

Y.3.a.

**Draft Minutes**  
**Committee on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety**  
**Wednesday January 27, 2021**  
**2pm via Zoom**

**Present**

Willie Underwood, MD - Chair  
Clare B. Bradley, MD – Co-Vice Chair  
Keisha Benn, MD  
Aimana Elbahtity  
Patricia J. Gagliano, MD  
Victor Robert Klein, MD  
John R. Maese, MD  
Parag Mehta, MD  
Lawrence Aron Melniker, MD  
Gregory L. Pinto, MD  
Barry Rabin, MD  
Rifka Chaya Schulman, MD  
Natalie Star Schwartz, MD

**Excused**

Thomas T. Lee, MD  
Maria A. Basile, MD– Co-Vice Chair

**Absent**

Brian Blaubeux, MD  
Akiva Andrew Dym, MD  
Kenneth H. Eckhert III, MD  
Julia Barber Faller, DO  
Roy J. Korn, MD  
Liana H. Leung, MD  
Daniel Jules Nicoll, MD  
John A. Ostuni, MD  
Charles E. Wiles III, MD  
Arthur J. Wise Jr., MD

**Staff**

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

- 1) **Welcome** – Roll call of members and welcomed guests.
- 2) **Adoption of Minutes** – October 28, 2020 minutes approved.
- 3) **COVID 19 Vaccination Plan** – Ms. Clancy indicated that Dr. Litvack is on the Governor's Vaccine Task Force and Ms. Clancy is on the state operation work group and since being appointed they have been in contact with the Governor's office and the State Department of Health with the vaccine issues. As of right now, there are 7 million people eligible to receive the vaccine but last week only received less than 237,000 doses of the vaccine. The issue that was brought up with the Governor's office was people were not receiving their second dose at the same location as their first. Now, you will get your second dose appointment at the time of your first dose. President Biden has indicated in the next three weeks, states will see a 15% increase in the vaccine supply and will know the exact number of vaccines received for the next three weeks. It was also indicated of a possible mobile vaccine unit when vaccine supplies are available. It was indicated in an earlier survey, before the vaccine came out, 80% of the physician say that they were going to be immunized and they thought that the best way to get their patients and their staff immunized is, for them themselves to be immunized. MSSNY is partnering with groups such as the Academy of Family Physician and the Academy of College Surgeons to promote immunizations, specifically the COVID 19 vaccine.

- 21 4) **Update on Telehealth initiatives** – Zina Cary indicated the governor included a section on  
22 changes to an expanding telehealth coverage in his budget proposal for fiscal year 2021-22. A  
23 comprehensive bill being introduced by Assemblyman Gottfried and Assemblywoman Woerner.  
24 MSSNY is making sure that the governor's budget legislation, includes payment parity. Making  
25 sure that physicians are getting reimbursement on par to what they are getting for telehealth  
26 visits is the same reimbursement they receive for in office visits. Another concern is the  
27 Governor has proposed out of state physicians, it could be detrimental to community physicians  
28 when it comes to telehealth services. Moe Auster indicated combining interstate compact, along  
29 with the conditioning coverage for Telehealth on the insurer having an adequate network.  
30
- 31 5) **Review of 2020 House of Delegate Resolutions** – Following discussion by the committee, it was  
32 agreed that Resolution 104 have substitute language that says: 1) Resolve that MSSNY continue  
33 to work with allied groups and healthcare policy influencers such as think tanks to help generate  
34 support from MSSNY key advocacy goals; 2) Resolve, that MSSNY continue to work with entities  
35 that can produce high quality scientific data to help generate support from MSSNY's key  
36 advocacy goal; 3) Resolve, that the MSSNY delegation to the AMA introduce a resolution to the  
37 AMA House of Delegates. On Late A, the committee agreed to offer a substitute resolution to  
38 MSSNY Council that reads:. Resolve, that MSSNY request that state education department to  
39 work with the pharmaceutical industry, facilitate the ability of pharmacies, to ensure that when  
40 a prescription is written it is. MSSNY staff will work on the wording of these resolutions and  
41 send them out to committee members by email for final approval before they are send to  
42 MSSNY Council. It is anticipated that these resolutions will go to Council for its March meeting.  
43
- 44 6) **2021 HOD Sunset Review** – In regards to 50.989 Continuing Medical Education for Maintenance  
45 of Certification the committee agreed to reaffirm the policy.  
46
- 47 7) **2021 Meetings** – May 12, 2021, October 27, 2021