

## RIHCA Hosts Cybersecurity Workshop

On Tuesday, June 16, 2026, RIHCA hosted a workshop on Developing or Revising a Cyber Incident Response Plan (CIRP). This four-hour workshop was facilitated by R. Mike Tetreault, Cybersecurity Advisor for Rhode Island, Region 1 – New England with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Mike was joined by his colleague, Abad Cabassa, Cybersecurity Advisor for Connecticut.

The workshop was attended by staff from six of Rhode Island's FQHCs in addition to attendees from three Connecticut FQHCs and two staff from Connecticut's Primary Care Association, Community Health Center Association of CT (CHCACT).

During the Workshop, Mike and Abad reviewed the importance of cyber incident response planning, key elements of the response framework, proactive measures for incident response, roles & responsibilities during a cyber incident and phases of incident response. Implementation strategies and tools were also reviewed during the workshop.

A follow up tabletop exercise is being planned for Fall 2026. This will give the attendees the opportunity to test their newly developed or revised CIRPs.

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