

**January 19, 2017**

**TO: OFFICERS, COUNCILORS, AND TRUSTEES**  
**FR: MARK J. ADAMS, MD, MBA, FACR, MSSNY COMMISSIONER ON**  
**MEDICAL EDUCATION**  
**MIRIAM HARDIN, PHD, MANAGER, CONTINUING MEDICAL**  
**EDUCATION**  
**Re: REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**  
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**Report of the MSSNY Committee on Continuing Medical Education**  
**E. Kenneth Freiberg, MD**

The Committee on Continuing Medical Education oversees the Subcommittee on Educational Programs (which fulfills MSSNY's role as Accredited Provider) and the Subcommittee on Surveys (which fulfills MSSNY's role as Recognized Accreditor). Each Subcommittee makes a report of their activities and decisions and the full Committee ratifies those decisions.

The Subcommittee on Surveys reports are provided by the Chair, Pauline Hecht, MD, FACS. The Subcommittee on Educational Programs reports are provided by Sheldon Puterman, MD, CCME, CMEP. All subcommittee members must be members of the full CME Committee.

Since the Council's November meeting, the Subcommittee on Surveys and the Full CME Committee has met once, on December 16, 2016. Committee participated in the ACCME Self-Assessment for Recognized Accreditors. This assessment tool is a professional development exercise provided by the ACCME and includes case-based questions related to accreditation decision-making as Recognized Accreditors to determine each state medical society's compliance with the ACCME Markers of Equivalency. In addition, the Committee discussed the ACCME's impending transition to a new set of criteria for accreditation for commendation.

The Committee continues to make plans to maintain communication with MSSNY leadership and to recruit new members to join the Committee and its Subcommittees. An informational brochure to be distributed to House of Delegates attendees in April 2017 is under development.

The Committee on Continuing Medical Education is scheduled to meet again on March 25, 2017.

**Report of the Subcommittee on Education**

**Sheldon Putterman, MD, Chair**

Since the last Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs has met twice, on November 6, 2016 and on December 21, 2016. They have approved six directly provided activities and four jointly provided activities. In addition, they have done a post-activity review of one jointly provided activity. The Subcommittee discussed the fact that in addition to the opportunity to accredit CME that counts for ABIM MOC points, the ACCME has reached agreements with the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) and the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) for offering CME that counts for ABA MOCA 2.0 and ABP MOC. The Subcommittee intends to include questions about these CME MOC opportunities in the CME needs-assessment survey being developed for distribution to MSSNY members. (*Please see draft survey questions at the end of this report.*)

The Subcommittee was also pleased to recognize that their own James Braun, DO, received the Laubenstein Award, at the New York State Department of Health World AIDS Day Event in Albany, NY on December 6, 2016. A large part of the work he was honored for involves CME activities that his Physician's Research Network (PRN) jointly provides with MSSNY. There was an article about Dr. Braun in the January 2017 *News of New York*.

The Subcommittee was scheduled for a January 18, 2017 conference call at the time this report was being written. The Subcommittee will meet again on February 15, 2017.

**Report of the Subcommittee on Surveys****Pauline Hecht, MD, Chair**

Since the November 2016 Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Surveys has met once, on December 16, 2016. At this meeting, three (3) MSSNY-Accredited Providers were submitted for reaccreditation. Academy of Medicine of Queens County, Academy of Medicine of Richmond, and School of Public Health, University at Albany were awarded accreditation terms. A new CME Provider, PM Pediatrics, was awarded initial accreditation. These decisions were the result of a year-long process for reaccreditation which included submission of a written self-study, documentation review of performance in practice (activity files) and an interview between the survey team (members of the Subcommittee) and the representatives of each organization. In addition, two (2) progress reports were accepted.

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**Miscellaneous**

As the ACCME Recognized Accreditor in New York State, MSSNY has awarded accreditation status to 30+ organizations across New York State. The MSSNY Office of Continuing Medical Education manages the accreditation of these organizations and holds a monthly conference call with all MSSNY-accredited providers to discuss CME requirements and issues. This conference call was held in December 2016 and January 2017. Immediately following this conference call, the MSSNY Office of Continuing Medical Education holds an accreditation training meeting call for any Accredited Provider at any point in the reaccreditation process.

### **Draft Survey Questions: CME Needs Assessment**

1. Are your CME needs being met? [Y/N]
2. If not, what are those needs: [fill-in response]
3. What CME format(s) do you prefer [Live course/Live Internet/Internet Enduring/RSS/Journal Club/Other]
4. If "Other" chosen above, please describe [fill-in response]
5. Do you have an interest in CME that counts for ABIM MOC points, American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) ABA MOCA 2.0 points, or American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) MOC points? [Y/N]
6. What is your specialty? [fill-in response]
7. In what county do you practice? [fill-in response]
8. Please provide any additional comments that you would like to share regarding CME: [fill-in response]

*Survey is to be sent in various ways: online survey to NYS physicians in order to solicit their response, print survey enclosed in dues notices, and sharing the same survey questions with our County Medical Society executives for them to distribute to their members.*