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Horowitz Appointed to Raimondo's Commission

Providence> Steven J. Horowitz, President and CEO of Saint Elizabeth Community was appointed to Governor Raimondo's Working Group for Health Care Innovation, created with U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse. Horowitz joins health care professionals, patient advocates, business people and other policy leaders on the working group. The group has 34 members.

The Working Group was created to improve health care for all Rhode Islanders and the focus will be on four specific goals:

- Develop benchmarks and a plan to establish a global health spending cap for Rhode Island
- Identify an implementation plan to achieve the "80 by '18" goals which tie 80 percent of health care payments to quality by 2018
- Develop a vision for next-generation health information technology systems for all payers to improve care and reduce waste in the system
- Establish performance management frameworks to achieve population health and wellness goals outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Healthy People 2020 report*

The Working Group for Healthcare Innovation will hold its first meeting in August. Recommendations to Governor Raimondo will be made in December. Elizabeth H. Roberts, Health and Human Services Secretary, is the chairwoman.

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