With the 2013 year closing and 2014 right around the corner, the Chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank our valuable members for all your support and dedication throughout the year to make our educational endeavors so successful.

We hope you had the opportunity to attend one of our 40 district meetings, Annual Scientific Meeting/Board Review or webinars sponsored by the Chapter. The Chapter sponsored over 21 Local District events, with a participation of over 1150 members and the opportunity to receive over 40 CME credits. The Chapter also hosted a very successful Annual Meeting and Board Certification course over a 3-day period, with 325 members participating. And, to constantly keep our members up to date on the issues, the chapter sponsored 14 webinars, with the opportunity to receive 8 CME credits, with close to 1,000 members participating. We worked closely with the NY State Department of Health to provide you with the most up to date information on the Health Benefit Exchange, I-Stop and the NY Safe Act. We want to especially recognize our Program Directors, Residents and Medical Students, who make the Abstract and Dr’s Dilemma competitions a tremendous success each year.

The Chapter is well on our way to providing you with another year of valuable programs and events in 2014, along with the Chapter Scientific Meeting and Board Review Course in March in Buffalo. We sincerely appreciate our members, and wish you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to an exciting new year.

The Chapter navigated a complex and highly-charged political environment with significant policy changes in 2013 by executing strategy and tactics developed exclusively representing the diversity of our membership.

Here is a brief recap on what we were able to accomplish:

**Regulatory**

Extensive lobbying activity was spent on new mandates including drug abuse and diversion through the ISTOP Act; the implementation of the new health insurance exchange; and implementation of gun control regulations through the SAFE ACT.

The NYSDOH has prepared a draft State Health Innovation Plan - a new approach to support the transformation of primary care to a system of proactive management of the population’s needs. The Chapter contributed significantly in the development of this draft document and will continue to monitor the final application in 2014.

In addition, we have monitored the State’s application for funding under the federal 1115 Waiver process, as well as the State’s plan to achieve electronic medical record interconnectivity.

**Legislative**

Prevented the passage of scope-of-practice expansion without adequate education and training requirements, including the removal of the written collaborative practice agreement and written protocols for nurse practitioners in primary care and the establishment of retail...
EDUCATION

2014 Dates to Remember

January

NYACP Bronx District Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2014
5:45pm Educational Program
Auditorium - St. Barnabas Hospital,
4422 Third Avenue, Bronx NY  10457
Program:  (1) Health Care Reform 101
(2) New York’s Newly Insured: The ACA, NYS
and How Did They Get Here? (3) Social Media
in Healthcare

March

NYACP Nassau District Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
6:30 pm - Dinner and Program
Additional Details To Follow
Program:  (1) Adult Immunization (2) ACP
High Value Care Initiative

NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting
Friday, March 21, 2014
Adam’s Mark Hotel
120 Church Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

NYACP Board Certification and
Recertification Course
Saturday, March 22- Sunday, March 23
Adam’s Mark Hotel
120 Church Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

September

Resident and Medical Student Forum
Saturday, September 6, 2014
Regina McGinn Center -Staten Island
University Hospital
475 Seaview Avenue
Staten Island, NY  10305
Details to Follow!

ADVOCACY

clinics ("Limited Service Clinics").
We successfully advocated for
the second layer of coverage for the
excess medical liability program to
continue at its original funding level
for 2013-2014. We also advocated
to preserve “prescriber prevails”
provisions for Medicaid fee-for-
service anti-psychotic prescriptions.
The Chapter also supported
improvements in fighting sepsis
by becoming the first state to
require all hospitals to adopt best
practices for early identification and
treatment.

Workforce Development
The Chapter is highly engaged
in a coalition seeking support for
adequate healthcare workforce
capacity to meet the future needs
of health care reform through
partnerships, advocacy, and
education. Issues we are working
on include: the Doctors Across New
York Incentive Programs; Evaluation
and Access to Data; Creation of
a Statewide Job Bank; Regional
Economic Development incentives;
and Telemedicine/Telehealth. The
Chapter also submitted written
testimony regarding the importance
of workforce development in the
State and successfully advocated to
prevent a 10% across the board cuts
to workforce programs.

3) The Chapter’s Hospitalist
Task Force drafted Best Practice
Recommendations for Transitions of
Care, now in its final stages of review
and editing.

4) The Quality Workgroup at
the NYACP Leadership Weekend
suggested ways to focus efforts
to assist members in quality
improvement and the use of best
practices and clinical standards
including:
Advocate for technical support
and the development of Web based
clear apps for guidelines;

Prioritize areas in which
guidelines would be most useful to
members and provide monthly blog
articles for most important aspects
of the guidelines;

Advocate for the use of standard
template for information to come in
the same way;

Utilize KISS principle - Keep It
Simple when presenting quality
information to physicians and
advocacy efforts to lobby against
NYS mandates.

To increase colorectal screening
rates for their patients in 2014.

These suggestions will continue
to guide the Chapter’s assistance to
our physician members.

QUALITY

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