

Suffolk County Medical Society

Councilor's Report

March 6th, 2018

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- On January 10th, The Suffolk County Medical Society held its Executive Meeting. The agenda included discussions on the upcoming House of Delegates, resolution deadlines, resolutions already submitted, an update on Lavern's Law and the need for Physician Advocacy Day, our current property lease, resources to provide physicians who may feel the effects of "burn-out", and future meetings.
- On January 24th, SCMS had an open discussion about "Optimal Team Practice" with our PA representatives. The goal was to further understand the direction and objectives of the program.
- SCMS is working on relocating within our current complex, with possibly only a door number change.
- On January 31st, our finance committee met and discussed the 2018 budget, support of delegates and physician members, as well as increasing revenue and analysis of current investments.
- On January 3rd, Dr. Frank Dowling, as part of the MSSNY Burnout Task Force, presented to young physicians, early career physicians, residents and medical students on physician stress, burnout, depression and suicide.
- On February 7th, SCMS held its Board Meeting. We had guest speakers from the New York Care Information Gateway (RHIO), Mr. Nick VanDuyne and Ms. SueAnn Villano, present the work they do and its impact on medical practice in Suffolk County. The agenda also included a discussion on resolutions and reports from the President, Executive Director, and all the board member affiliated groups including Hospital Medical Staff representatives, Specialty Societies, IPANS, and other collaborative groups. A Treasurer's report and Board of Censors report was presented and approved.
- On February 13th, National Government Services was invited to speak to physicians and administrative staff on Medicare updates. The meeting covered Medicare policies, data entry, provider enrollment, and more.
- SCMS is supporting the Medical Professionals' Conference on Opioid Medication-Assisted Treatment with buprenorphine waiver training for MDs, NPs, and PAs on March 17th. Goals of the conference include increasing the numbers of waived active buprenorphine prescribers on Long Island and increasing opportunities for collaborate care for substance use disorders focusing on opioid use disorder. The event is free and will be held at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.