

**Draft Minutes**  
**MSSNY'S Addiction and Psychiatric Medicine Committee**  
**Friday, February 9, 2018**  
**8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Via Web conference and Teleconference**

**Present**

Edmond Amyot, MD, Chair  
Joshua Cohen, MD, Assist  
Commissioner  
Frank Dowling, MD, Commissioner  
Stephen Hermele, MD  
Brian Johnson, MD  
Tzvi Furer, MD  
Lynn Hohmann, MD  
Nina Huberman, MD  
Jeffrey Selzer, MD  
Darvin Varon, MD  
Norman Wetterau, MD

**MSSNY Staff**

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

**Absent**

Edmond Amyot, MD, Chair  
Celeste Johns, MD  
Katherine McCarthy, MD  
Marvin Rabinowitz, MD

**Invited Guest**

Barbara Ellman, Alliance

**Excused**

Glenn Martin, MD

- 1 **1) Welcome/Introductions:** The meeting was called to order.  
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3 **2) Adoption of Minutes:** October 27, 2017 accepted as written.  
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5 **3) Consideration for Committee Sponsorship of Three Resolutions:**  
6 **a) License to buy Alcohol** – The committee agreed that this resolution needs more  
7 work. The committee did not support this resolutio  
8 **b) Opioid Buy Back Program** – It was stated that receiving money would give an  
9 incentive for people to give back medication; however, there needs to be more  
10 research. The committee did not support this resolution.  
11 **c) SIF's** – This resolution is being introduced by MSSNY's Infectious Diseases  
12 committee. The Addiction & Psychiatric Medicine committee agreed to co-author  
13 this resolution.  
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15 **4) NYS Budget Governor's Proposal:**  
16 **a) Medicaid provision:** There is a provision in the Article 7 bill that incorporates the  
17 chronic pain management guidelines for Medicaid patients. It states that a  
18 physician has to have a written treatment plan for the continued use of opioids.  
19 There were several points raised that Ms. Clancy agreed to bring up with the  
20 legislators.  
21 **b) Taxing of pharmaceutical companies that produced opioids:** This proposal has  
22 been strongly opposed by the pharmaceutical companies. MSSNY has stated that  
23 there has to be a certain amount of money set aside to ensure interoperability  
24 between the PMP and the physicians' electronic medical records.

- 1           **a) Marijuana Task Force to discuss legalization:** MSSNY is opposed to the  
2 legalization of recreational marijuana. There was discussion regarding whether  
3 MSSNY could be on the task force if approved by the Legislature.  
4           **b) State of State proposals:** The governor has proposed additional legislation  
5 including further limitations on pain medications for individual with chronic pain.  
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- 7 **5) Medical Marijuana in NYS and US Attorney General Action:** Ms. Clancy provided that  
8 committee with information regarding this matter.  
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- 10 **6) S.6815-Meeting with Sen. Lanza and Assemblymember Cusik on March 7, 2018-MSSNY**  
11 **Legislative Day:** MSSNY is opposed to this bill. It directs the commissioner of the DOH to  
12 promulgate rules and regulations promoting recovery from opioid abuse and reducing diversion  
13 of addiction medicine. Ms. Clancy stated that she thinks it is important to meet with both  
14 Senator Lanza and Assemblymember Cusik. Ms. Clancy asked that committee members  
15 accompany MSSNY staff to meet with them on March 7, 2018 on MSSNY's Lobby day. Dr.  
16 Dowling agreed to try and attend the meeting.  
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- 18 **7) Adjournment – Next meeting April 20, 2018**  
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