

Suffolk County Medical Society
Councilor's Report
June 3, 2021
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- The SCMS Executive Committee met April 7, 2021. Ongoing operations were discussed: including a new "Past Presidents Award", our webinars in collaboration with the Suffolk Academy of Medicine, HOD/resolution updates and deadlines, and bylaws review.
- On April 21, 2021 in partnership with the DEA (Special Agent Charles Bernard and Supervisory Diversion Investigator Kerry Whitmore), MLMIC (Salvatore Volpe, MD and Mr. William Hassett, ESQ) and MSSNY, we held an educational webinar on Scams against licensed medical professionals. With the assistance of MLMIC and MSSNY this webinar was available for all to participate throughout the State of New York. Discussion included, misuse of physician information, counterfeit/ fraudulent representation of government officials, methods of protection and security, government contacts and means of verifications, and more. Thank you to all who participated.
- The SAM Doctors of Tomorrow evaluation committee met on May 5, 2021 to evaluate High School students for Medical School Scholarships, and Public Health engagement, Legislative/Political action, and personal essays awards.
- On May 6, 2021 SCMS and SAM, held a free "Personal Statement Writing" webinar for medical students. We thank Lewis Wong, MD for the detailed and practical presentation.
- SCMS participated in the County Federation meetings on May 6th. The wealth of knowledge from all the executives enables us to reflect on programs, operations, and goals as we advance our Medical Societies. We also thank Laurie, Michael, and Troy for giving the County Executives a HOD update on May 10th.
- The SCMS Board of Directors met on May 12, 2021. A review of the challenges and advancements was presented as well as reports from representatives from hospitals, the health commissioner, specialty societies, IPANS, and community groups.
- Dr. Kumar was able to join to community webinars by the Long Island Business Network on vaccination roll outs, mental health and cannabis legalization, etc. and Non-Profit Pro on "How data and Technology can fuel Donations".
- SCMS thanks Mr. Oechsner and Mr. Auster for joining us at our "Legislative Breakfast". In attendance were 19 Local and State Assembly and Senate legislators and their staff. Many important issues were addressed and followed up with documentation and bill numbers for their support (including the entire MSSNY 2021 legislative priorities).
- SCMS, the County Executive's office, the Dr. Gregson Pigott (Suffolk Commissioner of Health), and Legislator Anker met on May 24, 2021 to discuss a messaging or emergency information sharing platform for physicians. Legislator Anker is proposing a resolution to have a formal partnership with the County Medical Society and the County DOH to work on this.
- SCMS will have its Annual Meeting on Friday, June 18, 2021 at 6pm . It will be held virtually. We thank all our sponsors and welcome all of you to join us in a night of friendship, networking, and celebration. Please contact our office for details.
- The SCMS Executive Committee will meet again on September 1, 2021.