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5<sup>th</sup> District Report to the MSSNY Virtual Council Meeting January 13, 2022

The Fifth District includes Cayuga, Chenango, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties.

The Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS) has announced that Julie Panna is the new Executive Director. Community physicians report being overwhelmed with staffing shortages and other issues.

From the County Medical Societies of Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, Chenango, Oswego and Cayuga, Kathi Dyman reports that membership continues to decline as a major health system is buying private practices.

None of the Counties except Onondaga (virtual meeting) have had regular in person meetings due to the stress that COVID 19 has taken on the members.

Respectfully submitted,

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