

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

Present

Clare Bradley, MD, Chair
Victor Klein, MD
Charles Lopresto, MD, Vice-Chair
Lawrence Melniker, MD

Pat Clancy, Senior VP/Managing
Director of Public Health
Miriam Hardin, PhD, Manager, CME
Nicholas Hospodar, Legislative
Associate

Excused

Patricia Gagliano, MD

Invited Guest

William Valenti, MD, Chair, MSSNY
Infectious Diseases committee

MSSNY Staff

Morris Auster, Senior VP & Chief
Legislative Council
Britney Blake, Admin Asst.
Zina Cary, VP, Legislative Affairs

Absent

Anthonette Desire, MD
Julia Faller, DO
Brian James, MD
Liana Leung, MD
John Maese, MD
Barry Rabin, MD
Bryan Redmond, Student
Rifka Schulman, MD
Natalie Schwartz, MD
Willie Underwood, MD
Shikar Vyas, MD
Sunny Yoo, DO

1. Welc202ome; review committee lists.

2. Adoption of November 1, 2023, Minutes

The minutes were reviewed, a motion was made to accept them, and it was approved.

3. Review of 2024-25 New York State Budget

MSSNY's 2024-25 budget proposal was reviewed by Mr. Auster who highlighted these key areas:

A) Telehealth

Mr. Auster indicated that Governor Hochul is proposing to extend the telehealth insurance payment parity law for an additional year. He stated that Ms. Cary has been working with other specialty societies to ensure that it surpasses this one-year period.

B) Patient Centered Medical Home

Mr. Auster indicated that there has been high funding for the Patient Centered Medical Home Program. This is particularly important for primary care physicians. The program was removed a few years ago, however the state is now looking to increase the per member per month bonus payments that pediatricians and PCPs receive for managing Medicaid care for both adult and pediatric patients.

23 C) CPH Issue

24 Mr. Auster indicated that in terms of repealing authorization for the MSSNY's
25 Committee for Physicians Health (CPH) program, there has not been a rational
26 explanation for this decision. He stated that last year, the governor acknowledged
27 that the authorization for the program was approaching and proposed to extend it
28 for an additional 10 years. However, not much progress has been made. Mr. Auster
29 indicated that through his meetings with most legislators, he has been pleased to
30 recognize that they do share the same sentiments regarding confusion on why the
31 CPH program authorization has been repealed. There are letters on MSSNY's GAC
32 website to send to legislators, as well as tweet broadcasts by MSSNY to increase
33 awareness around the issue.

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35 Mr. Auster stated that the Assembly and Senate are finalizing their House Budget
36 Bills, therefore it is important to keep advocating for these issues so that they can
37 be considered and hopefully added to the overall New York State budget.

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39 **4. 2024 House of Delegates: resolutions that committee members want to**
40 **go forward to HOD.**

41 A) CPH Resolution that ID Committee is sponsoring - Dr. Valenti
42 Dr. Valenti indicated that this resolution has been reviewed and endorsed by other
43 public health committees and is now looking for endorsement from the Quality
44 Improvement and Patient Safety committee, as it helps solidify MSSNY's approach
45 towards public health emergencies. Dr. Valenti reviewed the resolution, which was
46 followed by a discussion by the committee. A motion was made for the committee
47 to approve the co-sponsorship of the resolution, and it was approved.

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49 B) Resolution to Update Ambulance Call Reports (ACRs') - Dr. Melniker
50 Dr. Melniker indicated that he and his team in the emergency department at NYP
51 Brooklyn Methodist Hospital have been researching the issue of ACRs being too
52 vague for smaller accidents such as scooter accidents and falls in the home. He
53 has spoken to Senator Gounardes on a few occasions about his roadway and
54 cycling safety legislative initiatives, most of which have passed and are a great
55 step forward in terms of this issue. Dr. Melniker indicated that this resolution would
56 call for MSSNY to work with policy makers and funding entities including the
57 American Medical Association and House of Delegates, to provide funding to
58 enhance and update the ARC electronic form, so that it can reflect more granular
59 information on smaller accidents. This would allow improvement in patient care.
60 Ms. Clancy suggested to Dr. Melniker that he submit this resolution by the week
61 prior to the February 28th house deadline.

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63 **5. ABMS Portfolio**

64 Dr. Bradley indicated that there is a meeting scheduled with Dr. Hardin, Dr.
65 Gagliano and Ms. Clancy to discuss how to move forward in terms of possible
66 funding sources, as well as program content.

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68 **6. Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was
69 approved. **Next Meeting Date:** May 8, 2024.