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HARI Welcomes New Staff Members

Providence, R.I. – March 8, 2018 – The Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and its members have recently welcomed two new staff members. Lisa Tomasso, who previously served in the role of community relations manager for The Providence Center, now represents HARI as the association’s director of external affairs. In her new role, Tomasso will be responsible for oversight of HARI communications, public policy, advocacy, and government relations functions. Additionally, she will lead the development and implementation of HARI’s advocacy plan.

Tomasso was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives in 2010, where she served as the senior deputy majority leader and was a member of the House Committee on Finance until 2014. She received her bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Rhode Island.

Kristin Brennan has been hired as HARI’s Government Relations Assistant. Brennan will provide administrative support to HARI President Teresa Paiva Weed and the government relations staff.

In addition, HARI would like to congratulate Jennifer Gervais and Nancy Lebrun on their recent promotions within HARI.

Jennifer Gervais has been promoted to Director of Member and Creative Services. Throughout her twelve years at HARI, Gervais has expanded in her role multiple times, providing graphic design, marketing and creative services for the association. Gervais will continue to provide the association with high-level IT support and management of the association’s creative output.

Following the retirement of David Rousseau, Nancy Lebrun was appointed the Rhode Island Cancer Registry Director of Cancer Information Systems. Lebrun was hired in 2011 as an auditor for the Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) project. In 2012, Lebrun became a Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR). Upon completion of the CER project, Lebrun stayed on as a consultant for the Rhode Island Cancer Registry until the start of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) project, a continuation of the CER project. Prior to her transition into her current role, Lebrun was the education and training coordinator for the cancer registry. Lebrun is currently working towards a bachelor’s degree in management with a concentration in healthcare.

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Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the healthcare 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 healthcare. HARI members work together to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high-quality healthcare.