

# **County Federation Report**

Executive Representative

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- The Federation Met on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports on the MSSNY database were shared. Bronx County Executive Director, Ron Blount shared the potential availability of bulk order Covid-19 test kits at reduced prices for physician practices. With Mr. Blount's connections, negotiations at MSSNY were underway to support a broader geographic reach and higher volumes. We are happy that these types of assets are being shared and enhanced with MSSNY collaboration. Memberships, benefits, and pricings were also discussed, including the potential enrollment of the New York Cancer and Blood Specialists.
- The Federation of county medical societies met again on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We discussed memberships, group rates and its effects on counties, Physician Advocacy Day, the HOD and challenges faced with conflicting dates, delegate involvement, and hotel accommodations. Monroe County Executive Director, Lucia Acosta-Castillejo, raised several clarifying points regarding member involvement, physician advocacy and our HOD. A short presentation on membership benefits was then shared with the group.
- The Federation plans to meet in person at this year's HOD on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- We thank Dr. Parag Mehta and the MSSNY team for organizing and sharing unified Vendor/sponsorship documents for the 2022 HOD.
- A few of our County Executives were able to join the State DOH collaborative meetings set by MSSNY on January 12<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>. We thank Pat Clancy for organizing and involving the Counties.
- In preparation for the completion of the Federation Councilor position, a new co-councilor will be elected, by the federation, for succession.
- The next Federation meeting is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have invited Brenda VaNest to share with us updates with group and Institutional membership.