

Draft Minutes
Medical Society of the State of New York
Long Term Care Subcommittee
Thursday May 6, 2021
7:30am via Zoom

Present

Jay P. Slotkin, MD – Chair
Steven Kaner, MD – Vice Chair
Todd Lyle Demmy, MD
Elaine Healy, MD
Timothy John Holahan, DO
Thomas Lee, MD
Thomas Madejski, MD
Sandita Seecharan Reddamagari, MD

Absent

Helena Mirza, Alliance
Raghu Ram, MD
Naheed Asad Van De Walle, MD

Excused

Al Cardillo, President HCANYS
Ruth Kleinman, MD – Vice Chair
Gregory Pinto, MD

Invited Guests

Parag Mehta, MD, President
Troy Oechsner, Executive Vice President

Staff

Moe Auster, Esq., Sr. VP, 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** – January 21, 2021 approved.
- 3) **2021 House of Delegates Resolution on Medical Directors** - Dr. Holahan indicated that the medical directors registry resolution has been officially submitted to the house of delegates. He briefly discussed the goal of the resolution which would help establish a medical director registry within the Department of Health. It was indicated that it has been done in other states with nursing homes and assisted living facilities, thereby making it easier to know who to contact with any issues. Dr. Holahan indicated that Monroe County as well as a few other smaller county facilities support this. Dr. Slotkin indicated there is a bill in California that will require a nursing home medical director to be certified. The committee voted to approve the resolution and will move onto the House of Delegates.
- 4) **Update on S.598/A.3922 “Re-Imagining Long Term Care Task Force”**– Mr. Auster indicated that the bill passed the Senate in February and passed the Assembly in early March but has not been delivered to the Governor. The bill specifies that there would be a two-stage reporting process. The bill would require a neutral report about the pandemic assessment that would be done by December 1 and then a longer-term report. Findings for improvements in the future that would be due on May 1, 2022.
- 5) **Safe Staffing Legislation Update**— Dr. Slotkin indicated there is a bill, that has to do with standardized nursing home staffing that recently passed the State Legislature. Dr. Kaner indicated that California has passed a few years ago a bill that had mandatory nursing staffing in nursing homes it requires three and a half hours of nursing care. Mr. Auster indicated that nursing ratio bills have been around for several years and had been a priority with the nursing association. This year, there are separate bills dealing

25 with nursing homes staffing ratios and bills specific to hospital staffing ratios that calls upon the hospital
26 and nursing staff to negotiate a ratio. An appropriate ratio on that does reflect what nursing homes are
27 reporting to CMS in terms of their staff allocation. It requires that nursing homes have three and a half
28 hours of a nurse or nursing aide time per resident and that three and a half hours is divided between a
29 minimum of 2.2 for certified nursing aides, and a minimum of 1.1 for nurses. Dr. Slotkin indicated that
30 the House of Delegates passed a resolution, to support the nursing staff and the CNA nursing geriatrics.
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32 6) **Next Meetings** – October 7, 2021
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