

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**MSSNY's Bio Ethics Committee Meeting**  
**May 11, 2018**  
**8:30 AM – 11:00 AM**  
**Via Web conference and Teleconference**

**Present:**

**Teleconference**

Jeffrey Berger, MD, Chair  
Janine Fogarty, MD, Vice Chair  
Maria Basile, MD  
Patricia Bomba, MD  
Gino Bottino, MD  
Stanley Bukowski, MD  
Joseph Maldonado, Jr., MD  
Robert Milch, MD  
Cheryl Morrow, MD  
John O'Brien, MD  
Anthony Pivariunas, DO  
Peter Rogatz, MD  
Renée Solomon, MD  
Sally White, MD  
Joshua Cohen, MD, Assist-Commissioner  
Charles Rothberg, MD  
Thomas Madejski, MD, President

**Absent**

Pratik Bahekar, MD  
Matthew Bonanno, MD  
Paul Burcher, MD  
Stanley Pietrak, MD

**Excused**

Arthur Cooper, MD  
Joel Potash, MD  
Corinne Salanson-Lajos, MD

**MSSNY Staff**

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

- 1 **1) Welcome/Introduction:** The meeting was called to order.  
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3 **2) February 2, 2018:** Adopted as written.  
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5 **3) Establishment of 2018 Committee Priorities**  
6 **2017 Priorities**  
7 **1) Physician Assisted Suicide/Aid in Dying;** The committee agreed to continue discussion on  
8 this issue.  
9 **2) Review of MSSNY Position on Medical Marijuana;** It was stated the committee's portion  
10 on this is ethical issues related to patient care (not so much social or criminal activities).  
11 Ms. Clancy agreed to compile MSSNY policies on Medical Marijuana and forward it to the  
12 committee.  
13 **3) Is Healthcare a Right?;** A part of this discussion was healthcare for undocumented  
14 residents in NYS and in general is it a fundamental right.  
15 **2018 Priorities**  
16 **1) Cessation of Oral Intake and the Implications**  
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18 **4) Death & Dying Survey Discussion**  
19 There was much discussion on the tool used and the committee reviewed the analysis that was  
20 provided. There was also discussion about the impact of outside groups that had forwarded  
21 the survey to other physicians for a response. MSSNY has policy against Physician Assisted  
22 Suicide. Ms. Clancy stated that the MSSNY Council put forth a resolution that calls for the  
23 creation of a taskforce of MSSNY members which will include physicians from all Public Health

24 committees including the Committee to Eliminate Health Disparities and the Long Term Care  
25 Subcommittee. They have been charged with issuing a white paper on end of life, palliative  
26 care and death & dying issues.

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28 **Assembly Health Committee – Aid in Dying Public Hearing:**

29 **MSSNY Testimony by Thomas Madejski, MD, MSSNY President:** MSSNY has a long  
30 standing position which MSSNY felt needed to be provided. There was testimony on  
31 both sides of the aisle on this issue. a

32 **a) A. Bill 2383A – Aid in Dying Legislation- Informational Item**

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34 **6) Adjournment: Next Meeting November 2, 2018**