



MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Action Item—Name Change for Health Equity Committee

Throughout the fall and early winter, there was discussion by the Medical Society of the State's Committee on Health Equity about ways that the committee could assist with the successful implementation of MSSNY Policy 285.986 Racism and Intersectionality in Medicine. During the meetings there was discussion about implementation of the policy and about the need for a name change for the committee. The Committee on Health Equity addresses issues related to health disparities, but it was noted that the committee's responsibilities have expanded to including evaluating MSSNY policies and procedures and the impact of those policies and procedures on diversity, equity, and inclusion of MSSNY members, leadership and staff. Therefore, the Committee on Health Equity is recommending that the name be changed to reflect its expanded role:

That MSSNY's Committee on Health Equity's name be changed to the Committee on Equity.

(COUNCIL ACTION)