

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Committee to Eliminate Health Care Disparities**  
**May 15, 2015**  
**Teleconference**  
**7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Via Teleconference**

**Present**

Milton Haynes, MD, Chair  
Adolph Meyer, MD, Vice Chair  
M. Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH, Vice Chair  
Inderpal Chhabra, MD  
Anthony Clemendor, MD  
Lisa Eng, MD  
Lynda Hohmann, MD  
Malcolm Reid, MD, MPP  
M. Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH  
Sumir Sahgal, MD  
Leone Waltrous, MD

**Excused**

Linda Clark, MD

**Invited Guest**

Gina Granger, MA, Coordinator for Special Programs,  
Hofstra North Shore-LLJ School of Medicine

**Absent**

Louis Auguste, MD  
Joshua Cohen, MD  
Linda Efferen, MD  
Lorena Gonzalez, MD  
Michael Knight, MD  
Thomas Madejski, MD  
Rufus Nichols, MD  
Joseph Sellers, MD  
Albert Thomas, MD  
Michael Henry, Student

**MSSNY Staff**

Barbara Ellman, Associate Director  
for Policy  
Terri Holmes, Secretary

- 1 **1) Welcome / Introductions:** Dr. Haynes called the meeting to order and welcomed the  
2 committee.  
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4 **2) Adoption of February 27, 2015 Minutes:** Adopted as written.  
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6 **3) Chairs Report:**  
7     • **Report on AMA CEHCD Spring Meeting:** There was discussion on clinics in  
8 drugstores and the negative impact that they may have in terms of overall outcome with  
9 regards to the minority population. It was stated that people may start to run into a local  
10 pharmacy for a “quick fix” rather than making of going in to see their primary care  
11 physician. This may contribute to the increase of health care disparity. One physician  
12 made the statement that some patients cannot afford to take time off from work and some  
13 care is better than no care. It was stated that there needs to be a way to instantly  
14 communicate with the primary physician what has/not been done.  
15     • **Update on Strategic Plans**  
16     • **CEHCD Annual Dues for Member Organizations:** When the commission was started  
17 there were several corporate sponsors. There has been a drop-off in sponsorship over the  
18 last few years and as a result the budget has dropped significantly. At the fall meeting  
19 \$250 for dues was agreed upon by the members.

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- **CEHCD Election Results:** Dr. Haynes was elected Vice-Chair for the Subcommittee on Workforce Diversity as well as a member of both the Staring Committee and Finance Committee.
  - **Upcoming Doctors Back to School program, PS 127, Bronx:** Both Dr. Sweeney and Dr. Hanes plan to participate in this event.
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26 **4) Update on Diabetes Brochure:** MSSNY received a grant from Astra Zeneca which was used  
27 to create a brochure on diabetes. The brochure is available in both English and Spanish.  
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29 **5) Hofstra Pipeline Programs:** The program is going into its sixth year. There is one student in  
30 the BSMD program at Hofstra, one Student enrolled in Sophie Davis School of Biomedical  
31 Education and another student slated to start in the fall. The program recruits high achieving  
32 students. Physicians are recruited to come in and meet with the students. The students are  
33 recruited as rising 11<sup>th</sup> graders where they are offered the Kaplan PSA course. This year there is  
34 an Around the World Program where they will be exposed to students who are studying abroad.  
35 This year this is one student going to Yale and the other to MIT. The intent of the program is to  
36 expose the students to careers in medical care. The program takes place during the month of  
37 July. Ms. Granger invited the committee members to come see and learn more about the  
38 program. The committee agreed to do what they could to collaborate with Hofstra and help with  
39 the program.  
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41 **6) Discussion of CME Program for MSSNY House of Delegates:** The committee presented  
42 a CME program on Cultural Competency and the Impact on Health Care Outcomes which was  
43 presented by Adam Aponte, MD.  
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45 **7) Next Meeting – October 9, 2015**