

# Rhode Island Healthcare Summit

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

9:30 AM-12:30 PM

House Chamber – Rhode Island State House, Second Floor

*\*Breakfast will be served promptly at 9:00 AM in the House Lounge*

## AGENDA

### I. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

- Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi

### II. Federal Perspective on Opportunities to Help Secure a Cooperative Local Delivery System

- U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

### III. Identify Key Areas of Concern Within Rhode Island's Health Care System

- i. **Primary Care Physicians**: Need for PCPs, the impact of the PCP shortage, and regional payment differences.
  - **Presenters**: Dr. Howard Schulman, Internal Medicine and Dr. Hub Brennan, Internal Medicine.

*Mid-Morning Break (10 Minutes)*

- ii. **Specialists**: The impact of shortages and additional areas of concern that other health specialties are having in Rhode Island's health care system.
  - **Presenters**: Mary Marran, President, Butler Hospital and The Providence Center; Dr. Frank Paletta, President, Rhode Island Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and Dr. John Kiang, Rhode Island Children's Dentistry and Orthodontics.
- iii. **Hospitals**: Current state of hospitals and health care delivery in Rhode Island.
  - **Presenters**: Dr. Michael Wagner, President and CEO, Care New England; John Fernandez, President and CEO, Lifespan.

### IV. Third Party Payors/Medicaid Perspective

- **Presenters**: Martha Wofford, President and CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI; Richard Charest, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services; Kristin Sousa, Medicaid Program Director and Joseph Perroni, President and CEO, Delta Dental.

### V. The Attorney General's Perspectives on a Rhode Island Health Care System in Crisis

- Peter Neronha, Rhode Island Attorney General

### VI. Discussion and Next Steps

### VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Rhode Island Senate.