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Draft Minutes
Medical Society of the State of New York
Long Term Care Subcommittee
Thursday January 21, 2021
7:30am via Zoom

Present

Jay P. Slotkin, MD – Chair
Steven Kaner, MD – Vice Chair
Ruth Kleinman, MD – Vice Chair
Al Cardillo, President HCANYS
Timothy John Holahan, DO
Gregory Pinto, MD

Absent

Joan Cincotta, Alliance
Eugene Kalmuck, MD
Thomas Lee, MD
Thomas Madejski, MD
Raghu Ram, MD
Naheed Asad Van De Walle, MD

Invited Guests

Arthur Fougner, MSSNY Past President
Elaine Healy, MD
Parag Mehta, MD, Vice President

Staff

Moe Auster, Esq., Division of Government Affairs
Pat Clancy, Sr. VP. Of Public Health and Education
Zina Cary, Division of Government Affairs
Raza Ali, Division of Government Affairs
Becky Dawes, Division of Government Affairs

- 1) **Welcome**
- 2) **Adoption of Minutes** – October 8, 2020 approved.
- 3) **COVID-19 Issues** – Dr. Healy indicated that the long-term care facilities have been receiving its first doses of the Covid vaccine. An issue that is concerning, is those individual residents that have been discharged already and must return to the long-term care facility for their second shot. Al Cardillo spoke that home care workers and hospice staff were never referenced in the initial rollout, that the CDC had prioritize them along with hospital workers. The health department and the city health department did not even have home care and hospice workers in the eligibility list for who could get PPE from the stockpiles, it took it took letters and six weeks of pressure to get them to understand that nurses, physical therapist, social workers, and aids in the field were healthcare workers. Agencies were surveyed to try and find out what was available for in home testing and whether the agencies were doing specimen collections for Covid-19 in the home. Only about 2% of the agency said that they were doing that, and the majority indicated that they would if they could get their clinicians trained. HCANYS has been working with the Iroquois Health Care Association and the Mohawk Valley Health System to create a training program for home care and hospice clinicians to be able to do the test assessment collection in the home. Homebound and the vulnerable to be taken to congregate sites for testing. To date, they have trained over 2000 clinicians around the state and homecare. The health department has added this as a covered service under Medicaid.
- 4) **New sepsis 2021 initiative** – Mr. Cardillo indicated they have been awarded a grant from the Cabrini Foundation to phase into the next iteration of the sepsis initiative. Several pilot sites that we have spoken to that are very interested in piloting this with us, but the more of the broader issues are to target this into some of the underserved areas you know 56 to 57 of the 62 counties have home care

26 agencies utilizing this tool. We are also targeting special needs populations. One of the things that that
27 was discussed was the possibility of creating a working group, to establish some guidance. Parts of it
28 related to pediatrics, because the tool that was created was an adult sepsis screening tool with a with an
29 algorithm for follow up. There has been interest in creating a pediatric version. There are 200 different
30 categories from the provider community, the research community stuff, state, federal and local and
31 then there was strong interest this goal. It was indicated that between 80-90% of cases come from the
32 community such as nursing homes. Studies that were done during this year, one in conjunction with
33 some of the PPS is in the in the Finger Lakes area, where over 7000 patients that were screened using
34 this tool, they found that other patients that were identified septic early with this tool, 69.2% avoided
35 hospitalization and were treated.
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- 37 5) **Medical Director Registry** – Dr. Holahan said that the issues that we saw regarding transitions of care
38 issues with hospitals and or EDS and trying to contact the medical director. Areas where they are not as
39 connected to their health systems, maybe, and it is a little more fragmented. One of the things that
40 were brought up we were able to present myself and Dr. Slotkin three priorities in the fall, this was one
41 of them, the creation of a medical director registry. Pennsylvania has some bills for that, whether its law
42 or not, we do not know. The national group has been working on a federal level to make this happen. It
43 is a very common topic; the national groups been working on it for a while for medical directors and it
44 just sounds like there is no resolution. Dr. Slotkin indicated that certified home health agencies are not
45 required to have a medical director and getting physician engagement. Legislation has been talked
46 about.
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- 48 6) **2021 MSSNY Sunset Review** – Ms. Clancy advised that any MSSNY policy that is at least 10 years old
49 must be reviewed. The one that is at least 10 years old is the Assisted Living Program. It was also
50 indicated that there are three options the policy can either sunset them because they have already been
51 done, reaffirm because the policy is a sound policy needs to be kept, or we could reaffirm with some
52 minor tweaks. The committee did not come up with a decision at this time.
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- 54 7) **Next Meetings** –May 6, 2021, October 7, 2021
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