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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 the Chair, Charles Gonzalez, MD. All subcommittee members must be members of the full CME Committee.

Since the November 2021 Council meeting, the CME Committee has met once, on December 17, 2021. The CME Committee discussed a new service that the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) is providing, [CME Passport](#). CME Passport (formerly called CME Finder) is an all-in-one, free, centralized web application that enables physicians to find, track, and manage their CME. CME Providers have the ability to make any and all of their CME activities findable on the site. They can also submit physician-learner completion data (with permission), enabling users to export transcripts.

The CME Committee also reviewed and discussed "Basics of Planning and Evaluation and Standards," a PowerPoint developed to educate new joint providers/program coordinators.

The CME Committee is scheduled to meet again on March 25, 2022.

Report of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs

Charles Gonzalez, MD, Chair

Since the November 2021 Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs has met once, on November 17, 2021. During that meeting, the subcommittee approved one jointly provided CME series. They also performed

post-activity analysis for the directly provided MSSNY CME Provider Conference that was held on September 24, 2021. In addition to performing the analysis, committee members discussed ideas for the 2022 conference. One suggestion was to invite Graham McMahon, MD, President and CEO of ACCME, immediately, to help ensure his availability. He has accepted MSSNY's invitation, and the date will be September 23, 2022. The subcommittee decided to tentatively plan for an in-person conference, with the understanding that the situation with the virus may lead to a change in plans. There was also a discussion about inviting CME staff from ACCME-accredited organizations in New York State.

This subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on January 19, 2022.

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

Since the November 2021 Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Surveys has met once, on December 17, 2021. For this meeting, three MSSNY-accredited providers submitted for reaccreditation: Crouse Hospital, Maimonides Medical Center, and Richmond University Medical Center. These decisions were the result of a year-long process for reaccreditation that included submission of a written self-study, documentation review of performance in practice (activity files), and an interview between the survey team (members of the Subcommittee) and the representatives of the organization. The Subcommittee also approved the initial accreditation of a new CME Provider, Garnet Health Medical Center.

The Subcommittee on Surveys is scheduled to meet again on March 25, 2022.

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 November 2021 Council meeting, there have been provider trainings on December 1, 2021 and on January 5, 2022.

The CME Mentorship Pilot Program being conducted through the collaboration of MSSNY, Texas Medical Association, and Washington State Medical Association will be launching this month, January 2022. 21 people have applied to be mentors, and 40 have applied to be mentees. The CME managers from all three organizations will be collaborating to present a virtual "Teach and Inspire" session about the pilot program for the ACCME 2022 Meeting on April 28, 2022.