

Federation of County Medical Societies of the State of NY

Councilor's Report – January 18, 2024
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We are pleased to present this councilor report, highlighting the recent accomplishments and activities undertaken on behalf of our Federation. We continue to make significant progress and have a positive impact on our local communities. Here are the new highlights:

2024 Due Collections: The county medical societies have been diligently addressing the unfortunate delay in dues collections caused by the issues with Impexium. Understanding the impact this situation has on members and the need for a swift resolution, societies have been actively collaborating with MSSNY to find solutions and mitigate any further inconvenience. Open lines of communication have been established to keep members informed about the progress and steps being taken to rectify the situation. Efforts are being made to streamline processes, enhance system functionality, and explore alternative platforms to ensure a more efficient and reliable dues collection system. By working collaboratively with MSSNY and leveraging our collective expertise, the county medical societies are determined to turn this challenging situation into an opportunity for improvement, ultimately providing a better experience for our valued members.

Membership Partnerships: Recognizing the value of collaboration, we have established partnerships with neighboring medical societies and organizations. These partnerships aim to enhance the benefits and opportunities available to our members. By joining forces, we can share resources, exchange knowledge, and create a stronger collective voice to address the challenges and opportunities facing our healthcare community.

New Member Initiatives: Engaging new members in our local county medical societies is crucial for fostering a sense of belonging and building a strong healthcare community. To effectively engage new members, we have started implementing a few key strategies. Firstly, we have created a welcoming and inclusive environment by assigning mentors to new members who can guide them through the onboarding process and introduce them to the various resources and opportunities available within the society at the county and state level. Secondly, we are organizing orientation sessions and social events specifically for new members that can help them connect with their peers and establish relationships. Additionally, we are providing opportunities for new members to actively participate in committees, volunteer activities, and educational programs that can empower them to contribute their expertise and make a meaningful impact. By prioritizing their involvement and addressing their needs, we are trying to ensure that new members feel valued and motivated to actively participate in our county medical societies and by extension our state medical society.

Advocacy for Healthcare Legislation: Our Federation has actively engaged in advocating for healthcare legislation that positively impacts our communities. We have collaborated with legislators and policymakers to voice our concerns and propose improvements to existing healthcare policies. By actively participating in the legislative process, we are ensuring that the needs of our physicians and patients are represented.

Physician Well-being Initiatives: We understand the importance of physician well-being in delivering quality care. To support our physician members, we have implemented various well-being initiatives. These initiatives include mental health resources, stress management programs, and peer support networks. By prioritizing the well-being of our physicians, we are fostering a healthy and sustainable healthcare workforce.

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Mentorship Program for Medical Students: We have launched mentorship programs for medical students in collaboration with local medical schools. These programs aim to provide guidance, support, and professional development opportunities to aspiring physicians. By connecting experienced physicians with medical students, we are nurturing the next generation of healthcare professionals and fostering a sense of community within our Federation.

Expansion of Continuing Education Opportunities: We have expanded our offerings of continuing education programs to cater to the evolving needs of our members. These programs cover a wide range of topics and utilize various formats, including online courses and interactive workshops. By providing accessible and relevant continuing education opportunities, we are equipping our members with the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver exceptional healthcare. Outside of our local medical societies offering CMEs, our partnership with MSSNY and MLMIC, to name a few of our partners, has contributed immensely to widening our offerings throughout the state.

Health Equity Initiative: Recognizing the importance of health equity, we have launched a comprehensive initiative to address healthcare disparities in our communities. Through targeted interventions and partnerships with community organizations, we are working towards ensuring that every individual, regardless of their background, has access to quality healthcare services. By focusing on health equity, we are striving to create a more inclusive and fair healthcare system.

Community Outreach Programs: In addition to our ongoing community outreach programs, we have expanded our efforts to address specific community needs. Our dedicated volunteers have organized health fairs, free medical clinics, and health screenings in underserved areas. By reaching out to these communities, we are providing vital healthcare services to those who need it most.