

Rhode Island Quality Institute

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EOHHS Secretary, Elizabeth Roberts, joins Rhode Island Quality Institute Board of Directors

PROVIDENCE, RI, March 30, 2015 -- Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI) is announcing the appointment of Elizabeth Roberts, Secretary, Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) for the State of Rhode Island, to its Board of Directors. Secretary Roberts will serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

“RIQI’s mission is very closely aligned with the mission of EOHHS so it is extremely valuable to have Secretary Roberts’ participation on our board of directors,” said Laura Adams, President & CEO, RIQI. “RIQI has amassed valuable assets, such as CurrentCare, RI’s statewide health information exchange, that are helping state agencies, publicly supported community-based organizations and private healthcare providers deliver care that is more coordinated, efficient and accountable. We look forward to working closely with Secretary Roberts to determine how these assets can be further levered to continue to improve healthcare throughout the state.”

EOHHS’s mission is to assure access to high quality and cost effective services that foster the health, safety, and independence of all Rhode Islanders. EOHHS oversees the Department of Children, Youth and Families, Department of Human Services, Division of Elderly Affairs, Division of Veterans Affairs, Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, and the Department of Health. Under Secretary Roberts’ leadership, these departments provide direct services and benefits to over 300,000 citizens while working to protect the overall health, safety and independence of all Rhode Islanders.

Prior to becoming Secretary of EOHHS, Ms. Roberts served as Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island from 2007 to 2015 and led critical health care reform efforts statewide. She served five two-year terms in the Rhode Island Senate from 1996 to 2006. As an elected official, she led several key healthcare initiatives including expanding the state’s prescription drug program for seniors (RIPAE) expanding coverage to more families through Rlte Care -- the state’s public health system and serving as Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and Co-Chair of the Permanent Joint Committee on Healthcare.

“I am honored to join the board of directors for the Rhode Island Quality Institute,” said Secretary Roberts. “I have spent nearly two decades in public service working to improve and expand health care for more Rhode Islanders. I support RIQI’s mission to improve health care through a focus on health information technology.”

RIQI is a center of collaborative innovation for advancing healthcare transformation with a strong focus on achieving the Triple Aim of better health, better healthcare and lower per capita cost. RIQI is continually building upon the capabilities it has developed for care coordination, reduction of medical error and waste, quality measurement and improvement and engaging in the lives of consumers, patients, and families. Secretary Roberts’ appointment to the Board will bring an extremely valuable perspective to RIQI’s strategies and key initiatives.

For more information, including the complete list of RIQI’s Board of Directors, visit www.riqi.org.

