

MINUTES

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

Date: March 5, 2015 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Chair: Jennifer Benedict

Members Present:

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

Guests Present: Susan Stokes

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Jen Benedict)	Jen called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.
Roll Call (Jen Benedict)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Jen Benedict)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2015 Council Meeting (Jen Benedict)	The minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2015 were unanimously approved.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Tom submitted financial information in advance of the meeting. The financial are through January 2015. The HCLS is about \$1,000 short of last year for dues. There were 2 expenses for the month: 1) \$2,500 for the new lawyer's event, Pistons basketball game and 2) an annual meeting carryover of \$700 from the 2014 annual meeting. There is \$88,000 in the bank account so we are in good shape.
Committee Reports	
Substantive Law Committee Report (Jen Benedict)	<p>Upcoming Webinars:</p> <p>March 23 - HER Incentive Programs: Tips, Traps & Emerging Issues for Meaningful Use. Speaker: Jeff Short, Hall Render</p> <p>April 14 - The PHO Regulatory Environment. Speaker: Alexis Bortniker and Mark Waxman, Foley & Lardner</p> <p>May 19 - 340B topic. Speaker: Marta Hoffman</p> <p>Alessandra Swanson from OCR contacted Liz Callahan Morris about doing a webinar on HIPAA enforcement actions. Liz thought it would be good to have a co-sponsor and the substantive law committee was thinking MHA or MSMS. It was decided the webinar should be co-sponsored with MHA, the contact could be Amy Barkholz.</p>
Publications Committee Report (Mercedes Dordeski)	No report.
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	Senate Bill 68 for Advance Practice Nurses was introduced and referred to committee. MDCH Behavioral Health Uniform Consent Form feedback – no challenges so far.

	Senate Bill on CRNA Supervision is still in committee.
Technology Committee Report (John Hazewinkel)	No report.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Trish Schabath)	Looking at April 22 for repeat education conference on different ways to get involved with the Veteran's Law Clinic at University of Detroit - Mercy with Peggy Costello. After teleconference there would be a training session in May. Members that would like to help must attend the training session so they can volunteer.
Fellows Committee Report (Deborah Williamson)	E-mail blast sent out asking for nominations for 2015 Fellows. A few have been received. Once the deadline passes the committee will meet to look at the nominations.
New Lawyers (Steve Bender)	Reached out to law schools about the Lunch and Learns and the committee is in the process of developing lunch and learn panels. The committee is also working the law school achievement awards. Recap of February 11 Piston's game and renting a suite was very positive. About 20 people attended. The suite held 26. There were many new faces. It was a good event to meet people and the food was great. The weather was not good and the turnout was still great. The committee wants to repeat this type of event in other areas of Michigan.
Membership Committee (Tim Gutwald)	The committee had Josh Moore and Pete VanLaan join. The committee is focusing on 2 areas 1) Developing an onboarding process, which would include an email to new members and a follow-up call after some time. 2) Use of more social media; the committee could do posts on the website and/or Twitter. Also wondering if when people join could they get a discount on meetings or ICLE. Looking at doing possibly 3 social events one on the east side – Tiger's game, west side – minor baseball game, hockey and possibly Lansing. With the Tiger's game there could be a pre-game event. Thinking of doing the Tiger's game with the Annual meeting and the pre-game event would be at the DAC or other location in Detroit.
Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness Ad Hoc Task Force (Jen Benedict)	Jen gave report for Laura and Cara. They are working through the list of categories and involving members on the committee. Devon prepared a paper on internal reporting policies for a Pandemic.
New Business	
HCLS Appreciation Dinner – Thursday, March 12 (Donna O'Connor)	38 people have RSVP'd so far for the dinner. A new room was picked at the Inn at St. John's for the purpose of making the event more festive. The dinner will follow the ICLE cocktail hour. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served with a choice of three dinners following.
HCLS Call for Volunteers (Mark Kopson/Martha Boonstra)	The responses to the Call for Volunteers were put into an Excel spreadsheet by Mark and Martha. An email was sent to each person that submitted their name thanking them for volunteering. Martha asked if a follow-up email could be sent asking the volunteers to meet Mark and Martha during ICLE's cocktail hour. Jen agreed this was a good idea. Martha commented they received a good diversity of people. Jen will give a plug about this during ICLE and the call for volunteers is also in the ICLE binder. Martha asked what should happen next with the names. She also asked if there is a limit to the number of committee members and if the committees had term limits. Martha also noted some committees are more active than others. It was asked, Do committee need to be given expectations? If this happened new members would know what is expected of them. Martha was thinking for a next step she would reach out to the committee chairs to see if they need help. The Council agreed. Jen will make a comment at ICLE to those that submit their names...when we populate the committees at the end of the summer we will be reaching out to you.

Old Business	
ICLE Health Law Institute – Travel Costs for National Speaker (Jen Benedict)	<p>Lisa Geherin from ICLE contacted Jen to ask if the HCLS would help to cover 50% of the travel expenses for 2 national speakers who will be speaking on Ebola and Pandemic Preparedness. The cost would be \$660 to cover the expenses. The expense came about after the ICLE budget was completed.</p> <p>A motion was made to cover ½ the travel costs for the ICLE national speakers (\$660). The motion was unanimously approved.</p>
Annual Meeting (Jen Benedict)	<p>Jen asked if she could solicit help to involve the Fellows in the planning of the annual meeting. It was agreed this should be done.</p> <p>Should we stay at the DAC or switch venues? Everyone expressed that the DAC was a good venue. The Council also liked the idea of tying the annual meeting with a Tiger's game.</p>
Adjournment (Jen Benedict)	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.</p> <p>Next meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2015</p>

Minutes recorded by: Susan Stokes

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