

MSSNY's Committee on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
Wednesday May 8, 2024
7:30am via Zoom

Present

Clare Bradley, MD, Chair
Charles Lopresto, MD, Vice-Chair
Anthonette Desire, MD
Julia Faller, DO
Patricia Gagliano, MD
Victor Klein, MD
Roy Korn, MD
Liana Leung, MD
Lawrence Melniker, MD

Invited Guests

Jerome Cohen, MSSNY President
David Jakubowicz, MD MSSNY
President Elect

MSSNY Staff

Thomas Lee, MSSNY Executive Vice
President
Morris Auster, Senior VP & Chief
Legislative Council
Brian Land, Admin Asst.
Zina Cary, VP, Legislative Affairs
Pat Clancy, Senior VP/Managing
Director of Public Health
Miriam Hardin, PhD, Manager, CME
Nicholas Hospodar, Legislative
Associate

Absent

Mahima Avanti, MD
John Maese, MD
Rifka Schulman, MD
Willie Underwood, MD
Shikar Vyas, MD

- 1 **1) Welcome – new committee members**
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- 3 **2) Adoption of Feb 7, 2024 minutes - approved**
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- 5 **3) 2024 HOD Resolution 165 – Public Safety Agencies Data Collection**
- 6 **Enhancement** – Pat Clancy discussed MSSNY would work with the National
- 7 Emergency Medical Services Information System to promote a listing of
- 8 necessary data points, as well as working with other groups and
- 9 encouraging the state legislature to mandate collections of the data. This
- 10 resolution, which was approved by MSSNY HOD, will be forwarded to the
- 11 AMA. Dr. Milnecker will be leading the charge on this resolution.
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- 13 **4) 2024 HOD Resolution 166 – Principles of Public Health During an**
- 14 **Infectious Disease Outbreak** – The House of Delegates meeting in April
- 15 resulted in minor wording changes being made to the resolution but the
- 16 virtual reference committee approved this resolution and it is now policy.
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- 18 **5) Update on 24-25 New York State Budget** – Morris Auster presented a
- 19 slideshow, highlighting the successes and challenges MSSNY has had,
- 20 particularly in defeating adverse proposals, highlighting the efforts of Dr.
- 21 Lee and Dr. Lopresto. Mr. Auster noted the work Zina Cary did in conjunction

22 with the New York State Psychiatric Association in on the law that requires
23 health insures to pay for telehealth services at a level comparable to in
24 person services. He also spoke of the new investment New York State is
25 making in the patient centered medical home program, remarking that the
26 plan from the health department is to increase the per member per month
27 payments by \$2 per month. Also noted was the continuation of the
28 expanded New York State Medical Student Loan repayment program, which
29 was increased by 75% over the past years. Mr. Auster then spoke of
30 MSSNY's Committee for Physician's Health, which had been proposed to be
31 eliminated but ultimately, was restored. Mr. Auster thanked everyone for
32 their efforts to keep that program. He also noted that there had been a
33 proposal regarding the excess medical malpractice insurance program,
34 which was restored by the legislature. There was also a proposal that would
35 have prohibited out of network physicians with Medicaid managed care
36 plans from appealing dispute payments to New York state's dispute
37 resolution system. Mr. Auster highlighted the efforts that were made to
38 attempt to restore that. Mr. Auster also noted the scope of practice for
39 physician assistants, which was proposed to be expanded, was taken out.
40 He also remarked on was part of a package that would prohibit hospitals
41 from filing lawsuits against patients who make less than 400% of the federal
42 poverty level. Also contained within that package was an item that requires
43 additional consent for payment that is distinct from treatment. It was noted
44 that additional guidance is needed from the health department. Lastly, Mr.
45 Auster spoke of new provisions that will require additional notices going to
46 patients when they use their credit card for medical payments, which also
47 requires additional information from the health department.

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49 **6) Funding Projects for ABMS** – Dr. Clare Bradley noted that while the
50 committee has moved to implement the ABMS CME program, the areas that
51 need work before implementation are funding and content. Pat Clancy and
52 Miriam Hardin spoke with Dr. Patricia Gagliano regarding topics that would
53 be suited for such a program. Dr. Gagliano shared a document that listed
54 potential topics for the ABMS program, including chronic kidney disease,
55 vaccinations, substance use disorders and Artificial Intelligence. Ms. Clancy
56 recommended that the committee prioritize topics that would be helpful and
57 then potential funding avenues could be explored. Dr. Bradley expressed her
58 desire for a committee to be formed and she nominated Dr. Gagliano to sit
59 on said committee, along with Pat Clancy and Miriam Hardin.

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61 **7) Next meeting: November 6, 2024**
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