Fifth District Report to the MSSNY Council Meeting  
November 5, 2015 (Report last updated October 19, 2015)

The Fifth District includes Cayuga, Chenango, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence counties.

In light of the discussion from last Council meeting, I thought the following information might be relevant in recruitment efforts and discussions with medical staffs that may be merging or have merged. The focus of the most recent past Annual House of Delegates of the American Medical Association Organized Medical Staff Section was the revised Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for hospitals. A summary of the recent changes from the AMA website:

"Are your medical staff bylaws in compliance with the revised CoPs?"

Last year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services published a final rule revising the Conditions of Participation for hospitals. The rule, which became effective in July 2014, has significant implications for the traditional hospital medical staff structure. In particular, the rule permits a multi-hospital health system to have a unified, system-wide medical staff, rather than a separate medical staff at each hospital, provided that the medical staff at each hospital votes to accept a unified staff structure.

As of January 1, 2015, all medical staffs in multi-hospital systems should have revised their bylaws to describe the process for voting on whether to opt into a unified medical staff even if no such structure has been proposed. And even if your hospital is not part of a system, it is still advisable that your bylaws include a process for voting on unification so that your medical staff will be prepared should your hospital someday be acquired by or otherwise incorporated into a system with a unified medical staff."

Here is a link to the document in electronic format.

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=f59497ef2d8f04817d2ec45a1d0a7b5d&mc=true&node=se42.5.482_122&rgn=div8

Also here's a link to the larger document in PDF format. The section starts on page 173.

Adrienne D. Allen, MD provided detailed information about the leadership of Richard Hutchings Psychiatric Center, which has already been forwarded to MSSNY staff. Richard A. Beers, MD volunteered to try to track down more information regarding VA Healthcare Network Upstate New York. Community General Hospital-Greater Syracuse has been absorbed by SUNY Upstate Medical University, which currently has an institutional membership agreement with MSSNY. The Medical Staff President is Mitchell V. Brodey, MD. The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) is Anthony P. Weiss, MD, MBA. The SUNY Upstate University Hospital Annual Medical Staff Meeting is October 20, 2015 6:00PM 9TH Floor Cafeteria, Weiskotten Hall, Syracuse, NY. St. Josephâ€™s Hospital Health Center Medical Staff President is Richard Waldman, MD and the CMO is Sandra Sulik, MD. Jim Coulthart, EVP, Onondaga County Medical Society and Jef Sneider, MD, my predecessor, proposed an institutional membership agreement with this hospital within the last couple of years. However, there is no reason they could not re-approach St. Josephâ€™s. I have spoken to a staff person at the St. Josephâ€™s Hospital medical staff office, and he has asked me to email my request for more information, which I have done so.

I attended the Onondaga County Medical Society (OSMS) Executive Council Meeting on September 15, 2015. MSSNY again co-sponsored a booth at the New York State Fair this year along with the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists (NYSSA). Onondaga County Medical Society members, including physicians and medical students, staffed the MSSNY/NYSSA State Fair booth, providing free blood pressure screenings to the public. OCMS members report being well received by the public, appreciates MSSNYâ€™s support, and requests continued financial support from MSSNY for this worthwhile endeavor.

The Medical Society of Jefferson County has elected Robert Kimball, MD as President. Congratulations to Dr. Kimball.

From Cynthia S. Burger, CAE, Executive Director, Medical Societies of Broome, Delaware, Otsego and Tompkins Counties, Sixth District Branch of MSSNY, Southern Tier Foundation for Medical Care:

The annual retreat for the physician leaders in the Fifth and Sixth Districts of the Medical Society of the State of New York is scheduled for Friday evening November 20 through mid-afternoon on Saturday November 21.

The location is Hope Lodge at Greek Peak Mountain Resort in Virgil, New York, which is about 10 miles south of Cortland. The address is 2000 New York Route 392, Cortland and the GPS Coordinates are Latitude: 42.507739; Longitude: -76.139174. The website is www.GreekPeakMtnResort.com.

Here is the agenda for the retreat:

**Friday**

5:00 pm    Arrive, register, settle in
6:00 pm    Cocktail hour, Adirondack Room
7:00 pm    Dinner, Adirondack Room
7:45 pm    Speaker: Kaiming Ye, PhD, Chair, Biomedical Engineering at Binghamton University
Saturday

7:30 am  Breakfast Buffet, Adirondack Room
8:15 am  Welcome  Joseph Mannino, MD, President, Sixth District
         Update from MSSNY President, Councilors, Staff
9:30 am  Break
9:45 am  DSRIP: RPUs in CNY (speakers to be announced)
10:30 am Michael Schoppmann, Esq., Kern Augustine Conroy &
         Schoppmann, PC
11:30 am  Keep Your Patients Moving, Geoffrey Moore, MD, Senior
         Editor, ACSM's Exercise Management for Persons with Chronic Diseases and
         Disabilities, 4th ed.
12:15 pm Lunch Buffet
1:30 pm  Resolutions to the 2016 MSSNY House of Delegates (we have one so far on Maintenance of Certification)
3:30 pm  Adjourn

Jim Coulthart, EVP of the Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS), will report on recent activities of the OCMS. I will provide copies at a future date.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Huang, MD, Jefferson County, 5th District Councilor