

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

Present:

Teleconference

Jeffrey Berger, MD, Chair
Wen Dombrowski, MD, Vice-Chair
Maria Basile, MD
Patricia Bomba, MD
Janine Fogarty MD
Joseph Maldonado, MD
Cheryl Ann Morrow, 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
Gino Bottino, MD
Paul Burcher
Arthur Cooper, MD
Daniel Nicoll, MD

MSSNY Staff

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

Invited Guest

Frank Dowling, MD, Commissioner
Charles Rothberg, MD, President
Philip Schuh, CPA, Executive Vice President
Cheryl Stier, Alliance

- 1 **1) Welcome/Introduction:** The meeting was called to order.
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4 **2) May 12, 2017:** Adopted as written.
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6 **3) Court Decision on Assisted Suicide:** The court opinion came out in September 7, 2017. The court
7 found that the state constitution does not encompass the fundamental right to physician assisted
8 suicide and it is still prohibited and it would fall upon on the legislature to make any changes in the state
9 laws.
10 **4) Aid in Dying Survey Update:** It was decided that there would be general content areas.
11 1. Personal Experience/Attitudes with own patients
12 2. Personal Experience/Attitudes regarding colleague's experiences
13 3. Attitudes towards social and policy considerations. There was much discussion on the survey
14 questions and members provided input into these questions. Members agreed that in order to show
15 no-bias in the survey that the questions would be kept confidential until finalized. There was also
16 discussion about the release of the survey and the need to do a pre-survey for content clarification.
17 The survey results will be sent to either the MSSNY Council or the House of Delegates.
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19 **5) Establish 2018 Committee Meetings:** February 2, 2018; May 11, 2018 and November 2, 2018
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21 **6) MSSNY Policy on Marijuana (AMA report by CSAPH Report 5 1-17) Informational Item:** This is one
22 of the committee's 2018 priorities. This report is going to the AMA's HOD. The report was developed
23 by the Council on Science & Public Health.
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25 **7) Adjournment – Next Meeting February 2, 2018**