

**Draft Minutes**  
**Medical Society of the State of New York**  
**Preventive Medicine and Family Health Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 7, 2019**  
**8:00am - 10:00am**  
**Via Webex**

**Present**

Janine Fogarty, MD, Commissioner  
Geoffrey Moore, MD, Chair  
Nina Huberman, MD, MPH, Vice-Chair  
Sarah Nosel, MD Vice-Chair  
Sheila Bushkin, MD, MPH  
Erick A. Eiting, MD, MPH  
Kira Geraci-Ciardullo, MD, MPH  
John A. Gillespie, MD  
Mustafa Kaakour, MD  
Roy Korn, Jr., MD, MPH  
Emily Sanay, MD  
Matthew Weissman, DM  
Jocelyn Young, DO  
Moshie Y. Bressler, Do, Student  
Beth Terenyi, Alliance

**Excused**

Joseph Maldonado, Jr., MD, MBA  
Frank Dowling, MD

**Absent**

Gail Burstein, MD, MPH  
Eugene Kalmuk, MD  
Michael Lischak, MD  
Norman Wetterau, MD  
Josh Cohen, MD, Asst. Commissioner

**Invited Guests**

John Cochran & Jennifer Rosenbaum .  
NYS Office for the Aging  
Alan Lawitz, Office of Children and Family  
Services  
Tony Rosen, MD, Weill Cornell Medical  
Center  
Art Mason, Lifespan of Greater Rochester  
Valerie Dietz DOH, on behalf of Mark  
Hennessy

**Staff**

Pat Clancy, Sr. Vice-President, Public  
Health and Education  
Maureen Ramirez, Administrative Asst.

1 **1) Welcome**

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3 **2) Minutes** . Minutes from October 18, 2018 . accepted with correction

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5 **3) State Office For The Aging Presentation** . The State Office for the Aging provided  
6 committee members information on the educational efforts on elder abuse. Representatives  
7 from various state agencies were present. Dr. Tony Rosen; Alan Lawitz, Office of Children and  
8 Family Services; Art Mason, Lifespan of Greater Rochester; Valerie Dietz, New York State  
9 Department of Health on behalf of Mark Hennessy.

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11 The discussion centered on elder abuse and the protections that are available. These agencies  
12 were asked to reach out to other stakeholders as required by Bill 8258a, which amended the  
13 elder law and directed OFA to create tools that can be used to identify elder abuse or neglect.  
14 NYS is the only state that does not have mandatory reporting of elder abuse. There is currently  
15 no vehicle for a physician to report elder abuse in the New York. OFA and the other  
16 organizations reached out to MSSNY in hope of getting opportunities to educate and physicians  
17 in recognizing abuse, asking the right questions and requirements of reporting the abuse to the  
18 proper agency or authority. OFA would like to make presentations to the MSSNY membership,  
19 perhaps even the local chapters and educate them as to what is available and to provide  
20 articles in the MSSNY newsletters.

21 **4a) Senior Citizens Paper**- Sarah Nosal, MD requested that there be reach out to the Long  
22 Term Care Committee regarding her papers.in the hope it might be of interest to them. Pat  
23 Clancy also indicated that the LTC had a meeting coming up on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Nosal will  
24 join the meeting. Dr. Nosal will send Pat information on the paper to share with the LTC  
25 Committee members hoping to encourage more participation. The elder paper %Elders at Risk+  
26 focusses on ambulatory patients. It parallels the %Youth at Risk+paper. It focusses on:

- 27 • Major problems of the elderly
- 28 • Social determinates
- 29 • Obesity and inactivity
- 30 • Chronic disease
- 31 • Incontinence
- 32 • Polypharmacy
- 33 • Frailty and falls
- 34 • Alcohol and substance use
- 35 • Sexuality
- 36 • Sexually transmitted infections and HIV
- 37 • Mental Health and suicide
- 38 • Dementia
- 39 • Violence
- 40 • End of Life and palliative care
- 41 • Interventions to help our elderly at risk

42 It is important to emphasize that this concentrates on ambulatory patients.

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44 **4b) Climate Change Paper** . Emily Senay, MD became involved because of MSSNY's desire  
45 to write a white paper on climate change. The draft that Dr. Moore sent via drop box will be  
46 available for your review via media fire link. It discusses climate change in New York and what  
47 possible impact it may have on people's health. The committee is asked to review the draft. Dr.  
48 Moore indicated the report should be limited to 25 pages. Dr. Senay will edit and condense  
49 several topics i.e. cardiovascular disease, respiratory, asthma, mental health, links between air  
50 pollution climate change, etc. Dr. Senay is looking for help with the topics infectious disease,  
51 disaster and emergency preparedness. All the information needs to be formatted into a report  
52 which is then reviewed by the committee. The report will then go to MSSNY Council or the  
53 House of Delegates.

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55 **5) Possible Resolutions** - Both papers will not be completed in time for the 2019 House of  
56 Delegates.

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58 **New business** - Dr. Nosal requested that the committee support the Infectious Disease  
59 Committee's resolution proposing the removal of consent and entering adult vaccine information  
60 into NYSIS. Pat Clancy will forward the copy of the resolution of the Infectious Disease  
61 Committee for this committee via email to review. The committee will need to vote and that vote  
62 will determine whether this committee lends its name in support of that resolution.

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64 **Adjourned**

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66 **Next Meeting:** Thursday June 9, 2019 between 8:00 am and 10:00 am