Draft Minutes  
MSSNY Long Term Care Subcommittee  
September 30, 2015  
Via Webex  
11:00am – 12:30pm

1 Present:  
Edward Bartels, MD, Assistant Commissioner  
Evelyn Dooley-Seidman, MD, Chair  
Sumir Sahgal, MD, Vice-Chair  
Kathleen Dyman  
Eugene Kalmuk, Jr., MD  
Ruth Kleinman, MD  
John Ostuni, MD  
Jay Slotkin, MD  
Invited Guest  
Joan Cincotta, Alliance  
Michelle DiBacco, NYS Dept. of Health  
Division of Long Term Care  
William Hallett, MD, PharmD, MBA, CGP  
President/CEO Guardian Consulting  

Absent  
Jose David, MD  
Cornelius Foley, MD  
Steven Kaner, MD  
Thomas Madejski, MD, FACP  

MSSNY Staff  
Phil Schuh, Executive Vice President  
Liz Dears, Senior VP & Chief Counsel  
Christina Southard, VP, Marketing and Communications  
Barbara Ellman, Associate Director for Policy  
Terri Holmes, Secretary

1  Welcome/Introductions: Dr. Dooley-Seidman welcomed the subcommittee.

2 Approval of Minutes: May 20, 2015 minutes approved as written.

3 Update on FIDA: Michelle DiBacco / NYS Department of Health, Division of Long Term Care presented a summary of the program and current status. Thus far 7300 patients have been enrolled and 11,000 physicians educated and certified as FIDA providers. Thirteen states are participating in the demonstration project which ends 12/2017. An extension to 2019 has been requested. The FIDA program has the best benefit package of all the managed care programs and is unique in that the appeals and grievance process is integrated. The major characteristic of this project for dual eligible patients is access to patient centered coordinated care. The major goals of the project are provision of quality and efficient care and cost reduction. Ms. DiBacco provided a power point which can be accessed on the MRT website and which was provided to committee members prior to the meeting. The issues raised in the discussion were burden of education for physicians to participate, financial structure system and review of the White Paper which will be made available to the committee.

4 The e-Prescribing Mandate: Dr William Hallett(PharmD) and President & CEO of Guardian Consulting Services presented an overview of the program which is scheduled to start March 26, 2016. All medications ordered by NYS physicians must be electronically submitted directly to pharmacies. Controlled drugs will require 2 authorizations prior to dispensing. Each
physician will be identified in the system. Prescription faxes or telephone orders will not be
accepted. The major discussion centered around the unavailability of an electronic system in
nursing homes. Currently 30% of NYS nursing homes do not have the electronic resources
necessary to be in compliance with the mandate. Nursing homes may apply for a one year
waiver. The danger of unavailability of medications for nursing home residents appears real.
MSSNY together with the NYS legislature was effective in delaying the implementation of the
mandate from 2015 to 2016. This will be a follow-up agenda item as we follow how the mandate
will be implemented.

5) Review of MSSNY Position 217.999: This policy addresses reporting of serious injuries in
nursing homes such as fractures and head injuries. The position statement was sent to all
committee members. Current federal regulation calls for the reporting of serious injuries but
without specifying type. Members will be polled again within a week to identify any objection to
sunsetting 217.999 at the 2016 House of Delegates.

6) Follow-up/Additional Items for Next Meeting:
   - ETTA educational program continues. All webinars are archived on the ETTA website
     for review.
   - The HCA has asked that we consider recommending Medical Director requirements for
     home care programs. If the committee is in agreement this may be put into a resolution
     for the next HOD in 2016.
   - The VA MSSNY collaboration will be an agenda item for next meeting.
   - Members were advised to read the CMS regulatory proposals for nursing homes as
     published in the federal register July 2015. The regulatory changes will be finalized in
     October 2015. One recommendation is that prior to hospitalization the resident be seen
     and examined by a physician or physician extender.
   - White House Conference on Aging addressed improved retirement savings program,
     extension of Medicare Trust Fund for 13 years, ACA discounted meds and free
     preventive services and HHS program "Improving the Quality of Care and Safety in
     Nursing Homes".
   - VA Telemedicine Program