

Draft Minutes
MSSNY'S Addiction and Psychiatric Medicine Committee
Friday, October 27, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Via Web conference and Teleconference

Present

Edmond Amyot, MD, Chair
Stephen Hermele, MD
Brian Johnson, MD
Lynn Hohmann, MD
Nina Huberman, MD
Marvin Rabinowitz, MD
Jeffrey Selzer, MD
Darvin Varon, MD

Excused

Glenn Martin, MD
Tzvi Furer, MD
Norman Wetterau, MD

MSSNY Staff

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

Absent

Celeste Johns, MD
Katherine McCarthy, MD

Invited Guest

Frank Dowling, MD, 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) Discussion of S.6815:** The bill was introduced by Senator Lanza & Assemblymember Cusick.
6 MSSNY met with Assemblymember Cusick and his staff and expressed very strong concerns and
7 this legislation might be a significant barrier for physicians to take the required training to
8 prescribe buprenorphine. It was suggested that a few physicians on the committee accompany
9 MSSNY to see both Assemblymember Cusick and Senator Lanza in January. There was much
10 discussion on this bill and it was decided that there will be a conference call among a few of the
11 committee members regarding points that need to be raised.
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13 **4) Invitation: Robert Kent, Esq. or Charles Morgan, MD:** Both Mr. Kent and Dr. Morgan were
14 unable to attend the meeting.
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16 **5) Update on the Use of Marijuana Medical Program:** Nurse practitioners and PA's can now
17 certify patients as long as their supervising physician approves and has also been approved to
18 certify patients. NYS DOH has released a list of registered practitioners. The AMA has done a
19 report on which gives a comprehensive look on marijuana. The report emphasizes the problem
20 with it remaining a schedule one drug and that there needs to be some changes in laws/and or
21 regulations to allow more access to good research to better learn where it may fit in. Ms. Clancy
22 will send a copy of the report out to the committee.
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24 **6) Commissioner's Grand Rounds on Pain Management and Medical Marijuana-**
25 **Informational Item:** This is being held as a live seminar/webinar and will be archived. The
26 commissioner will be conducting a grand round at the 2018 HOD on tick-borne Diseases.
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- 1 **7) Informational Item-Draft Interim Report on Commission on Combating Drug Addiction**
2 **and the Opioid Crisis:** The White House released a report this summer on this issue.
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- 4 **8) Discussion of Resolution to MSSNY HOD:** The committee agreed to draft a resolution
5 along with the Infectious Diseases Committee in line with the AMA calling for the AMA to do a
6 study on Self Injection Facilities. Dr. William Valenti, Chair of the Infectious Diseases Committee
7 is currently working on the first draft.
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- 9 **9) Establishment of 2018 Meeting Dates:** February 9, 2018; April 20, 2018 and October 19,
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