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RHODE ISLAND QUALITY INSTITUTE APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Orefice, Bandusky, and White bring unique perspectives, strong leadership abilities to mission of improving the quality, safety and value of health care in Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, September 1, 2008 -- The Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI) today announced the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors:

Raymond Bandusky, Executive Director, RI Disability Law Center

Raymond L. Bandusky has been the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Disability Law Center (RIDLC) since 1993. RIDLC is the independent, nonprofit corporation designated to implement the federal Protection and Advocacy System for the State of Rhode Island. He is also Vice Chair of the Consumer Advisory Committee of the Rhode Island Quality Institute and has served on the Committee since 2006.

Adelita Orefice, Deputy Secretary Executive Office of Health & Human Services (ex-officio)

Adelita S. Orefice serves as the Deputy Secretary for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for the State of Rhode Island. Appointed in January 2008 by Governor Donald L. Carcieri, Ms. Orefice is responsible for the oversight and management of five cabinet level departments: Human Services; Health; Children, Youth and Families; Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals; and Elderly Affairs.

Laurie White, President, Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce

Laurie White is President of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce---Rhode Island's oldest and largest business advocacy association. In that capacity, Laurie is responsible for the development of the Chamber's program of work, organizational structure, budget and long range plan for its 2,700 member companies. She has been President of the Chamber since October 2005.

"Each of these individuals brings a unique perspective and valuable experience to the RIQI board," said George A. Vecchione, chairman, RIQI Board of Directors. "Their dedication and leadership will help advance the RIQI's mission of significantly improving the quality, safety and value of health care in Rhode Island."

RIQI is a statewide collaboration of hospitals, physicians, nurses, health insurers, consumers, business, government and academia working together to significantly improve health care in Rhode Island. Founded in 2001, the RIQI's strategic focus includes building a statewide health care information exchange and interoperability and ensuring the adoption of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) as the foundation for continual improvement in the quality of care. The RIQI is leveraging RI's unique characteristics (small size, line of sight trust, and governmental accessibility) to demonstrate how the health care system can be improved through collaborative innovation. For more information, visit www.riqi.org.

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