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TO: OFFICERS, COUNCILORS, AND TRUSTEES

**FR: MARK J. ADAMS, MD, MBA, FACR, MSSNY COMMISSIONER ON
MEDICAL EDUCATION**

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RE: REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Report of the MSSNY Committee on Continuing Medical Education

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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 Putterman, MD, CCME, CMEP. All subcommittee members must be members of the full CME Committee.

In 2017 Full CME Committee has met once, on March 24, 2017. The CME committee reviewed the MSSNY CME Mission Statement and recommends a small update in the language to comply with policy changes that the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) adopted in 2014. "Sponsor" and "sponsorship" were replaced by "provider" and "providership." The mission statement, with proposed revisions, is appended to this report.

The CME Committee discussed the ACCME's agreements with boards that to allow CME providers to accredit CME that counts for American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) MOC points, American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) MOCA 2.0, and American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) MOC. The committee determined that MSSNY should not be "left behind" and should begin making plans to offer CME activities that the boards' diplomates can use to earn points.

In addition, the CME Committee made the decision to send a letter of congratulations to Charles Rothberg, MD, following his election as MSSNY President at this year's House of Delegates, along with an invitation to be a special guest at their next meeting, which takes place Friday, June 23, 2017. Dr. Rothberg has

graciously accepted, and the committee looks forward to establishing a productive relationship with him.

Report of the Subcommittee on Education
Sheldon Putterman, MD, Chair

In 2017, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs has met January 18, February 15, April 19, and May 17. When this report is delivered, they will also have met on June 21. They have approved three directly provided activities and six jointly provided activities. In addition, they have done a post-activity review of two jointly provided activities and one directly provided activity. The Subcommittee considered draft forms that can be used as addenda to MSSNY's standard CME application form, for the purposes of planning CME meets the requirements to count for ABIM MOC points, ABA MOCA 2.0 points, and/or ABP MOC points. The proposed forms are to be considered by the full CME Committee on June 24, 2017.

In addition, the subcommittee considered planning forms designed to aid in developing CME activities that comply with the ACCME's new menu of criteria for accreditation with commendation. The new criteria are being phased in from November 2017 through November 2019.

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

In 2017, the Subcommittee on Surveys has met once, on March 24, 2017. At this meeting, one MSSNY-Accredited Provider was submitted for reaccreditation. South Nassau Communities Hospital was awarded an accreditation term. This decision was 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 representatives of the organization.

In addition, the subcommittee reviewed MSSNY's timeline of implementation milestones for transitioning to the new menu of criteria for accreditation with commendation for MSSNY-accredited CME providers. The first providers with the opportunity to choose the old commendation criteria or the news will be those who are up for reaccreditation decisions in December of 2017. The last cohort to have both options will be those who are up for reaccreditation decisions in September of 2019.

This Subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on June 23, 2017.

Miscellaneous

As the ACCME Recognized Accreditor in New York State, MSSNY has awarded accreditation status to 34 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. 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. In addition, there will be a CME Provider Conference for MSSNY-accredited providers on September 15, 2017, at the Westbury Marriott. Members of the MSSNY CME Committee have formed a planning committee that is currently developing the conference content.