**Charbonneau named to National Alliance’s Board of Governors**

The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions announced this month that Al Charbonneau, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Business Group on Health, has been named to their Board of Governors, effectively immediately.

“We are excited to add Al Charbonneau to the National Alliance Board,” said Mike Thompson, president and CEO of the organization. “His leadership and insights on moving toward value in healthcare and engaging healthcare stakeholders to limit cost growth are key to our broader national strategy.”

Charbonneau is a hospital executive with over 30 years of experience as the CEO/COO of urban teaching and rural hospitals and as the founding CEO of a business-sponsored organization leading healthcare reform. He spent more than half of his career working in nationally recognized health reform initiatives in Rochester, New York. After retiring to Rhode Island, Charbonneau was appointed Executive Director of the Rhode Island Business Group on Health (RIBGH). Since assuming the position in 2014, Charbonneau, representing employers and their employees, gained a “seat at the table” of the most significant healthcare reform venues in the state. This action was followed by rolling out strategies illustrating health system waste, cost, and affordability.

The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, a nonprofit organization with both national and localized chapters, advocates for and promotes quality healthcare options for communities across the United States. Founded 30 years ago, the organization encompases more than 12,000 employers and purchasers in both the private and public sector, including unions.

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**About the Rhode Island Business Group on Health**

The Rhode Island Business Group on Health (RIBGH) is a voluntary non-profit organization with over 90 member companies, consisting of large and small businesses, payers, brokers, physician groups, and hospital systems. The mission of RIBGH is to promote better care delivery, transparency and healthier outcomes at affordable, predictable costs. The scope of RIBGH, through its affiliate the Worksite Wellness Council of Rhode Island (WWCRI), also includes educating members and sharing best practices on building and sustaining healthy productive workforces. For more information, visit [www.ribgh.org](file:///C:\Users\Al\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\UGAO3BIV\www.ribgh.org).