

DRAFT Minutes
MSSNY's Infectious Diseases Committee
January 25, 2018
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Via Web conference and Teleconference

Teleconference

William Valenti, MD, Chair
James Braun, DO, Co-Vice Chair
Karen Myrie, MD, MPH
Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH
Gary Zeitlin, MD
Frank Dowlin, MD, Commissioner

Absent

Mary Ruth Buchness, MD
Evelyn Dooley-Seidman, MD
Eric Ganz, MD
Philip Kaplan, MD
Wehbeh Anis Wehbeh, MD

MSSNY Staff

Pat Clancy, Sr. Vice President, Public Health
& Education, Managing Director, Division of
Governmental Affairs
Terri Holmes, Secretary

- 1 **1) Review Committee List:** The committee was asked to view the committee list and send any
2 changes/updates to MSSNY staff.
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- 4 **2) Adoption of Minutes:** October 19, 2017 adopted as written.
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- 6 **3) Medical Mission:** Dr. Sweeney is in Puerto Rico on a medical mission and she gave a brief overview of
7 the conditions & illnesses there. She stated that there is a flu epidemic there like in the states. There
8 are a lot of upper respiratory symptoms probably more so because of the damp houses people are living
9 in caused by the hurricane. Scabies is very rampant along with feet infections because of the damp/wet
10 conditions and lack of clean running water and electricity.
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- 12 **4) Consideration of Proposed Resolution on Self Injection Facilities for Committee Sponsorship:** This
13 resolution came about because of the discussion after the presentation from Vocal-NY. The committee
14 wanted to indicate support for the concept of Self Injection Facilities and pilot studies. There was
15 motion passed to support the resolution with minor tweaking on geographical wording. Ms. Clancy
16 agreed to work on the wording and Dr. Dowling agreed to bring the resolution to both the 3rd & 4th
17 Districts. Suffolk County has already voted and approved to support this resolution.
18 **a) Assembly Bill 8534:** This bill is supported by Vocal-NY.
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- 20 **5) Tick Borne Disease Report and Senate Bill 2621 Discussion:** It was stated that the Senate bill
21 appears to be educational and/or foundational in terms of Graduate Medical Education, Research
22 Projects, etc. The bill is also well researched and thought out. Ms. Clancy agreed to forward the flyer
23 regarding the presentation on March 22, 2018 at the House of Delegates being presented by the
24 commissioner. Also in attendance will also be faculty from the CDC.
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- 26 **6) Discussion of NYS Consensus Statement on Hepatitis C Elimination:** The members were all very
27 supportive of the statement and agreed to ask that MSSNY endorse this statement.
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- 29 **7) Adjournment – Next Meeting April 19, 2018**