

MINUTES

Meeting: State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council

Date: June 4, 2015

Chair: Jennifer Benedict

Members Present:

Steve Bender	E	Mark Kopson	P
Jennifer Benedict	P	Thomas McGraw	P
Martha Boonstra	P	Josh Moore	E
Mercedes Dordeski	P	Laura Napiewocki	A
Timothy Gutwald	A	Monica Navarro	P
Patrick Haddad	P	Donna O'Connor	P
John Hazewinkel	E	Trish Schabath	P
Cara Jansma	E	Deborah Williamson	P
Matt Keuten	P		

Guests Present:

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Jen Benedict)	Jen called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
Roll Call (Jen Benedict)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Jen Benedict)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2015 Council Meeting (Cara Jansma)	In the May minutes the call to order time should be 4:33 p.m. and not 4:03 p.m. The minutes will be corrected to reflect this change. The minutes were unanimously approved with the time change.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Tom submitted financial information in advance of the meeting. The financials are through the first 7 months. There were 2 large expenses in April, \$5,636 for ICLE and \$2,000 for administrative expenses. There is \$79,000 in the bank. The Section is in good shape.
Technology Report (John Hazewinkel)	John is helping the Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness Ad Hoc Task Force to place materials on the state bar web site.

Committee Reports

Substantive Law Committee Report (Matt Keuten)	<p>Since the last council meeting the Substantive Law Committee has had 3 webinars.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 19 - Demystifying the 340 B Drug Program Speaker: Marta Hoffman, Plunkett Cooney 79 people registered and 39 attended. The reviews were excellent. May 28 - Krusac vs. Covenant Speaker: Timothy Gutwald, Miller Johnson 88 people registered and 60 people attended. This webinar also received excellent reviews and comments on a timely relevant topic. <p>This morning there was a webinar on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 4 – The Heroin Epidemic: Why it Happened, What We're Doing About it and How Law and Gov't Policy Can Effect Change. Speakers: Erica Clute-Cubbin, Attorney & Counselor, Goldin & Associated,
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	<p>PLLC & Lauren Rousseau, Professor, Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.</p> <p>72 people registered and 41 people attended. Attendance and comments were excellent. Today's webinar marks the 8th webinar presented by the Substantive Law Committee.</p> <p>Upcoming webinars are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 22 - NPDB Guidebook - How changes impact facility reporting and medical staff processes. Speakers: Gregory Drutchas & Elise Arsenault, Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook • June 30 – HIPAA 101 Speakers: Norbert Kugele & Nathan Steed, Warner, Norcross & Judd <p>The Committee will continue to meet over the summer informally so that there are webinars in place for the fall.</p>
Publications Committee Report (Monica Navarro)	<p>Working on the compilation of articles for, "Trouble Shooting the ACA: Lessons from the Trenches." Everyone has completed a 1st draft and the committee is working on editing. The goal is to have the final draft completed by this summer. One of the authors decided not to participate and this has put the project behind. The committee will complete by the Annual Meeting to kick off the new year. The committee will continue to work on the project until it will be a product the HCLS will be proud of. Monica asked if there was a status on the HIPAA task force. The last she heard the 1st draft was completed by the students and the drafts were being proofed. Monica has not heard from the task force in a while and is not sure if there should be concern. Jen will touch base with Greg to get an update. Monica suggested that this be a standing item on the agenda going forward.</p>
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	<p>Senate Bill 68 of 2015 (advanced practice registered nurses), substitute version of Senate Bill 68 introduced, for the full Michigan Senate to vote on, but no vote has occurred. Will continue to monitor. Other issues being looked at by Legislative committee 1) CRNA Scope of Practice -, allows them to do certain things on their own without asking permission, 2) Licensing of Midwives, 3) Licensing of Naturopathic Physicians.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Trish Schabath)	<p>There was a training session that took place on May 26. Trish was told that 8 or 9 people had registered. Trish is waiting to hear from Peggy Costello to see if they actually attended. Trish is also trying to see if she can get the number of hours the HCLS members have volunteered at the Veterans Law Clinic. There will be another training session for the Veterans Law Clinic in August. Trish will get the date and make sure we inform the HCLS members. Trish will also start looking for other ways that HCLS members can volunteer their time.</p>
Fellows Committee Report (Deborah Williamson)	<p>Deb is in the process of notifying the 2015 Fellows. Once they have been notified she will order the awards for the Annual Meeting.</p>
New Lawyers (Steve Bender)	<p>U of M law presently has no applicants for the law school academic achievement award. Cooley will not be participating in the law school academic achievement award this year, as they did not offer any healthcare law courses. Wayne State has decided they will participate this year and are looking at candidates.</p>
Membership Committee (Tim Gutwald)	<p>No report.</p>
Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness Ad Hoc Task Force (Cara Jansma)	<p>No report.</p>
Old Business	

HCLS Committees (Mark Kopson/Martha Boonstra)	A revised committee roster was provided to the Council. Mark and Martha worked to match volunteers with their strengths and interests from those that submitted their name from the call for volunteers. Mark and Martha contacted the current chairs to see if they wanted to continue, and those that were terming off to get ideas for replacements. New people were recruited to try and get new blood. The council is still looking for a chair for the New Lawyers and Student Committee. Matt Keuten agreed to chair the New Lawyers and Student Committee for 2015-16. Monica Navarro nominated Louis Szura to be the chair of the Publications committee. In order for this to occur Louis needs to be on the Council. Monica nominated him for Council. Louis Szura is a Cornell Law School graduate. He has been in practice for 10 years and has been on the HCLS Publication Committee for 3 years. Louis has payer and provider experience. Deb Williamson would like to mentor someone for her position because she will be at term limits. Martha agreed to join the Fellows Committee for transition planning. Jen checked the Bylaws and a vote is not needed to approve the new committee chairs.
Annual Meeting – Thursday, September 24 (Jen Benedict)	There were about 12 speakers that submitted proposals. The committee met and worked out an agenda for the annual meeting. Jen has not reached out to any of the speakers yet, so she can't discuss the agenda/topics for the Annual Meeting.
Nominations Committee (Jen Benedict)	According to the Bylaws the HCLS Council must have between 13-19 members. As of today, there are 17 members and 5 council members are terming off as follows: Tom McGraw, Laura Napiewocki, Monica Navarro, Donna O'Connor and Steve Bender. Therefore, the Council could elect up to 6 more people. Louis Szura was nominated earlier. Tom will not be Treasurer next year. Looking for a Treasurer. Jen asked that the current Council brainstorm who would be a good council member and email Jen. Monica nominated Sheerin Siddique for Council.
Adjournment (Jen Benedict)	The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.
	Jen may skip the July meeting and do a vote by email on the pre-Tiger game festivities. Next meeting August 6, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Susan Stokes