

Draft Minutes
MSSNY Committee on Addiction and Psychiatric Medicine
February 4, 2022
Via zoom

Present

Joshua Cohen, MD
Janine Fogarty, MD
Stephen Hermele, MD
Marvin Rabinowitz, MD
Scott Breidbart, MD
Gregory Bunt, MD
Frank Dowling, MD
Laurence Epstein, MD
Nina Huberman, MD
Russell Kamer, MD
Leslie Marino, MD
Glen Martin, MD
Jeffrey Selzer, MD
Stacey Watt, MD
Norman Wetterau, MD
Barbara Ellman, Alliance

Absent

Subhas Chandra, MD
Manassa Hany, MD
Brian Johnson, MD
Hemant Kalia, MD
Gabrielle Shapiro, MD
Jared Walsh, MD
Leanna Knight, Student

Staff

Troy Oeschner, Executive VP
Pat Clancy, Senior VP/Managing
Director
Aimana Elbahtity, County Society Staff
Maureen Ramirez, Administrative Asst.

Excused

Lynda Hohman, MD
Celeste Johns, MD

1) Welcome

2) Approval of October 22, 2021 minutes – approved with spelling correction.

3) NYS 2022-23 proposed budget—Informational materials – Looking at the informational materials, discussion followed with committee members regarding the discrepancies in payment. With Medicaid Managed Care. You can't use Suboxone because you didn't sign up early when they were offering incentives to do so. Some physicians had to drop certain companies because of the difference in reimbursement amounts. It wasn't cost effective to keep certain companies. Every doctor receives different fees because they have different contracts. Some have "fee for service" others have the regular capitation plans. You have to fight with them in order to change your contract if you're not happy with how you're being paid. The reimbursement is not sustainable. If Medicaid paid a reasonable fee to private physicians, it would improve patient care and save lives. The system is intentionally designed to force patients to go to the clinics. The House of Delegates is coming up in April, the committee is considering sponsoring a resolution to seek enhanced reimbursement for addiction medicine

21 and mental health through the Medicaid Program and the Medicaid Managed Care
22 Program. It was recommended that the resolution be presented to the House of
23 Delegates on this topic.

24 How will that work with the ways the reference committees are going to be
25 conducted?

26 Dr. Huberman offered to draft the resolution and send it out to the committee. Drs
27 Dowling and Wetterau offered to take a look at it and give their input. Resolutions
28 are due by February 25, 2022.

30 **4) 2022 House of Delegates Sunset Review of 10 year Policies – PHE**

31 **65.991** This policy has been worked on to bring it up to date, especially the PMP
32 and making it more in keeping with what is being done today. Point made that it
33 should not read “should not say e-prescribing of narcotics, it should say e-
34 prescribing of controlled substances” Committee recommends Affirming with
35 amendments. NY is one of 2 states that do not have direct access to the PMP
36 through the electronic medical records. MSSNY was the first to encourage the use
37 of the PMP and we are not in full access to the program. Motion to approve changes
38 to the Sunset review. Motion to approve has passed.

39 **5) Discussion of future presentations to committee –**

- 41 • Invite a member of the Cannabis Board. Pat and Moe will reach out to
42 a member of the board and invite them to speak at the next meeting.
- 43 • Invite the new OASIS commissioner to discuss the future of OASIS.
- 44 • Access to mental health treatment for people who are incarcerated.
- 45 • Invite Erin Fox to speak on NYSAM efforts.

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47 **Next meeting: May 6, 2022**

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