



MEMORANDUM

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TO: MSSNY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION REPORT

The following is an update on various projects that MSSNY's Division of Public Health and Education are involved:

Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative (VMHTI)

The Medical Society has been awarded a \$100,000 New York State grant through the state budget process (2022-23). The state grant enables MSSNY to continue its physicians' training initiative for programs such as PTSD, Depression and Suicide, TBI, Military Culture, Veterans and COVID, Military Sexual Trauma, and many other programs. MSSNY has received a NYS Senate appropriation for this program since 2015 and has held various webinars and live seminar throughout the state. The program has also held several one-day conferences for physicians and other health care workers. MSSNY partners with the New York State Psychiatric Association and the National Association of Social Workers, New York Chapter. MSSNY, NYPSA, and NASW also plans to seek another state budget appropriation during the upcoming 2024 budget cycle. MSSNY has a Veterans Planning Committee which consists of MSSNY physicians who assist in the development of these programs. Any county medical society and hospital institution can request any of these programs; please contact Melissa Hoffman at mhoffman@mssny.org. The program on Military Sexual Trauma will be presented as a live seminar on January 28, 2023 in Lake Placid.

MSSNY Emergency Preparedness and Disaster and Terrorism Response Committee

MSSNY's Medical Matters continue under its contract with the NYS DOH for its Emergency Preparedness grant. January's program is entitled, "**COVID Q & A: Pandemic vs. Endemic? Future of COVID? Long COVID?**" Faculty are William Valenti, MD and Bonnie Litvack, MD. Registration for the January 25, 2023, program is at: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#). Further information on February and March program will be forthcoming. MSSNY Emergency Planning committee has also developed numerous podcasts and MSSNY podcasts are now ranked in the top 50% of podcasts listen to. Physicians can listen to podcasts at <https://www.buzzsprout.com/51522>. MSSNY has over 100 podcasts available and over 15,000 downloads. MSSNY Podcasts can be listened at Apple podcasts, Google Podcasts, iHeart Radio, and Spotify.

MSSNY/MESF Application for Physician Leadership Grant

MSSNY and MESF has applied to the Physician's Foundation for a physician leadership grant. The grant is for \$150,000 over a two-year period and MSSNY/MESF will be notified on January 25, 2023, as to whether the grant has been awarded to us. By securing this grant, MSSNY/MESF would be able to create a Physician Leadership Academy whereby physicians can take up to 18 CME credits virtually during a Fall and Winter semester.

MSSNY Joint Organizational Meeting on COVID 19

MSSNY continues with its monthly call with the NYS Department of Health, NYC Department of Health, various medical specialties, county medical societies executives, the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO), local county health commissioners. This call has been extremely productive, and the purpose of this group is to help facilitate and promote COVID19 immunizations, ensures vaccine equity and assist with any distribution of COVID19 vaccine. The meeting also is a forum to answer any questions regarding the guidance issued by the state or federal government regarding the pandemic. The next call is February from 12-1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Any physician interested in participating please contact Pat Clancy at pclancy@mssny.org.