

Draft Minutes
Committee for Preventive Medicine and Family Health
Thursday, May 9, 2019
8AM via Webex

Present

Nina Huberman, MD, Co-Chair
Sarah Nosal, MD, Co- Chair
Kira Geraci-Ciardullo, MD
Geoffrey Moore, MD
Emily Senay, MD
Matthew Weissman, MD
Jocelyn Young, DO
Moshie Bressler, Student
Beth Perenyi, Alliance
Joshua Cohen, MD,
Arthur Fougner, MD, President

Excused

Roy Korn, Jr, MD
Mustafa Kaakour, MD

Absent

Sheila Bushkin, MD
Gail Burstein, MD
Michael Lischak, MD
Joseph Maldonado, MD
Norman Wetterau, MD
Janine Fogarty, MD

Staff

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

- 1) Welcome – New chairs, vice-chair and members**
- 2) Adoption of February 9, 2019 minutes – approved with corrections**
- 3) Update on Climate Change and Protecting NY Seniors –**
 - a) Climate change** - the entire document was brought to the committee. There needs to be consideration on how best to proceed. All information was put in the document to be considered by the committee. The document will have to be trimmed down considerably in order to be submitted to council and for presentation at the 2020 House of Delegates. What is the best use of this content? It is definitely a first draft. Dr. Moore and Dr. Senay asked the committee members to go through it and edit it. Individual members were given sections to review: Dr. Giraci – Allergy; Dr. Dowling – Mental Health; Dr. Moore – Cardiovascular; Dr. Bressler – Infectious and Vector borne; Dr. Eiting – Extreme weather; Dr. Young – Food and Nutrition; Dr. Senay – Health Care System. Members should focus on the science, not the politics – read thru the recommendation section (there are 9 sections total). Images should be pared down to what is important. Paper should be done by the end of July for the September Council meeting.
 - b) Protecting NY Seniors** – people are needed to assist. Still working on it.

- 4) Update on measles outbreak** – follow up on press conference, GAC letter and contacting legislators – MSSNY is seeking repeal of religious exemptions from vaccinations. MSSNY has long supported the removal of religious exemptions with regard to vaccinations. The committee discussed the many ways MSSNY has been advocating on behalf of Assembly bill A.2371 that would remove religious exemptions as a way to avoid vaccinating children. Discussion of the increase of measles cases in the state of New York. MSSNY sought support from other health organizations in the state of New York and in fact received support from over 28 public health and child advocacy groups within the state that support MSSNY’s position on this bill. The committee discussed ways to advocate for this bill. Contacting local politicians on the senate and state health committees was suggested. An outline with links to letters and health committee rosters with contact info will be forwarded to committee members so that they can support this endeavor. The importance was stressed that the voice of this committee be heard.
- d) NYSIIS legislation and HOD** – Adult Registry has been pulled from NYS Assembly agenda because of concerns of the info to be shared.

Next Meeting – October 10, 2019