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County Federation Report

Executive Representative

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- There are still several workers compensation issues including the “determination of application completeness” and incorrect application submissions to counties that have taken a backseat to the ongoing pandemic. The overall effects of the state instituted changes have yet to be seen. There is a need and request that a demonstration webinar for the counties on the new state system be sought after. Many issues still exist while state deadlines remain the same during this pandemic.
- The Federation thanks Moe Auster and the Governmental Affairs team for implementing the requests made by the county’s executives for Physician Advocacy Day. The podcasts with counties for Lobby Day and the takeaway points at the end of the general meeting on Lobby Day were very helpful. The legislative booklets that were left with our representatives after each meeting were immensely useful. Unfortunately, they were quickly depleted.
- We thank MSSNY Executive Vice President Phil Schuh as he discussed, on April 6th, with the County executives legislative work, the HOD, membership, and other issues this pandemic has affected.
- The Executive Directors met virtually on May 13th to discuss the Peer to Peer program formed by the Physician Wellness and Resiliency Committee. We thank Frank Dowling, MD and Charles Rothberg, MD for sharing the program objectives, it’s urgent need and how the county Executives play an important role.
- The Federation would like to congratulate Christine C. Ignaszak-Nadolny on her retirement as the Medical Society Executive Director of the Counties of Erie, Chautauqua & Orleans, and the 8th District Branch. We thank her for all her work, support, and dedication to the Medical Society, its physician members, and the community it supports.