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## **RICCIARELLI NAMED TO ADVISORY BOARD**

**PROVIDENCE, RI** – Ruth Ricciarelli, director of workforce development at the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI), has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the School of Nursing at Rhode Island College. The 13-member board will provide consultation on managing the school and address challenges such as the state’s nursing shortage and increased funding for program requirements.

Ms. Ricciarelli was appointed the director of workforce development at HARI in 2000. Since then, she has led the association’s efforts to alleviate health care workforce shortages. She also oversees the Health Partnership Council, a unique forum that provides opportunity for labor, educators, employers and decision makers to collaborate and strengthen our workforce through retention and recruitment strategies.

Ms. Ricciarelli resides in Cumberland with her husband and three children.

Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the health care needs of Rhode Island, through advocacy, representation, education and services. HARI members work collaboratively to improve the quality of care delivered and address issues threatening access to health care including increasing health costs, rising medical liability premiums and decreasing reimbursement. HARI members work together to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high quality health care.

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