

DRAFT Minutes
MSSNY's Bio Ethics Committee Meeting
February 3, 2017
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Via Web conference and Teleconference

Present:

Teleconference

Jeffrey Berger, MD, Chair
Wen Dombrowski, MD, Vice-Chair
Patricia Bomba, MD
Gino Bottino, MD
Janine Fogarty, MD
Joseph Maldonado, MD
John O'Brien, MD
Joel Potash, MD
Peter Rogatz, MD
Corinne Salanson-Lajos, MD
Renée Solomon, MD
Sally White, MD

Absent

Matthew Bonanno, MD
Daniel Nicoll, MD

MSSNY Staff

Pat Clancy, Sr VP, Public Health & Education
Managing Director, Governmental Affairs
Terri Holmes, Secretary

Invited Guest

Robert Milch, MD, Erie County

Excused

Maria Basile, MD
Paul Burcher, MD

- 1 **1) Welcome/Introduction:** The meeting was called to order.
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3 **2) February 3, 2017:** Adopted with revisions.
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5 **3) A.7277 "Attending Nurse Practitioner", to the list of health care providers who are authorized to**
6 **execute and order not to resuscitate:** This bill is currently before both houses. MSSNY was asked if
7 they have a position on this bill. Ms. Clancy sent the bill out to the committee requesting feedback.
8 There was much discussion on this bill and the comments were split. Ms. Clancy asked the committee
9 to email to her any additional comments to be brought to the MSSNY council to make a decision about
10 whether or not to make any comments to the legislature on this bill.
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12 **4) A.2316/S.966-E-Molst Registry:** Pat Bomba, MD gave a presentation on this bill. This bill establishes
13 a registry system for the medical orders for life sustaining treatment. It was explained that the term
14 MOLST is included as part of the bill. This is important because currently the term is not in statute. The
15 key elements are putting the term MOLST into public health law, establishing a statute in the existence
16 of the registry that exists and mandatory submission that would help deal with some of the quality gaps.
17 MSSNY has concerns with this bill because of the mandate to report.
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19 **5) Aid in Dying Survey-Resolution 163 MSSNY HOD:** There was a resolution at the HOD that called for
20 MSSNY to develop a survey of its' membership regarding Aid in Dying. The reference committee
21 recommended that the Bio-Ethics committee be involved in the development of the unbiased survey.
22 One committee stated that he was not sure if the members of this committee have the expertise to help
23 with creating this type of survey. The committee suggested that it look into funding for an individual
24 who could help with this task. It was agreed that a subcommittee would be organized to look at existing
25 surveys.
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27 **6) Setting Three Committee Priorities:**
28 1) Physician Assisted Suicide/Aid in Dying Survey
29 2) Review MSSNY position on medical marijuana
30 3) Is Healthcare a Right?
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32 **7) Adjournment – Next Meeting November 13, 2017**