

Rhode Island Business Group on Health

“Adopt a Company Wellness Program”

February 9, 2006

8 am – 10:30 am

Marriott, 1 Orms Street, Providence, RI

Agenda

Purpose and Goals	Brandon Melton
o RIBGH Wellness Committee	SVP Human Resources, Lifespan
Business Case/ROI	
o Beacon Relations	Jeffrey Johnson, VP Community
o Care New England President	Tish Devaney, Associate Vice
o Gateway Healthcare	Richard Leclerc, President and CEO
Worksite Wellness Council of RI	Todd Cipriani
Worksite Wellness Council	President, VP Professional Services, Newport Hospital
Well Worksite Criteria	Heather Provino, M.S. President Provant Health Solutions, LLC
Wellness University April 27, AAASNE	Sheila Jacobs Dean, Wellness University Manager, Health and Wellness
Promotion	Lifespan
Adopt-A-Company Initiative	Brandon Melton
o Discussion: Resource Needs/Barriers	SVP, Human Resources, Lifespan
Healthy/Safe Behaviors	Dona Goldman
o Weight Management	Program Director
o Exercise Program	Diabetes Prevention & Control Rhode Island Department of Health

Key Next Steps

Brandon Melton

SVP, Human Resources, Lifespan

9:50 am – 10:30 am

RIBGH General Membership Meeting

RIBGH Executive Committee

- Sub-committee updates
- 2006 Goals & Objectives
- Q&A

“SAVE THE DATE” 2006 RIBGH Meetings

Meeting Date

Topic

May 11th

“Electronic Medical Records—The importance to your business and your employees wellness”, followed by a 30 minute RIBGH General Membership meeting.

September 14th

General Membership and TBD topic

November 16th

General Membership and TBD topic

Meetings will start at 8:00 am and adjourn by 10:00 am at the Providence Marriott at 1 Orms Street.

We thank Mercer Health & Benefits for sponsoring our 2006 RIBGH general membership meetings

Our 2005 Meetings

- May 5th, First official meeting of RIBGH where the mission and goals were drafted, our charter.

- June 20th, Congressman Patrick Kennedy briefed the group on H.R. 2234-"The 21st Health Information Act" which is a bill designed to help electronic medical records become a reality in the United States
- August 18th, Al Verrecchia, CEO of Hasbro hosted our meeting and briefed RIBGH on the "CEO Perspective on Healthcare" and Laura Adams, CEO of Rhode Island Quality Institute briefed the group on RIQI's mission and goals.
- September 13th, George Vecchione, CEO of Lifespan hosted our meeting and unique insights into our healthcare delivery system; he was joined by Chris Koller and Dr. David Gifford, Director of the RI Department of Health
- October 19th, Bob Carniaux, SVP of HR at Hasbro hosted a "business meeting" for the RIBGH with participation from over 40 business leaders.
- December 14th, Dolores Mitchell, Executive Director of Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission and Dr. David Gregg of Mercer spoke about MA's Clinical Performance Improvement project and how RI may be able to take advantage of some of their learning's.
- Over 50 Rhode Island companies and top executives have participated in our meetings...our goal is to grow this group during 2006 to represent even more employers.

Sub committees were created at our September 13th RIBGH meeting. We would appreciate volunteers for the following committees:

1. **Finance & Delivery of Healthcare Delivery System:** This group will focus on healthcare costs including the different components and waste in the system. In addition, this group will address standards of benefits and the finance and delivery of such benefits. *Chaired by Richard Portno, Vice President Operations, Ocean State Job Lot; Vice Chair, Dave Jose, Director Finance at Toray Plastics*
2. **Health Information Technology:** Review and participate in the initiatives of the RI Quality Institute regarding health information technology. *Chaired by Bob Carniaux, Senior Vice President of HR, Hasbro*
3. **Wellness:** Explore Worksite Wellness Council and determine how to increase membership. How can businesses expand the message to include employees AND their families? How can businesses increase the wellness of our future generations of employees? The group will also explore the impact of wellness initiatives for employers. *Chaired by Brandon Melton, Senior Vice President of HR, Lifespan*
4. **Membership outreach:** Determine best ways to expand the membership of RIBGH. *Chaired by Herb Gray, Vice President of HR at Cranston Print Works*

Rhode Island Business Group on Health, a business coalition

Mission Statement of RI Business Group on Health

“Promoting a better healthcare delivery system for all Rhode Islanders through high quality standards and fiscal integrity.”

Some highlights of the expressed goals and objectives:

- Create a shared RI business community vision of health care through hands-on involvement in the initiative from CEO's, CFO's and HR Executives of member firms.
- Create a proactive dialog between the business community and state government (elected officials and administrative agency leadership) on matters of healthcare policy, regulation and legislation based upon the exercise of sound fiscal judgment and quality standards.
- Promote economic development by recommending solutions that lead to a financially responsible healthcare costs structure so that existing businesses seek to expand and new businesses choose locating in Rhode Island.

- Create a business community voice in the state promoting a “best return on healthcare investment” mindset, through a statutory and regulatory framework designed to create efficiency, cut waste, and improve/maintain quality in our healthcare delivery system.
- Improve data analysis and distribution within our healthcare delivery system, i.e., hospital and doctor quality and performance, patient satisfaction and underlying cost structure and underwriting structure used by health insurance providers.
- Promote health and wellness education with the goal of helping employees become better consumers of healthcare services.
- Represent special and unique needs of employers in the state, from small to large.
- Promote the elimination of unreasonable regulatory hurdles, which serve as entry barriers to competition in the healthcare insurance market.
- Create a model of success for other states to replicate.