

**Minutes**  
**Committee to Eliminate Health Disparities**  
**April 27, 2018**  
**Teleconference**  
**7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Via Teleconference**

**Present**

Linda Clark, MD, MS, Chair  
Adolph Meyer, MD, Vie-Chair  
Anthony Clemendor, MD  
Maria Arsyle DeJesus, MD  
Frank Dowling, MD  
Lisa Eng, DO  
John Gillespie, MD  
Rebecca Giusti, MD  
Nina Huberman, MD, MPH  
Lynda Hohmann, MD  
Eliezer Kinberg, MD  
Thomas Madejski, MD, FACP, President  
Shail Maingi, MD  
Michael Pisacano, MD  
Malcolm Reid, MD, MPP  
M. Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH  
Gregory Threatte, MD  
Connor Orrico, Student  
Janine Fogarty, MD, Assist Commissioner

**Absent**

Zabeer Bhatti, MD  
Joseph Sellers, MD  
Willie Underwood, MD  
Milton Haynes, MD

**Excused**

Joshua Cohen, MD, Commissioner

**MSSNY Staff**

Pat Clancy, VP Public Health and  
Education, Managing Director  
Division of Governmental Affairs  
Carrie Haring, Legislative Associate  
Terri Holmes, Secretary

- 1 **1) Welcome / Introductions:** Dr. Clark called the meeting to order, welcomed the committee  
2 and thanked Dr. Sweeney for her service as Co-Chair.  
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4 **2) Adoption of Minutes:** January 26, 2018 accepted as written.  
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6 **3) 2018 House of Delegates Resolution**  
7 **a) HD Committee Resolution 155 Discriminator Policies that Create Inequities in**  
8 **Health Care:** This resolution was adopted at the 2018 HOD. Dr. Clark thanked  
9 everyone who was involved in creating this resolution. There was encouragement from Dr.  
10 Rothberg to make a statement for the HOD. Right after the 2018 HOD the AMA and the  
11 attorney general took action. The testimony at the Public Health & Education Reference  
12 committee was in support of the resolution. Resolution 155 will be submitted to the AMA.  
13 **b) AMA Letter on US Secretary Azar on Conscience Rule:**  
14 **c) Attorney Generals Letter on Conscience Rule**  
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16 **4) Review of the Items from the Various Subcommittees:** Ms. Haring has been working on  
17 merging the informational items for posting on the website.  
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**5) Updating the MSSNY Health Disparities Page:**

Ms. Harring stated that she is hoping to condense the page and make it a little clearer and reflect the different resources that the committee has provided. The committee was asked to send her any suggestions they may have.

**6) Development of Committee's 2018 Priorities - Discussion**

**a) 2017 Priorities Were:** It was stated that the committee accomplished what they set out to do. The only thing left is for the information to be put on the MSSNY website.

It was stated that 2018 HOD there was a presentation given by the state health commissioner. He stated that he has an entire team working on Health Disparities. It was suggested by one of the committee members that the committee/MSSNY work with the Department of Health on this issue. The committee agreed that a collaboration would be beneficial.

Ms. Clancy stated that she would invite someone from the Office of Maternal Health and the Office of Minority Health come and speak with committee.

**Establishment of 2018 Priorities:**

**The 2017 Priorities were:**

- 1) Understand organizations/programs that currently exist within our state that might provide synergy with our goal of eliminating health disparities. Examples DSRIP initiatives by PPS, educational institutions, bridge programs.
- 2) Take a statewide inventory of programs and resources designed to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine, and have that information readily available as a resource.
- 3) Provide CME education for physicians in topics related to health disparities.

**b) 2018 Suggestions Are:** There will be continuation of the 2017 Priorities with emphasis on linking with DOH. The committee wants to make available CME, specific to Health Disparities and making it available to members and other health professionals. Another member suggested that something be created on Maternal Health Disparities and maybe the health commissioner would be willing to do something on this subject as he did with opioids. Ms. Clancy agreed to reach out the Department of Health on this matter. Doctors Clark, Dowling, Giusti, Hohmann, Maingi, Pisacano, and Threatte all agreed to work to together on a subcommittee regarding CME opportunities. The best chance to get the most exposure to physicians is to try to have a program during the 2019 HOD. The issue of maternal mortality and/or the disparity in the criminal justice system would be two issues that could be translated into CME programs. Ms. Clancy explained that the committee needs to make the request by the fall. The committee agreed to immediately begin working on putting together a CME program for the 2019 HOD. Another member suggested that the committee reach out to other ethnic groups sending them an invitation to participate in some of the meetings. A lot of decisions are made that affect them and they should be included in the conversations/decision making. Dr. Eng agreed to put together a list of the different specialty associations.

- 1) Development of CME Programs.
- 2) An annual conference around various topics related to health disparities, possibly at the MSSNY HOD
- 3) Understand and support other committees and the possible overlap with the Health Disparities Committee.
- 4) The Impact of Aid in Dying on the disparate population.
- 5) Outreach to all ethnic groups

**7) 2018 Public Health and Education Reference Report – For Information Only**

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73 **8) Adjournment – Next Meeting October 26, 2018**