

MSSNY's COMMITTEE TO ELIMINATE HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES
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Revised Mission Statement
FOR MSSNY COUNCIL ACTION

The Medical Society of the State of New York Committee to Eliminate Health Care Disparities met on September 9, 2016. At that time, committee members discussed the AMA's action to sunset its Commission to End Health Care Disparities. Since the AMA action, there have been a number of societies and groups trying to come together, to keep the work of the commission going, especially in the area of health care disparities. The AMA said that corporate support for the commission has diminished and that the AMA made the decision to disband.

MSSNY Committee members agreed that the work of the MSSNY Committee should continue and that the committee should also seek funding for its endeavors. It was suggested that the first step, before inquiring about funding is to come up with a strategic plan from the MSSNY Committee. It was agreed that there would be a subcommittee created to work on a strategic plan. That planning process continues, however, one of the first steps that the committee undertook was to revise its vision and mission statement. Throughout the fall, the committee members discussed and revised the statements. That following statement has been submitted to the MSSNY Council for its approval:

Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Committee to Eliminate Healthcare Disparities is to increase awareness of how factors such as race, ethnicity, culture and religious beliefs, sexual orientation; gender and gender identity contribute to both health and healthcare disparities.

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Committee to Eliminate Health Care Disparities is a New York State healthcare system that bridges gaps and identifies potential bias in order to provide the highest quality care to all people throughout the state with respect for their race, ethnicity, culture and religious beliefs; sexual orientation, gender and gender identity.

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