Thundermist Health Centers
and RI Physical Therapy Association,
RI Dental Association, American Nurses
Association – RI, regarding telemedicine
legislation

Kathleen Boyd, MSW, LICSW, elected to Board of Federation of State Physician Health Programs



KATHLEEN BOYD, MSW, LICSW, Director of the Rhode Island Medical Society's Physician Health Program, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs (fsphp.org) to serve a two-year term, from April 2020 to April 2022. She will serve as Northeast Region Director during her tenure.

Since January of 2013, she has been the director of the Rhode Island Medical Society's Physician Health Program. She is responsible for the daily management and operation of the program, including conducting initial interventions and providing ongoing case management for all referrals to the program, which

serves physicians, physician assistants, dentists and podiatrists.

In addition, Boyd serves as advisor to Brown University's Medical Student Health Council, and serves as a consultant to multiple boards of licensure, health care professionals and healthcare facilities. She holds academic appointments at Brown University, Department of Medicine, and Johnson & Wales University's Center for Physician Assistant Studies.

Boyd participates on three FSPHP committees: Northeastern Region Nominating Committee member, the Medical Student & Residents Committee, and the Performance Enhancement & Effectiveness Review Committee (PEER-C).

She is a 1985 graduate of Smith College School for Social Work and holds an undergraduate degree in Human Development.

In her spare time, she enjoys sailing, yoga, playing the piano and guitar, and writing music when inspired. ❖

For more information on the Physician Health Committee visit:

<https://www.rimedicalsociety.org/physician-health-program.html> or email kboyd@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 health-care and related business to work with our membership. RIMS thanks these participants for their support of our membership.

Contact Marc Bialek for more information: 401-331-3207
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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.

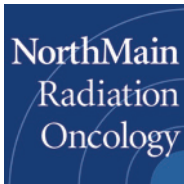


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RIPCPC is an independent practice association (IPA) of primary care physicians located throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA, originally formed in 1994, represent 150 physicians from Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. RIPCPC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