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TO: OFFICERS, COUNCILORS, AND TRUSTEES

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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.

Since the June Council report was filed, the full CME Committee has met twice: on June 23, 2017 and on September 14, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for December 22, 2017. In June, the committee discussed the results of a CME needs-assessment survey that had been conducted via SurveyMonkey. Of the 263 respondents, 82.24% reported that their CME needs were being met. The two most popular activity formats were internet enduring materials, which can be taken at any time (65.65%), and live, in-person programs (64.5%). The committee agreed that follow-up surveys should be performed. Also in June, the committee reviewed planning tools for compliance with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) new criteria for accreditation with commendation and draft forms for planning CME that counts for ABA MOCA or ABIM or ABP MOC points. The committee reviewed the AMA-ACCME Proposal to Align Credit and Accreditation Systems. New members were welcomed: Kevin Plancher, MD (also a new member of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs) and Matthew Witmer, MD (also a new member of the Subcommittee on Surveys).

The meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2017 was a dinner meeting held in conjunction with the MSSNY CME Provider Conference held the next day at the Courtyard by Marriott Westbury. MSSNY President Charles Rothberg, MD joined the

committee for dinner. During that meeting, the committee members agreed that MSSNY should adopt the ACCME's latest version of the self-study outline for CME Provider reaccreditation, in order to ensure that current requirements are being met. The next meeting of the full CME Committee will take place on December 22, 2017.

Report of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs **Sheldon Putterman, MD, Chair**

Since the June 22, 2017 Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs met in July, August, September, and October. During that time period, they have approved seven directly provided CME activities and eight jointly provided activities, as well as performing post-activity review on four activities.

At the October 18 meeting, the Subcommittee discussed at length the September 15th MSSNY CME Provider Conference. The program was designed to help keep MSSNY-accredited CME providers up to date with the latest developments and requirements of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and the American Medical Association (AMA). Speakers included Steve Singer, PhD, ACCME Vice President of Education and Outreach, and Mary Kelly, Project Administrator, AMA PRA Standards and Policy. Also featured was a panel discussion by James Braun, DO, President, Physicians' Research Network (PRN); Dorothy Lane, MD, Chair, CME Committee, Suffolk Academy of Medicine; and Jeffrey Rothman, MD, Director, Department of CME, Staten Island University Hospital. The panel topic was improving compliance with ACCME accreditation criteria. In addition, attendees participated in an interactive session on identifying compliance examples for the ACCME's new criteria for accreditation with commendation. Charles Rothberg, MD delivered the opening remarks. Feedback on the course evaluations was very positive, leading the subcommittee members to conclude that the course content met its intended aim of improving learner competence. The hope is to make the CME Provider Conference an annual event. The next meeting of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs will be on November 15, 2017.

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

Since the June 22, 2017 Council meeting, the Subcommittee on surveys has met on June 23 and September 14. In June, three CME providers were reaccredited: Good Samaritan Hospital, New York City Health & Hospital, and Creedmoor Psychiatric Center. In September, Nassau University Medical Center was granted provisional accreditation, as an initial applicant. The accreditation decisions were the result of a year-long process 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. The next meeting of the Subcommittee on Surveys will take place on December 22, 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. Providers' responses to a poll on potential educational content for the MSSNY CME Provider conference helped shape the subjects addressed at that conference.