

Draft Minutes
MSSNY'S Addiction and Psychiatric Medicine Committee
Friday, May, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Via Web conference and Teleconference

Present

Edmond Amyot, MD, Chair
Stephen Hermele, MD
Celeste Johns, MD
Tzvi Furer, MD
Nina Huberman, MD
Marvin Rabinowitz, MD
Jeffrey Selzer, MD
Darvin Varon, MD

Excused

Brian Johnson, MD
Lynn Hohmann, MD

MSSNY Staff

Pat Clancy, SR. VP, Public Health &
Education, Managing Director, Division
of Governmental Affairs
Terri Holmes, Secretary

Absent

Glenn Martin, MD
Katherine McCarthy, MD
Norman Wetterau, MD

Invited Guest

Frank Dowling, MD, Commissioner
Joshua Cohen, MD, Assist-Commissioner
Barbara Ellman, Alliance

- 1 **1) Welcome/Introductions:** The meeting was called to order.
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3 **2) Adoption of Minutes:** February 10, 2017 accepted as written.
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5 **3) HOD Action: Resolution 160 Supervised Injection Facilities, Treatment of Opioid Overdose**
6 **in Emergency Department**
7 Resolution 160 – was unanimously approved. This resolution will now go before the AMA in
8 June 2017 requesting that they do a comprehensive study. The state of Massachusetts has
9 recently conducted a report and has asked that the AMA do a study also.
10 Resolution 159 – was adopted by the HOD. Ms. Clancy discussed this resolution about
11 treatment from the Emergency Department to the primary care physician.
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13 **4) Discussion about Barriers to Physicians' Prescribing Buprenorphine:** There needs to be
14 more systematic support in staffing, time training and funding. It was stated that the biggest
15 barrier is cost. The committee would like to engage OASAS in conversation along with NYSDOH
16 to see if they are interested in moving towards developing more novel approaches about
17 cooperative treatment with private practice physicians. The money that was appropriated to
18 OASAS may have had verbiage attached to it that limits what they can do. The committee all
19 agreed to come up with a plan to move this process at state agency levels before meeting with
20 OASAS. Ms. Clancy will seek having someone from OASA address the committee in the fall.
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22 **5) Informational Items-Training Flyers on Buprenorphine:** There have been a series of training
23 set up throughout the state of New York on Buprenorphine Waiver Training by the NYS DOH and
24 the AIDS Institute. MSSNY has placed training information in ENews.
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- 2 **6) Three Priorities:** The committee discussed as requested by Dr. Rothberg, MD, President
3 setting three priorities.
- 4 1. Continue to respond to the opioid public health crisis
5 2. Monitor the state’s medical marijuana program and changes
6 3. Develop contingency plans for addressing mental health issues should changes in
7 insurance law occur.
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- 9 **7) Adjournment – Next Meeting October 27, 2017**