

**Suffolk County Medical Society  
Councilor's Report  
November 3, 2016  
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- The SCMS hosted its semi-annual Legislative Breakfast on October 14<sup>th</sup> which was attended by a majority of our Senate and Assembly representatives. The major issues of discussion centered around: 1) "Conversion Therapy" (A.4958 Glick/S.121 Hoylman); 2) Physician Collective Negotiations (A.336 Gottfried/S.1157 Hannon); and 3) Date of Discovery (A.10719 Weinstein/S.6596 DeFrancisco). Legislators were asked to complete a survey questionnaire identifying how they would vote on each of these issues. The results will appear on the SCMS website.
- We wish to thank Ed Amsler for attending the last Board of Directors meeting and providing a detailed explanation of the recently announced MLMIC Berkshire Hathaway merger. Many questions were raised which Mr. Amsler responded to.
- Representatives from the SCMS Board attended a recent fundraiser for Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan and thanked him for his leadership role and for his concern about the future of the medical profession specifically as it relates to tort reform. The SCMS has always enjoyed a close relationship with Senator Flanagan.
- At the recent SCMS Board meeting, the Stony Brook medical student provided a report about the recent partnership between Stony Brook and Mt. Sinai Hospital. The partnership will allow Stony Brook to expand research collaboration and facilitate rotation for students.
- The resident representative from John T. Mather Memorial Hospital reported that as of July, Mather has started Psychiatry and Radiology residency programs. The residents in both programs will spend 4 years at Mather Hospital.
- The representative from IPANS (Independent Physician Association of Nassau/Suffolk) advised that membership continues to grow with the completion of a collaborative agreement with the HudsonDoctors IPA. This IPA is an 800-physician member association located primarily in Westchester County. HudsonDoctors IPA shares the same mission of IPANS. The importance of uniting physicians to remain independent in a clinically integrated model reigns supreme. The value resides in better outcomes, improved patient and physician satisfaction along with cost containment. They have recently secured an enhanced contract with OSCAR, while ongoing discussions are still in process with United and Cigna. Due to its success, IPANS will be entering into a pilot program for Anthem BC/BS. The "enablement" program will provide services including RN care coordinators, coders, and patient navigators. Goals of this enablement are to develop an ongoing collaboration with Anthem that will positively result in achieving "The Triple Aim" – better outcomes, greater patient satisfaction and improved cost metrics. Looking ahead, IPANS will be fully clinically integrated in 2016 with the implementation of ("iPHI"), Integrated Patient Health Information – a population health platform by MIRTH Information Systems. IPANS' staff, membership and goals continue to grow, but its mission remains steady: Uniting physicians to remain independent delivering the Right Care at the Right Place at the Right Time.
- SCMS Executive Director, Stuart Friedman announced that after 25 years, he will be retiring at the end of February 2017. A Search Committee has been formed and many interesting resumes have been coming in. Interviews are scheduled to begin November 5, 2016.