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Orange County Health Commissioner Named President of NYS Health Organization

Goshen - Orange County Commissioner of Health, Jean M. Hudson, M.D., M.P.H., has recently been elected to the position of President of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO). "Being a part of the continuum of health care and disease prevention in Orange County is a duty and a privilege, I'm excited to extend my knowledge to the state of New York," said Dr. Hudson upon receiving this position.

Dr. Hudson has served Orange County as Commissioner of the Department of Health since 2003. She began her term as president of NYSACHO on June 1, 2011. Prior to that, she served one year as vice-President. She will also serve one year as past-President and serve on the NYSACHO board steering committee.

NYSACHO membership is comprised of the fifty-eight local health departments of New York State, including New York City. It is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is 'to support local health departments in their work to prevent disease, disability, and injury and promote health and wellness throughout the State.' According to Dr. Hudson, "NYSACHO advocates for legislation and negotiates with NYSDOH on behalf of the needs of the membership." In her role as President, she also heads the organization's board and acts as primary spokesperson for the year.

"We are proud to have one of our own in such a distinguished position," commented County Executive Edward A. Diana. Diana is currently the President-elect of NYSAC, whose job is to advocate for New York's sixty-two counties, including the City of New York, to the legislative and executive branches of government at the State and Federal levels. "Dr. Hudson is an experienced and talented physician and will certainly excel as president of NYSACHO," added the County Executive.

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Before serving as Health Commissioner in Orange County, Dr. Hudson served as Deputy Commissioner for Health Services in Westchester County and as a private medical practitioner. Dr. Hudson is a board-certified family physician. She received her medical degree from Middlesex Hospital Medical School London, England, and her Masters in Public Health from New York Medical College.

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