

November 4, 2021

TO: OFFICERS, COUNCILORS, AND TRUSTEES

**FR: MARK J. ADAMS, MD, MBA, FACR, MSSNY COMMISSIONER ON
MEDICAL EDUCATION**

**MIRIAM HARDIN, PHD, MANAGER, CONTINUING MEDICAL
EDUCATION**

Re: REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Report of the MSSNY Continuing Medical Education Committee

John Maese, MD

The Continuing Medical Education Committee oversees the Subcommittee on Educational Programs (which fulfills MSSNY's role as Accredited Provider) and the Subcommittee on Surveys (which fulfills MSSNY's role as Recognized Accreditor). Each Subcommittee makes a report of their activities and decisions and the full Committee ratifies those decisions.

The Subcommittee on Surveys reports are provided by the Chair, Sandhya Malhotra, MD. The Subcommittee on Educational Programs reports are provided by Charles Gonzalez, MD. All subcommittee members must be members of the full CME Committee.

The CME Committee has met once since the September 2021 Council meeting. The Committee met on Thursday, September 23, 2021. The ACCME is requiring that state medical society accreditors update their self-study report outlines and surveyor report forms to align with the new Standards for Integrity and Independence and the renamed and reorganized accreditation criteria. SMS accreditors were asked to submit the updated forms by October 29, 2021. The CME Committee approved updated forms to be submitted to ACCME.

The CME Committee is scheduled to meet again on December 17, 2021.

Report of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs

Charles Gonzalez, MD, Chair

Since the September Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs has met once, on October 20, 2021. During that meeting, the subcommittee approved a jointly provided activity.

When the subcommittee met on September 15, 2021, they considered nominations for two Bernstein Award candidates for 2020. The Bernstein Award is given to:

"...the physician, surgeon or scientist who shall have made the most widely beneficial discovery or developed the most useful method in medicine, surgery or in the prevention of disease in the twelve months prior to December, 2020."

The subcommittee determined that neither candidate met the requirements of the award and decided not to select a recipient for 2020. This decision was ratified by the full CME Committee when they met the afternoon of September 23, 2021.

This subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on November 17, 2021.

Report of the Subcommittee on Surveys **Sandhya Malhotra, MD, Chair**

Since the September Council meeting, the Subcommittee on met once, on September 23, 2021. During that meeting, The Subcommittee approved the initial accreditation of a new CME Provider, AdvantageCare Physicians (ACPNY). The meeting also included surveyor training, to help ensure that MSSNY meets the ACCME's Markers of Equivalency for intrastate accreditors.

The Subcommittee on Surveys is scheduled to meet again on December 17, 2021.

Miscellaneous

As the ACCME Recognized Accreditor in New York State, MSSNY has awarded accreditation status to 30+ organizations across New York State. The MSSNY Office of Continuing Medical Education manages the accreditation of these organizations and holds a monthly web-conference with all MSSNY-accredited providers to discuss CME requirements and issues. Since the September Council meeting, there has been a provider-training session on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, and when the November 4 Council meeting takes place, there will have been a session on November 3, 2021.

The MSSNY CME Provider Virtual Conference was held on Friday, September 24, 2021. MSSNY President Joseph Sellers, MD introduced the keynote speaker, Marcia Martin, Director of Provider Education at the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Ms. Martin also led a session on Transitioning to the New Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. The third and final session, about CME mentorship, was co-facilitated by Miriam Hardin, PhD, CME Manager of MSSNY; Kendra Peterson, Associate Director, Education and Accreditation at Washington State Medical Association; and Casey Harrison, MBA, Director, Continuing Medical Education at Texas Medical Association. Attendee feedback has been exceedingly positive.