

Suffolk County Medical Society  
Councilor's Report  
January 13, 2022  
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- The SCMS Executive Committee met on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had a presentation from Suffolk County Legislator, Dr. Spencer's, Chief legislative aide Elizabeth Alexander who shared the #Shot To Reunite public health campaign; a progress report on the "essential pause"; and updates on advocating, empowering, and advancing the medical society for our physician members.
- On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, SAM with SCMS held our virtual Doctors of Tomorrow Symposium. Over 120 Students registered for the event. We thank all of physicians who were a part of the panel and shared with the students the challenges, successes, and life of a physician. It was wonderful to see the interest and desire of students looking to join the medical field as a physician.
- On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the SCMS Board met virtually. Invitations were sent to all members to join and listen to the activities and work that the Medical Society is performing for the membership. We thank all those who attended and all our board members for their reports. The Board was informed of the MSSNY 2022 HOD schedule and resolution deadlines; the CMS NY physicians quarterly meeting; the advancement with the MSSNY membership database; group/institutional memberships; the diversity, equity and inclusion plans for the state and counties; our local legislative change to work collaboratively with the Suffolk DOH on an informative website for physicians; and event updates. The board approved and welcomed our new members on the board of censors, including the physicians of the New York Cancer and Blood Specialists. A special thanks to our Suffolk County Commissioner of Health, Gregson Pigott, MD, MPH, for his keeping us updated with the latest changes with Covid.
- We thank Pat Clancy and MSSNY for the collaborative Covid round-table meetings with the State DOH to address the local concerns and needs of the physicians and patients. Our next meeting is planned for January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- SCMS and SAM continues to work with our local legislature and the DOH to develop a physician focused critical alert website.
- SCMS will join the Long Island Health Collaborative (LIHC), the region's population health initiative overseen by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, who is partnering with AARP Long Island this coming spring and summer for a virtual educational series followed by an in-person walk.
- On December 7<sup>th</sup>, our executive director attended a leadership training webinar on "Proven Retention Tactics" by the Healthcare Training Leader group. The presentation was by Susan Childs, FACMPE.
- The SCMS Executive Committee will meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the first SCMS meeting of this new year.