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

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 i
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 Hennesy

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

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

1) Welcome

2) Minutes i Minutes from October 18, 2018 i accepted with correction

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

The discussion centered on elder abuse and the protections that are available. These agencies were asked to reach out to other stakeholders as required by Bill 8258a, which amended the elder law and directed OFA to create tools that can be used to identify elder abuse or neglect. NYS is the only state that does not have mandatory reporting of elder abuse. There is currently no vehicle for a physician to report elder abuse in the New York. OFA and the other organizations reached out to MSSNY in hope of getting opportunities to educate and physicians in recognizing abuse, asking the right questions and requirements of reporting the abuse to the proper agency or authority. OFA would like to make presentations to the MSSNY membership, perhaps even the local chapters and educate them as to what is available and to provide articles in the MSSNY newsletters.
4a) **Senior Citizens Paper** - Sarah Nosal, MD requested that there be reach out to the Long Term Care Committee regarding her papers in the hope it might be of interest to them. Pat Clancy also indicated that the LTC had a meeting coming up on February 14\textsuperscript{th}. Dr. Nosal will join the meeting. Dr. Nosal will send Pat information on the paper to share with the LTC Committee members hoping to encourage more participation. The elder paper “Elders at Risk” focusses on ambulatory patients. It parallels the “Youth at Risk” paper. It focusses on:

- Major problems of the elderly
- Social determinates
- Obesity and inactivity
- Chronic disease
- Incontinence
- Polypharmacy
- Frailty and falls
- Alcohol and substance use
- Sexuality
- Sexually transmitted infections and HIV
- Mental Health and suicide
- Dementia
- Violence
- End of Life and palliative care
- Interventions to help our elderly at risk

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

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

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

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

**Adjourned**

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