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SUBJECT: Report on Division of Public Health and Education

New Women's Health Grant

The Medical Society of the State of New York has secured a NY State Senate appropriation within the context of the NYS Budget to develop educational programs on myalgic encephalomyelitis, endometriosis, fibromyalgia and other women's health issues for primary care physicians and residents. The objective is to increase physicians' competence of these illnesses so that physicians can more effectively diagnosis, treat and refer women to specialty care when needed. The Medical Society will provide this educational program throughout New York State in a series of live seminars, live webinars and hospital grand rounds for physicians and other health care providers. In addition, patient specific materials will be developed for physicians to provide to the patients regarding these medical conditions. It is also anticipated that MSSNY will develop and produce patient audio podcasts on these conditions. The total amount of the appropriation for this initiative is \$100,000.

Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative (VMHTI)

The Medical Society of the State of New York has been informed that it will receive an additional \$150,000 through a New York State budget appropriation to expand this training program to women veterans and military culture. MSSNY staff is in the process of identifying faculty who can develop these programs for us. MSSNY staff is also in the process of identifying locations for medical and grand rounds. This program is collaboration with the New York State Psychiatric Association and the NYS Social Workers. The Veterans' Matters planning committee is comprised of Drs. Thomas Madejski, Frank Dowling, Jack McIntyre, Adolph Myers, Emerald Lin and veterans Marcelle Leis with the Dwyer Project and Lance Wang.

MSSNY Emergency Preparedness Grant Renewed for 2018-19

The Medical Society of the State of New York's Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster/Terrorism Response has begun planning its *Medical Matters* programming for the 2018-19 grant periods. On October 2018, Dr. William Valenti will provide an update to influenza. In November, staff from the NYS Department of Health and the Governor's office will present a Medical Matters of Cybersecurity. Registration for both of these programs will begin shortly. MSSNY has had this reoccurring grant since 2002 and members of the planning committee are: Drs. Arthur Cooper, Lorraine Giordano, Craig Katz, Kira Geraci-Ciardullo, William Valenti, Joseph Maldonado, Frank Dowling, Richard Peer, David Meza, III, Justin Fuehrer, Zachary Hickman, Carl Goodman, and Saira Detore. Some of the planning committee members have shepherd physician education on emergency preparedness since 2002.

MSSNY's Task Force on End of Life Care

This spring, Dr. Thomas Madejski appointed a Task Force on End of Life Care. The task force held its initial meeting on August 3, 2018 and broke down the issues related to end of life care into three domains—Domain I is Education; Domain II is Health Services and Domain III is Health Policy. Task Force members were assigned to the various domains and the intent is for each of the groups to meet via conference calls through August-September to define goals and objectives. The next meeting of the Task Force will be held on October 5, 2018 at 8 a.m.

MSSNY's Task Force on Firearm Safety

In response to a 2018 resolution passed at the MSSNY House of Delegates, a Task Force was formed to discuss the physicians' role in the prevention of suicide in patients. The Task Force had its initial meeting on May 25, 2018 and its second meeting on August 23, 2018. The task force members discussed existing laws in relations to firearms and also discuss legislation in New York State called "red flag" legislation.

MSSNY Public Health and Education Committees Establish 2018 Priorities

At the request of Dr. Madejski, the MSSNY Public Health and Education established its 2018 committee priorities. The committees will focus on these areas in the coming year. Several committees had not yet met prior to the May council meeting time. The following are the various committees' priorities:

Bioethics Committee Priorities

- 1) Issues related to physician assisted suicide/aid in dying—including Cessation of Oral Intake and the Implications. Also issues from the newly created Task Force on End of Life Care
- 2) Ethical issues related to patient care and the use of medical marijuana; review of MSSNY's positions
- 3) Is Healthcare a Right—discussion related to undocumented immigrants?

Health Disparities Committee Priorities

- 1) Development of CME Programs—Perhaps an annual conference around various topics related to health disparities, possibly at the MSSNY HOD
- 2) Establish a linkage with NYS Department of Health on infant and maternal mortality and other disparate health issues
- 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

Emergency Preparedness Committee Priorities

- 1) Develop and produce CME programs on emergency preparedness
- 2) Develop and produce podcasts on emergency preparedness

Long Term Care Committee

- 1) Recognize trends and challenges in long-term care and to prepare medical community to care for patients in settings such as nursing homes, community and assisted living.
- 2) Promote long term care education in medical schools, post graduate medical education and to community based physicians and to prepare physicians and institutions for an interdisciplinary approach to long term care, including barriers to interdisciplinary care
- 3) Improve access and implementation of tools to improve palliative care and end of life care
- 4) Understand the prevention aspects related to long term care

Preventive Medicine and Family Health Committee

- 1) Development of "white paper" on the effects of climate change on health
- 2) Development of "white paper" on senior citizens at risk
- 3) Liaison with Addiction and Psychiatric Medicine Committee on the substance use and substance use disorders on promoting the use of Naloxone to the general public and state policies on the use of MAT within the correctional facilities
- 4) Continued Implementation of Youth a Risk paper

Quality and Patient Safety Committee

- 1) Practice Transformation
 - Changes in health care system
 - Practice Transformation and relationship with value based payments DSRIP, Medicare and MACRA
 - Variation in Care
- 2) Physician Wellness and Impact on Quality
 - Triple Aim à Quadruple Aim
 - Addressing Stress and Burnout and developing a Quality Indicator
- 3) Changes to CME/MOC Program
- 4) Safe Pain Management