

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**MSSNY's Infectious Diseases Committee**  
**January 17, 2019**  
**7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Via Web conference and Teleconference**

**Present**

William Valenti, MD, Chair  
James Braun, Do, Vice-Chair  
Karen Myrie, MD, MPH, Vice-Chair  
Philip Kaplan, MD  
Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH  
Gary Zeitlin, MD  
Frank Dowling, MD  
Joan Cincotta, Alliance

**Absent**

Joshua Cohen, MD, Commissioner  
Janine Fogarty, DM, Asst. Commissioner  
Mary Ruth Buchness, MD  
Richard A. Schoor, MD  
Wehbeh Anis Wehbeh, MD

**Staff**

Pat Clancy, Sr. Vice President, Public Health and Education, Managing Director, Division of Governmental Affairs  
Maureen Ramirez, Administrative Asst.

1 **1) Welcome**

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3 **2) Minutes** - October 19, 2018 minutes ó Adopted

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5 **3) Resolutions for MSSNY House of Delegates**

6 #1 Support of a national HIV/AIDS strategy ó this updates the previous AIDS initiative  
7 of record to include NYS ETE2020. MSSNY recommends that NYS ETE2020 be used as a  
8 template to get other states on board. Committee to gather additional info from other states to  
9 support New York's initiative. Resolution would be forwarded to AMA. A vote was taken. A  
10 motion was made to support the resolution with amendments ó all in favor.

11 #2 Implementation of Adult Immunization into NYIIS ó given the current measles  
12 outbreak in NY, MSSNY should support this resolution. It was pointed out that MSSNY opposes  
13 easing of exemption from immunization. A vote was taken. A motion was made to accept this  
14 resolution ó all in favor.

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16 A discussion ensued regarding the measles outbreak. Rockland County seems to be the most  
17 affected. Should MSSNY update its measles podcast? Taken a step further, should MSSNY  
18 update all of its podcasts. It was noted that MSSNY's podcasts are being viewed nationally and  
19 internationally. Discussion whether a resolution should be presented to the HOD regarding  
20 catchup immunizations. Questions whether NYS exemptions for immunizations are too lax. It  
21 was decided that further information should be gathered. Check to see how many states do not  
22 have religious exemptions. Can the immunization resolutions help to regulate a tightening of the  
23 religious exemption in New York State?

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25 Dr. Valenti will work on development of a resolution.

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27 **Next Committee Meeting: May 16, 2019**

