

County Federation Report

Executive Representative

April 15, 2021

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- The Executive Directors of the Federation met:
 - March 4th: Physician Advocacy day on March 2nd was reviewed. Best practice methods and challenges were discussed, and many valuable insights were shared between Counties. (Webinar structures/ timing, leadership directions, legislator's participation, document sharing/follow ups, legislative breakfasts, PAC, etc.).
 - We want to thank MSSNY, the Governmental Affairs team, and especially Mr. Auster for the preparations, the legislative programs, and the continuous guidance to all the Counties.
 - The change into video conference calls proved useful in many ways with participation, avoiding security checks, screen sharing, etc. However, there were also many draw backs including it being impersonal and having no visible audience.
 - A few consideration points:
 - Automatic registrant lists to be shared with the respective Counties.
 - Scheduling Physician Advocacy Day on a non-session day for increased meeting availabilities.
 - PPP loans and forgiveness and brief funding options were also discussed for the Counties.
 - Shared webinars and content that is relevant to all members were briefly discussed.
 - April 1st: We thank Mr. Troy Oechsner for joining us at this meeting. We appreciate his thoughtful insights and openness to hear the concerns of the County's Executives. We look forward to collaboratively developing methods to reach, enroll and maintain memberships while enhancing the value of our physician network.

- The Federation will meet again May 6th.