



## 7<sup>th</sup> District Branch Report May 2021

Since the last meeting of the MSSNY Council, the Seventh District Branch has been involved in the following issues and activities:

- MCMS is hosting its **Annual Meeting & Officers Installation** on Tuesday June 8, 2021 virtually from 7:00pm-8:00pm. We are excited to welcome Dr. Sellers, new MSSNY President and Mr. Troy Oeschner, new EVP, MSSNY who will both be joining us on 6/8/2021.
- MCMS has scheduled its annual **2021 Ask the Carrier** event in partnership with the Onondaga County Medical Society: a first-ever collaborative effort. This event is estimated to draw hundreds of practice managers, administrators, and billing staff to hear the latest updates and policy changes from multiple health plans. Attendees will hear the most current information on administrative, operational processes and procedures and learn how to minimize overall administrative burden. This is scheduled on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 from 7:30am-3:30pm and attendees can earn 6.5 CEUs.
- MCMS has been hard at work organizing its **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** to be held on September 28, 2021 in person at The Locust Hill Country Club from 6:00pm-9:00pm. This will be our first in person event in over a year and, while we are excited to gather in person to celebrate this milestone, we will be following CDC guidelines to maintain everyone's safety.
- MCMS Quality Collaborative has shifted its Phase 3 quality improvement project to Student Mental Health to address increased levels of anxiety, depression, isolation and suicide rates among our youth. As such, the MCMS dedicated its most recent edition of *The Bulletin* (quarterly newsletter) to the impact of COVID-19 on students.
- MCMS Executive Director remains an integral member of the Finger Lakes Vaccine Task Force and recently, worked in conjunction with Common Ground Health (a local agency) to organize and lead the first **2021 Healthcare Professionals Forum**. This virtual gathering served to provide County and State-level COVID-19 updates, to share COVID survey results, and to provide a forum for private physician to share their success stories and best practices as vaccinators.
- MCMS Board of Directors fully supports its Equity & Diversity Committee and has unanimously approved its charter, the formation of sub-committees (i.e., advocacy, education) and review/updating of the MCMS mission to be more inclusive.
- MCMS continues to actively offer Educational Programs/Events including Grand Rounds, Survival Series and issues pertinent to private practice physicians and their staff.