

**DATE: JUNE 23, 2022**

**TO: OFFICERS, COUNCILORS, AND TRUSTEES**

**FR: DANIEL CHOI, MD, MSSNY COMMISSIONER ON MEDICAL EDUCATION  
MIRIAM HARDIN, PHD, MANAGER, CONTINUING MEDICAL  
EDUCATION**

**Re: REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

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**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's first meeting of the year was held on April 1, 2022. The CME Committee discussed the annual MSSNY CME Provider Conference, which MSSNY holds to support the continuing professional development of MSSNY-accredited CME providers. The committee decided to once again hold the conference as a virtual program, via Zoom, in recognition of uncertainty related to the COVID-19 situation. The virtual program will be held on Friday, September 23, 2022.

The CME Committee also developed a recommendation (submitted for the June 22, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting), in relation to the 2023 ACCME and MSSNY annual fees charged to MSSNY-accredited CME providers. ACCME is raising its annual fees (which MSSNY passes through to providers), and the CME Committee's recommendation was to keep MSSNY's fees the same as they were in 2020-2022. (The Board minutes shared at the beginning of this meeting are expected to reflect the Board's decision.)

The CME Committee also discussed the ABMS Portfolio Program. ABMS encouraged MSSNY to become a Portfolio Sponsor, and the CME Committee submitted to the Quality Improvement and Patient-Safety Committee a recommendation in favor of the partnership. MSSNY staff shared the CME Committee's recommendation to the Quality Committee in advance of the May 12, 2022 Quality meeting.

## **Report of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs**

### **Charles Gonzalez, MD, Chair**

This year, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs has met on January 19, February 16, March 23, April 20, and May 18. Across those meetings, the subcommittee has approved six directly provided activities and three jointly provided activities. They have performed activity review on two jointly provided activities and one directly provided activity. They also discussed various activity-planning and faculty-training tools from ACCME's 2022 Meeting, held in April.

This subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on July 20, 2022.

## **Report of the Subcommittee on Surveys**

### **Sandhya Malhotra, MD, Chair**

This year, the first meeting of the Subcommittee on Surveys was held on April 1, 2022. During the meeting, one MSSNY-Accredited Provider was submitted for reaccreditation. Greenwich Hospital was awarded a reaccreditation term. This decision was 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 representatives of the organization. The Subcommittee meeting also provided surveyor training.

The Subcommittee on Surveys is scheduled to meet again on June 24, 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 January CME Council Report was filed, there have been provider trainings on February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1.

On May 23, 2022, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) released a new course on their learning management system, ACCME Academy, based on a collaboration between MSSNY, the Texas Medical Association (TMA), and Washington State Medical Association (WSMA). MSSNY's CME Manager, Miriam Hardin, PhD, had teamed up with Casey Harrison, MBA, Director of Physician Education at TMA and Kendra Peterson, Associate Director, Education and Accreditation at WSMA to lead a working group for the ACCME 2021 Meeting. The working group produced a "CE Mentorship" toolkit, which can be used to administer

mentorship programs within or across organizations. ACCME has designed the course to orient CME professionals on how to navigate and leverage the mentorship toolkit. The collaboration has continued in 2022, with a mentorship pilot program open to CME providers accredited by MSSNY, TMA, and WSMA. In April of 2022, Casey, Kendra, and Miriam led an “Inspire and Teach” online session for the ACCME 2022 Meeting, reporting on the pilot program. The session has generated interest from other State Medical Society Accreditors, for a potential expansion of mentorship program in 2023.