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Report to MSSNY Council for June 2, 2016

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Broome County Medical Society

The 210th Annual Meeting was held on May 19 in Binghamton. Roger Luther, historian and preservationist, discussed "The NYS Inebriate Asylum ó The Castle on the Hill." The New York State Inebriate Asylum, the first institution in this country for the medical treatment of alcoholism, was constructed in 1858. Designed by noted architect Isaac Perry, the facility was later converted to a mental institution and provided health services and employment for thousands, before closing its doors in 1993. Michael C. Herceg, DO, was re-elected President.

Chemung County Medical Society

Discussions continue on working with the members of the Chemung County Medical Society to revitalize the organization.

Otsego County Medical Society

Brian White, DO, Secretary/Treasurer of the Otsego Society, will present at the Annual Meeting on June 21. Dr. White is an Interventional Physiatrist at the Bassett Medical Center and Bassett Spine Care Institute. He will discuss back pain and obesity.

Tompkins County Medical Society

The Annual Meeting will be held on June 3 in Ithaca. Gwen Wilkinson, the District Attorney of Tompkins County, and incoming TCMS President and Psychiatrist Henry Gerson, MD, will discuss "The Ithaca Plan: A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy" which has been proposed by the Mayor of Ithaca.