

DRAFT MINUTES
MSSNY's PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND FAMILY HEALTH
COMMITTEE MEETING
October 26, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Tele/Web conference

Geoffrey Moore, MD, Chair
Nina Huberman, MD, MPH, Co-Vice Chair
Sarah Nosal, MD, Co-Vice Chair
Erick Eiting, MD, MPH
Kira Geraci-Ciardullo, MD, MPH
Mustafa Kaakour, MD
Joseph Maldonado, Jr., MD, MBA
Matthew Weissman, MD
Beth Perenyi, Alliance

Invited Guest

Frank Dowling, MD, Commissioner

MSSNY Staff

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

Excused

Robert Lerner, MD
Norman Wetterau, MD

Absent

Lance Austein, MD
Sheila Bushkin, MD
Jason Matuszak, MD
Jocelyn Young, DO
Moshie Bressler, DO

- 1 **1) Welcome/Introductions:** The committee was welcomed.
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3 **2) Adoption of May 11, 2017 Minutes:** Adopted as written.
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5 **3) MSSNY Policies for Sunset Review at 2018 HOD:** The committee reviewed 10 year old
6 policies for the 2018 HOD.
7 **10.970 Physician Reporting of Patients Who Should Not Drive:**
8 MSSNY will promote passage of state legislation to establish a system to allow support, but not require,
9 physicians to confidentially report to appropriate governmental agencies or departments that a patient
10 is not physically or mentally capable of operating a motor vehicle without jeopardizing his or her health
11 or that of others while also providing immunity from civil or criminal liability for reporting or not
12 reporting when such is done in good faith. (Council 3/3/08)
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14 **RECOMMENDATION: REAFFIRM.** This policy was amended due to the fact that at the present time no
15 legislation exists; however, the amendments will allow MSSNY to support legislation that conforms to
16 these principles.
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18 **10.971 Medical Certification of Drivers Covered by Article 19-A:**
19 MSSNY will work with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles to: (1) produce standard,
20 accessible guidelines that support a medically sound and administratively efficient process for medical
21 certification of drivers covered by Article 19-A; (2) increase the confidentiality of driver medical records
22 by limiting their access to appropriate personnel; and (3) provide physician oversight for the medical
23 certification program, including careful revision of required forms and methods for submission of
24 required medical information. (Council 6/14/07)
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26 **RECOMMENDATION: SUNSET.** This policy pertains to bus and commercial drivers and since 2007; it has
27 undergone many revisions by the New York State. It is also unclear as to the why MSSNY had policy on
28 this issue, however, MSSNY was not involved in the additional revisions that have taken place to Article
29 19 since 2007 and thus this policy should be sunset.

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31 **75.982 Extend Phase-out Period for Proven CFC Inhalers:**

32 MSSNY will work with the American Medical Association to encourage the Food and Drug Administration
33 to allow the availability of the Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) delivery system until the present stock runs out.
34 (HOD 2008-170)

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36 **RECOMMENDATION: SUNSET.** The replacement of chlorofluorocarbons propellants with
37 hydrofluoroalkanes (HFA) resulted in the redesign of metered-dose inhalers in the 1990s and are now
38 widely used. This policy should be sunset as it is no longer germane.

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40 **90.994 Global Climate Change and Public Health Implications:**

41 MSSNY agrees with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health
42 Organization (WHO) position that global climate change is occurring and that there exists the potential
43 for abrupt climate change resulting in significant public health consequences.

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45 Also, MSSNY will continue to explore low-cost opportunities to address this matter, such as: (a) sessions
46 at educational conferences and the development of a policy position statement-as well as other modes
47 of communicating this issue to the MSSNY membership; (b) inviting qualified
48 members to serve where appropriate on workgroups, coalitions and committees to advance climate
49 change research, interventions, policies and legislation that are consistent with MSSNY's mission and
50 objectives; and (c) supporting policies and legislation that address measures to prevent or mitigate
51 public health effects of climate change. (HOD 2008-151)

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53 **RECOMMENDATION: REAFFIRM.** This policy is still relevant.

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56 **90.995 Safe Disposal of Toxic Materials in Consumer Products:**

57 MSSNY will seek clearer and more effective laws regarding the disposal of consumer products containing
58 toxic substances sold in New York State to effectively deal with the future public health and financial
59 impacts. (HOD 2008-166)

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61 **RECOMMENDATION: REAFFIRM WITH MODIFICATION.** This policy is still relevant and since its adoption
62 in 2008, New York State has passed legislation and/or regulation regarding disposal of consumer
63 products containing toxic substances. These products include items such as mercury, anti-freeze, oil,
64 brake fluid. This policy was to include deletion of the reference to clearer and more effective as it is
65 difficult to ascertain what this means.

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68 **195.964 Consumer Rights for Durable Medical Equipment:**

69 MSSNY will request that the American Medical Association conduct a study regarding greater
70 transparency and increased choices to patients in meeting their durable medical equipment needs.
71 (HOD 2008-163)

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73 **RECOMMENDATION: SUNSET.** This resolution called for a study by the AMA in 2008, however, a search
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75 recommended that this policy be sunset.

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260.922 Patient Prescriptions:

MSSNY to work with the American Medical Association to study the issue of prescription labeling for visually or otherwise impaired patients to seek possible improvements. (HOD 2008-168)

RECOMMENDATION: SUNSET. This resolution called for a study by the AMA in 2008, however, a search of the AMA website about this did not result in any study being developed. Therefore, it is recommended that this policy be sunset.

260.923 Country of Origin of Medicines and Personal Products:

MSSNY will ask the American Medical Association to seek federal legislation requiring that (1) all medications and medicinal and self-care products be clearly and prominently labeled with country of origin; and (2) the parent company be held accountable for the safety of the products they market in the United States. (HOD 2008-165)

RECOMMENDATION: SUNSET. This resolution called for federal legislation by the AMA in 2008, however, a search of the AMA website about this did not result in any policy being developed. Therefore, it is recommended that this policy be sunset.

260.924 Expiration Dates:

MSSNY will ask the American Medical Association to study the problem of manufacturers of medical supplies and equipment using different methods to indicate expiration dates on their products, making it difficult for people to know the true expiration date. (HOD 2008-164)

RECOMMENDATION: SUNSET. This resolution called for a study by the AMA in 2008, however, a search of the AMA website about this did not result in any study being developed. Therefore, it is recommended that this policy be sunset.

260.927 Physician Reporting of Patients Who Should Not Drive:

MSSNY will promote passage of state legislation to establish a system to allow, but not require, physicians to confidentially report to appropriate governmental agencies or departments that a patient is not physically or mentally capable of operating a motor vehicle without jeopardizing his or her health or that of others, while also providing immunity from civil or criminal liability for reporting or not reporting when such is done in good faith. (Council 3/3/08)

RECOMMENDATION: SUNSET. This policy is duplicative of MSSNY Policy 10.970 which has been modified to make the policy more applicable. Since it is duplicative, the recommendation is to sunset this policy.

265.905 Availability of Cornea Donor Tissue:

MSSNY to ask the New York State Health Commissioner, the Superintendent of Insurance and any and all other appropriate authorities to review and reconsider insurance reimbursement policies in the state pertaining to cornea donor tissue procedures. (HOD 2008-167)

RECOMMENDATION: Sunset. This was a directive to MSSNY to communicate with the various entities about the issue and it was most likely accomplished.

320.991 Promoting Healthy Foods:

MSSNY will (1) continue to advocate for a healthy diet for all; (2) support legislative efforts to establish New York State nutritional standards within the educational system; (3) recommend to hospitals,

126 schools, nursing homes, patients and its physician members that foods should meet the accepted
127 nutritional standards; and, (4) together with the American Medical Association, promote and advocate
128 legislation that promotes the availability of fruits, vegetables and whole grain foods. (HOD 2008-150)
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130 **RECOMMENDATION: REAFFIRM. This policy is still germane and should continue to be supported.**

131 The committee made changes to some of the policy and agreed to forward these
132 recommendations to the HOD.

133 **4) Discussion of Committee’s Three Priorities; Review of the Matrix:** See Matrix

134 **a) Substance Use and Abuse**

135 **b) Behavioral Health Intervention Leveraging Community Resources for Promoting**

136 **c) Implementation of the Youth at Risk White Paper**

137 **d) HIV/Hep C Treatment; Primary Care Role in Treating this Population**
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139 **5) Gun Violence and Existing Review of MSSNY Policies:** It was suggested that a resolution on
140 “bump stock” be created along with a possible modification to the title of the current
141 resolution. Dr. Moore agreed to make the first attempt at crafting the resolution. There will be
142 email discussion regarding any resolutions and there will be a January meeting scheduled at a
143 later date. It was stated that there is very little on the relationship between guns & suicide in
144 MSSNY policy. It was suggested that Preventive Medicine & Family Health Committee work
145 with the Addiction & Psychiatric Committee in drafting a resolution on this issue.
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147 **6) Update on Prevention Agenda-Geoffrey Moore, MD:** Dr. Moore attended a webinar in
148 August. The results were very disappointing. Half of the goals were either no progress or
149 moving in the wrong direction. The Prevention Agenda 3.0 is going to focus on Social and
150 Behavioral Determinants of Health.
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152 **7) Establishment of 2018 Meeting Dates:** February 1, 2018; May 3, 2018 and October 18, 2018
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154 **8) Adjournment-Next Meeting February 1, 2018**
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