



Workforce Planning Summit The Rhode Ahead

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

8:30 am - 12:15 pm

Rhode Island Nursing Education Center
Providence, RI

Time	Agenda Item
8:00 - 8:30	Arrival and Breakfast
8:30 - 8:40	Welcoming Remarks from Governor Daniel McKee
8:40 - 8:45	Agenda Overview and Logistics
8:45 - 9:30	<p>Addressing Health and Human Services Workforce Challenges in RI</p> <p><i>Progress Report - Shannon Gilkey, Commissioner, RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner and Matt Weldon, Director, RI Department of Labor and Training</i></p> <p><i>“The Rhode Ahead: Attract, Train, & Retain” - Ana Novais, Assistant Secretary, RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services</i></p>
9:30 - 10:00	<p>Industry Leader Perspectives</p> <p><i>Senior healthcare leaders describe the impact that workforce challenges have on their organizational mission and discuss “The Rhode Ahead” agenda. Leaders include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>John Fernandez, President & CEO, Lifespan</i> • <i>Rilwan Feyisitan, President and CEO, EBCAP</i> • <i>Michael Wagner, MD, President & CEO, Care New England</i> • <i>Beth Bixby, CEO, Tides Family Services</i>
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:15	<p>Interactive Health Workforce Data Session</p> <p><i>Rik Ganguly, Data Scientist & Analytics Manager, Ecosystem, Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services shares a new health workforce data dashboard that provides analysis of supply, wages, demographics, career advancement, and other critical workforce issues for licensed health and human</i></p>

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	<i>services occupations. The presentation will be followed by Q & A and discussion.</i>
11:15-12:10	<p>Centering Equity in RI's Health & Human Services Workforce Initiatives Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Facilitated by Dr. Larry Warner Chief Impact and Equity Officer, United Way of Rhode Island. Several health and human service leaders focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion and their mentees will share their knowledge, insights, and wisdom on the topic from their professional and lived experience. Panelists Include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Angela Bannerman Ankoma, Vice President and Executive Director, Rhode Island Foundation & Joana Yeboah, Neighborhood Health Plan of RI.</i> • <i>Carrie Bridges Feliz, Vice President of Community Health and Equity, Lifespan & Beatriz Ortega, student, Paul Cuffee High School</i> • <i>Paula Coutinho, Director of Field Education and Director of MSW Admissions, RI College & Silvia Adames, Community Health Worker, Blackstone Valley Community Health Center and MSW student at RI College</i> • <i>Evelyn Pinto de Duran, R.N., President & CEO, Your Choice of Home Care</i>
12:10 - 12:15	Concluding Remarks and Next Steps
12:15 - 1:00	<p>Participant Networking</p> <p><i>Snacks and refreshments will be available for participants immediately following the meeting</i></p>

Please encourage your colleagues to learn about the Wavemaker Fellowship, which provides a financial incentive for graduates pursuing healthcare careers in Rhode Island by defraying student loan payments for up to 4 years.

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