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Rhode Island Free Clinic Announces New Medical Director

PROVIDENCE, RI (September 26, 2023) - The Rhode Island Free Clinic announced today that Dr. Melinda Delaney will serve as its newest medical director. She takes the baton from former medical director, Dr. Ross Hilliard, who began his new role as the Internal Medicine Residency Director at Maine Medical Center. “On behalf of our patients, volunteers, staff and Board of Directors, we thank Dr. Hilliard for his unwavering commitment to advancing Rhode Island Free Clinic’s mission,” says, CEO, Dr. Forrest Daniels. “We’re excited to have Dr. Delaney eagerly embrace this important clinical leadership role, building on the legacy first established nearly 20 years ago by Dr. Caroline Troise, and ensuring we can continue to provide the best quality care to our patients” he adds.



Dr. Delaney has been a core primary care physician at the Free Clinic since 2021. As medical director, Dr. Delaney will work closely with providers and volunteers to continue to build on the quality of care provided to patients and strengthening the Clinic’s efforts to recruit volunteer providers. “I’m excited and honored to join the Free Clinic in this important leadership role. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the community’s healthcare,” says Dr. Delaney. “This is a cause that is near and dear to my heart. I look forward to working closely with our dedicated team to improve access to healthcare for those in need. I can’t wait to get started!”

About Dr. Delaney:

Dr. Delaney is a faculty physician at the Brown University combined internal medicine pediatrics primary care clinic and is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the Alpert School of Medicine. She also heads the medicine-pediatrics residency quality improvement curriculum and is an investigator in a multi-site NIH research project for vaccine hesitancy. She completed residency in combined internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center where she also completed the UPMC Medical Education Program. Dr. Delaney received her medical degree at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, where she had a focus in urban underserved medicine. She is originally from southeastern Michigan and completed her undergraduate degree in Biology with high honors at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

About Rhode Island Free Clinic

Founded in 1998, the Rhode Island Free Clinic provides a comprehensive Medical Home to uninsured, low-income Rhode Island adults, and serves as an educational training site for aspiring health care professionals through partnerships with Rhode Island’s leading Academic



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Partners. Care includes primary care, dental, behavioral health, specialty care, physical and occupational therapy, wellness education, and medicine -- all free to vulnerable Rhode Islanders.

On the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2022 the Clinic served over 9,000 vulnerable RI adults, to keep our community safe and well. Learn more by visiting www.riFreeClinic.org.

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