

MINUTES

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

Date: February 5, 2015 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Chair: Jennifer Benedict

Members Present:

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

Guests Present: Susan Stokes

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Jen Benedict)	Jen called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.
Roll Call (Jen Benedict)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Jen Benedict)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2015 Council Meeting (Cara Jansma)	The minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2015 were unanimously approved
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Tom submitted financial information in advance of the meeting. As of September 2014 fiscal year end we had \$58,000 in the bank which was \$3,000 less than last fiscal year. We received roughly \$33,000 in dues and had \$1,000 in expenses so there is \$90,000 in the bank as of December 31. Most of the expenses the section has come at the end of the year, such as donations and annual meeting.
Technology Report (John Hazewinkel)	There will no longer be a Technology committee. John Hazewinkel didn't have committee members. John will now be the point person for the website and issues pertaining to technology. Susan can now help with the website. John encourages use of the website for Health Law Section business such as directory, discussion area, events and programs. Can include newsletter too and send notices to all the membership from the website.
Committee Reports	
Substantive Law Committee Report (Matt Keuten)	<p>Matt discussed recent and upcoming webinars as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 21 – "Physician and Patient Appeal Rights in the Face of Commercial and Medicaid Managed Care Adverse Actions" – Speaker: Andrew Wachler, Wachler and Associates, P.C. (96 registered, 52 attended) February 3 – "Private Use: A Practical Guide for Real World Problems" – Speaker: Elizabeth Walker, Hall Render (62 registered, 32 attended) Late March early April – Meaningful Use – Speaker: Jeff Short, Hall Render April 14 – Physician Hospital Organizations (PHO's) – structure, regulatory issues, function and market trends. Speakers: Mark Waxman & Alexis Bortniker, both from Foley Lardner. The presenters asked if they could

	<p>present from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alessandra Swanson from OCR contacted Liz Callahan Morris about enforcement actions in the region and doing a webinar on useful tips for those undergoing enforcement action for HIPAA. <p>Go to Webinar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues with using GoToWebinar for web portion and Teleconference call-in line. Issues with muting participants – two separate systems Can we reconsider using the AT conference line for webinars Either participants pay for the call, or we use “open voice” a toll free option, which appears to be the same price as our conference line. We could drop the AT conference line and just use GoToMeeting for everything else. We would like to purchase their toll free option for a month so we can try out the new system and see how it works. Open Voice is supposed to be integrated with GoToWebinar so it should work more seamlessly. \$.079 per person per minute v. \$.08 per person per minute Committee will use the Open Voice Platform
Publications Committee Report (Monica Navarro)	A limited number of responses for the call to authors were received. The committee will review the responses, evaluate what they have, and provide an update next month.
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	<p>MDCH Behavioral Health Uniform Consent Form – MDCH is interested in comments from stakeholders. Patrick will be having a call with the MDCH soon. Early or mid-spring, they will reconvene work group and evaluate use of form.</p> <p>Legislation regarding scope of practice for Advanced Practice Nurses came out last week. Patrick will provide update.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Trish Schabath)	Still trying to get educational teleconference scheduled with Peggy Costello for Veterans Clinic at University of Detroit-Mercy. She has provided dates in March, once selected we will provide notice to section and hope for 10 members to participate in training. The teleconference spells out options available. You must attend training to help with the clinic.
Fellows Committee Report (Deborah Williamson)	Request for nominations will be going out soon.
New Lawyers (Steve Bender)	<p>Two e-blasts have been sent to New Lawyers and Law Students for an event “Night at the Palace” on February 11 at 7:30 p.m. during the Pistons vs. San Antonio Spurs game. The cost would be \$2,500 which includes use of the Round Ball Suite, \$600 worth of food and beverages and 12 tickets to the game. The suite holds 26 people. As of today, 21 people RSVP’d. There is room for 5 more people to attend.</p> <p>Within committee we’ve divided up responsibilities for Lunch and Learns. Try to have attorneys from a variety of areas within health law talk to students over lunch.</p> <p>Law School Achievement award. Undesignated scholarship we make to the universities (U of M, U of D, MSU, and Cooley), we ask the schools to choose someone who has excelled in the area of health care law. The achievement awards are given out at the annual meeting. Wayne State has elected not to participate in the achievement award program.</p>

	Counsel approved \$1500 per school for law school achievement award and reimbursement for Lunch and Learns, not to exceed \$100.
Membership Committee (Tim Gutwald)	No members yet. Jen asked Tim to begin personally contacting people and ask them to join the committee.
Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness Ad Hoc Task Force (Laura Napiewocki)	Devin Schindler, Professor at Thomas Cooley Law School has agreed to be on the task force. He has been working on constitutional law aspects. Devon is writing up his portion on internal reporting policies. We've identified major categories and are working on involving other members to work on this project. Still at the initial process of getting things going.
New Business – None.	
Old Business	
HCLS Appreciation Dinner – Thursday, March 12 (Donna O'Connor)	Jen told Susan she would call her offline regarding the Appreciation Dinner.
HCLS Call for Volunteers (Jen Benedict)	Jen circulated draft and requested comments/suggestions. Jen has included all the committees so that we can get a list going of individuals who want to be involved so we can include them going forward.
Michigan Bar Journal – Health Law Theme Issue, February 2017	Health Law Theme Issue will be in February 2017. Need to identify a point person.
Adjournment (Jen Benedict)	The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m. Next meeting: 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015

Minutes recorded by: Susan Stokes
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