

Draft Minutes
Medical Society of the State of New York
Preventive Medicine and Family Health Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2018
8:00am - 10:00am
Via Webex

Present

Geoffrey Moore, MD, Chair
Erick A. Eiting, MD, MPH, Co Vice-chair
Sarah Nosal, MD, Co-chair
Kira Geraci-Ciardullo, MD, MPH
Frank Dowling, MD
Ashley Kramer, DO
Matthew Weissman, MD
Joselyn Young, DO
Moshie Y. Bressler, DO
Beth Perenyl, Alliance
Dr. Janine Fogarty, Asst. Commissioner

Absent

Gale Burstein, MD, MPH
Sheila Bushkin, MD, MPH
John Gillespie, MD
Nina Huberman, MD, MPH, Vice-chair
Mustafa Kaakour, MD
Eugene Kalmuk, MD
Roy Korn, Jr., MD
Robert Lerner, MD
Michael Lischak, MD
Joseph Maldonado, Jr., MD, ABA
Norman Wetterau, MD

Staff

Pat Clancy Sr. Vice President, Public Health
and
Education, Managing Director, Division of
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Affairs

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1) Welcome – New Chair, Co-Vice Chair, Commission and Asst. Commissioner

2) Adoption of Minutes – May 3, 2018 – approved as amended

3) 2019 MSSNY House of Delegates Sunset Review Policies – Pat Clancy

There are four policies that were reviewed by the committee. The Importance of the Theory of Evolution in Science Education; Patients’ Responsibility for Their Own Care; Discrimination in Child Custody Cases Against Parents with Disabilities; Financing Obesity Programs in New York State. Motion to accept the staff recommendation – affirmed. These policies will be incorporated into a sunset report to the 2019 MSSNY HOD.

4) Update on Climate Change White Paper – Geoffrey Moore, MD

There are three pages of draft. Dr. Emily Senay at Mount Sinai is interested in helping with the draft on climate change. A PDF is attached of a program coming up on climate change in January if people are interested in attending. The website is www.climatechange.com. We have an outline and the introduction but we need to get more going. Dr. Moore would like to have something to present to the House of Delegates. Pat Clancy pointed out that it may not have to go to the house, it could just go to MSSNY Council. Dr. Moore would like to have more content added before the year is out. There was

20 discussion whether some of the psychiatrists might like to participate on the climate change paper due
21 to the effect that natural disasters and trauma have on individuals. It was recommended that the
22 committee reach out to Dr. Katz on the Emergency Preparedness Committee regarding that issue.
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24 **5) Update on Senior Citizen at Risk White Paper – Sarah Nosel, MD**

25 There was an initial meeting where they outlined what they wanted to work on. Committee members
26 started laying out resources, but have not actually started writing yet. They are a small group and
27 discussed extending an invitation to other committees that concentrate on care for the elderly. Pat
28 Clancy requested that the outline be forwarded to her. The committee would like to extend an invitation
29 to anyone that would be interested in participating on this topic.
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31 **6) Review of the NYS Prevention Agenda materials – Kira Geraci, MD, MPH**

32 There are five recommendations. The majority of committees were represented at the meeting. The
33 feeling is that physicians are on the sideline regarding this. DOH is trying to increase screening.
34 Increase cancer screening rates, early detection of cardiovascular disease, promote evidenced based
35 care of chronic diseases. What would be MSSNY's involvement in this? What is the plan on involving the
36 primary care physician? DOH asked what would MSSNY's opinion be on this. There seems to be a very
37 long, complicated list of things they'd like to accomplish and not many ideas on how that's going to get
38 done. Dr. Geraci is on the Council for Science and Public Health with the AMA. The first Prevention
39 Agenda there was significant participation right down to the local level. There have been changes: 1) the
40 local commissioner of health is no longer and MD. 2) there's also been a change at the Department of
41 Health that physicians are less involved in this effort, even at the state level. The Department of Health
42 is more compelled to work with hospitals because they regulate them. Dr. Geraci recommends that the
43 committee develop a letter, that would go to MSSNY Council that states the MSSNY is very interested in
44 helping to implement these very complex goals that are being established by the New York State
45 Department of Health in preventing chronic disease and improving environmental health, etc. and that
46 we would like to have continued ongoing communication with the Department of Health as the projects
47 are being implemented. Regional point persons might be able to do this. There is currently no plan on
48 how to engage the profession. How are you going accomplish this goal without engaging the primary
49 care physician? There is a Long Island Health Collaborative. It involves interests from Nassau and Suffolk
50 counties. Programs are funded by local business. We need to gather info on this because it might assist
51 in how to achieve the goals of this agenda. It was agreed that we could reach out to LI Health
52 Collaborative to find out more information
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54 **7) MSSNY Firearms Task Force – Frank Dowling, MD**

55 The task force has had two or three meetings and is moving towards the consensus that MSSNY needs
56 to do more to educate physicians in the state on patients who pose a risk to themselves or others. Many
57 physicians seem to be unaware of this and need to be educated about it. Also discussed was the
58 complexities of when you believe someone is at risk for harm to self or possibly others and you're
59 looking for choices, there is really a limited number of options. So the two items – more education and
60 MSSNY endorsing the red flag laws seems to be where this is heading.
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62 **2019 meeting dates:** February 7, 2019 8am-10am
63 May 9, 2019 8am-10 am
64 October 10, 2019 8am-10 am
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66 Meeting adjourned.
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