

Task Force on End of Life Care

July 19, 2019

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Present

John Maese, MD Chair
Bruce Berlin, MD
Erick Eiting, MD
Steven Kaner, MD
Shail Maingi, MD
Parag Mehta, MD
Myrna Sanchez, MD
Monica Sweeney, MD
Joshua Cohen, MD, Commissioner
Janine Fogarty, MD, Asst. Commissioner

Absent

John McIntyre, MD
Nancy Nielsen, MD
John Ostuni, MD
Malcolm Reid, MD

Excused

Patricia Bomba, MD
Rishi Thaker, Student

1) Welcome

Dr. Maese welcomed the members and thanked them for their hard work preparing the interim report that was sent to the House of Delegates this April. He indicated that the task force would use that report as a building block for the final report that will be submitted to MSSNY Council in March.

2) EOL Interim Report

a) Resolutions 273 Hospice Recertification for Non-Cancer Diagnosis and 274 End of Life Payment were referred to Council and then sent back to the task force. Regina McNally VP for MSSNY Socio-Medical Economics Division, is attending this meeting to assist with any questions or clarifications the task force members might have on benefits available to patients during end of life care. Al Cardillo was suggested as someone to address the Task Force on End of Life. Ms. McNally offered to answer any ongoing questions the task force members might have via email. Pat Clancy will send Ms. McNally's email to the task force members. A member suggested that questions and answers be forwarded to all members of the task force, so they might all see them. Everyone agreed.

b) Resolution 75 Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM) was approved.

3) Review of Topic of Aid in Dying

The Aid in Dying bill did not move during the 2019 Legislative Session. It is anticipated to be considered in the 2020 Legislative Session. There has been significant push back from the community supporting people with disabilities. A member asked for MSSNY's policy on this subject. MSSNY has existing policy on aid in dying. Pat Clancy will forward to the members of the task force the MSSNY and AMA's policy on aid in dying for the members review. The chair reminded the task force members, their task was to gather information, be impartial and forward their report to the House of Delegates for a vote.

4) Plans for issuing the final report to the 2020 HOD

Moving forward, it was suggested that the task force invite outside people, such as individuals working with the disabled community, to the next few meetings to gather the best information possible both for and against aid in dying. Inviting the sponsors of the NYS bill to explain the aid in dying bill and officials from the state of Oregon, which has the oldest aid in dying legislation, to gain input from the experience in that state. The members of the task force were encouraged to think of any colleagues they may know that have experience with aid in dying that could be helpful. Also, discussion of MOLST should be on the next agenda.

The chair suggested a date of December 15, 2019 as a deadline of the completed work.

5) Review of Minutes from the March 15, 2019 meeting were approved.

Next meeting: Friday, September 13, 2019 @ 7:30 AM