

Minutes
MSSNY Health Equity Committee
May 17, 2024
7:30AM via zoom

Present

Vilma Joseph, MD Co-Chair
Adolph Meyer, MD Co-Chair
Jerome Cohen, MD MSSNY President
Louis Auguste, MD
Mauvareen Beverly, MD
Lynda Karig Hohmann, MD
Suzanne Greenidge, MD
David Jakubowicz, MD
Thomas Lee, MD
Steven Mandel, MD
Lisa Thompson, MD

Caroline Gomez-DiCesare, MD
Charles Lopresto, MD
Thomas Madejski, MD
Michael Pisacano, MD
Malcolm Reid, MD
Joseph Sellers, MD
Monica Sweeney, MD
Willie Underwood, MD
Cassandra Williams, MD
Indigo Gill, Medical Student
Anna Jaysing, Medical Student
Vaidehi Mujumdar, Resident Member
Madi Lindauer, Young Physician
Member
Ansara Vaz, Young Physician Member

Excused

Nina Huberman, MD

Absent

Erik Blutinger, MD
Maria Arsy De Jesus, MD
Linda Clark, MD
Frank Dowling, MD
Erick Eiting, MD
Lisa Eng, MD

Staff

Pat Clancy, Sr. Vice
President/Managing Director
Melissa Hoffman, Asst Director of
Public Health
Brian M. Land, Administrative
Assistant

1 **1. Welcome, welcome to committee members; review of committee list**

2 **2. Adoption of January 26, 2024 minutes - approved**

3 **3. MSSNY House of Delegates 2024 meeting:**

4 **a) Resolution 170: Addressing the Historical Injustices of Anatomical**
5 **Specimen Use** – amended resolution adopted. Dr. Mauvareen Beverley
6 asked for clarification on the terminology of brown people. Dr. Adolph
7 Meyer remarked that his opinion was that brown people covered people
8 from the Indian subcontinent as well as people of Middle Eastern descent.
9 Dr. Cohen remarked that, in the context of South African apartheid; that
10 black and brown people were in different categories. Dr. Vilma Joseph
11 stated that more relaxed, colloquial language allows for the use of black
12 and brown categorizations. Dr. Louis Auguste remarked that the media
13 tends to put a lot of Hispanic/Latino people into the brown category.
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15 **b) Resolution 172: Guiding Principles for the Healthcare of Migrants -**
16 adopted
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18 **4. HEBD Concept Paper** – Dr. Joseph introduced the Health Equity by Design
19 paper which has the goal of reducing healthcare disparities with the
20 utilization of technology through the Federal Government. Dr. Joseph spoke
21 of various ways technology could be used to reduce healthcare disparities,
22 such as ensuring patients had access to the proper language services. Dr.
23 Joseph remarked that the government is asking for ideas to advance health
24 equity using electronic health records. Pat Clancy recommends that the
25 committee work on the questions presented in the paper, and that Dr.
26 Joseph should reach out to AMA’s Health Equity office to see if they have
27 started the process already.
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29 **5. Development of CME Program** – Dr. Mauvareen Beverly is working on a
30 CME program for patient engagement and cultural competency. Pat Clancy
31 noted that an application for accreditation is needed, and that she will have a
32 discussion with Drs Joseph and Beverly about the educational objectives and
33 all that is required, with the goal of being ready for the June CME committee
34 meeting.
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36 **6. National Medicine Association Annual Convention** – The National
37 Medical Association is having their annual conference in Manhattan August
38 3rd-7th. Dr. Meyer encouraged committee members to attend.
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40 **7. DEI Award** – Dr. Joseph asked the committee for nominees for the Dr.
41 Anthony Clemendor award, usually presented at the House of Delegates. In
42 previous years, a survey was sent to committee members so that they may
43 submit their nominations.
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45 **8. Adjournment: Next meeting October, 18, 2024**

