

MINUTES

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

Date: April 7, 2022

Chair: Nicole Stratton

Members Present:

Reesa Benkoff	P	Leslie Rojas-Whitworth	E
Aaron Beresh	E	Sheerin Siddique	P
Colleen Clarkson	P	Jenna Simon	P
Becky Glitman	P	Patricia Stamler	P
Timothy Gutwald	E	Nicole Stratton	P
Cara Jansma	A	Deborah Williamson	P
Matthew Keuten	A	Ashley Weiner	P
Eric Klein	E	Rose Willis	P
Andrea Lee Linna	P		
Kevin Miserez	A		
Laura Napiewocki	P		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Nicole Stratton)	Nicole called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.
Roll Call (Susan Stokes)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Nicole Stratton)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2022 (Colleen Clarkson)	The March 3, 2022 Minutes were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report (Andrea Lee Linna)	Andrea discussed the Income and Expenses from this month. There is a healthy balance in the account.
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	The committee will host a hot topics town hall webinar tonight @ 6:30 p.m. The program had 100 people register.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Reesa Benkoff)	<p>A State and Federal Regulation Update took place on March 8th and a Update on Fraud and Abuse took place on March 23rd.</p> <p>Both webinars were well received with 63 and 64 people attending respectively.</p> <p>The HCLS members were appreciative that there was no charge to attend these webinars.</p> <p>Tim Gutwald will do a Surprise Billing Webinar on April 13 at Noon.</p> <p>On June 7th Chris Laney from HAP will do a webinar to discuss Insurance Coverage for OTC COVID Tests.</p> <p>A Cybersecurity webinar is also being worked on for May or June.</p> <p>Lastly, the committee is checking back with Alan Rogalski of Warner Norcross Judd to see if it is yet appropriate to present on the new Proposed Pharmacy Regulations.</p>
Publications Committee Report (Becky Glitman)	A Surprise Billing paper was published. A thank you goes out to Patricia Stamler for helping to get the paper published.

	<p>There is no update on the other papers other than they are still in process as follows:</p> <p>The following papers are in progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information Blocking 2. Health Facilities Rules being updated 3. PA and APRN paper being updated 4. CON Basics in Michigan paper is being updated (this is on hold until the law settles) <p>Nicole Stratton stated that if any of the authors were interested in speaking at the Annual Meeting that would be agreeable.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Aaron Beresh)	Nicole and Jenna (she hosted a young lawyers event earlier in the year with them) discussed a pro bono/charitable event that the Georgia Bar does annually where the young lawyers section leads a "Food Frenzy" with the local food bank. It is a competition open to all the legal community in GA. Could this event be "copied" to the State Bar of Michigan or something similar in the future.
Fellow Committee Report (Timothy Gutwald)	Per Tim Gutwald's email a nomination for Fellows' email will be sent out to the membership next month.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Kevin Miserez)	Nicole Stratton stated that Lunch and Learns were completed at the University of Detroit Mercy and Wayne State University. Several Council members noted that they had attend the Zoom Lunch & Learns and that good discussion took place.
Membership Committee Report (Jenna Simon)	The committee has planned a Painting with a Twist event for May 4 th in Ferndale from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The cost to the Section is \$39 per person + tip. There is a limit of 40 people. The committee would also like to provide catering and wine. Patricia Stamler suggested that the Section use Anita's Kitchen for the catering. <u>Motion: To approve \$3,000 for Painting with A Twist event which includes catering and wine. The Motion was unanimously approved.</u>
Old Business	
Pro Bono Donation	Nicole Stratton received word from the State Bar of Michigan that the Section could make a donation to a 501(C)3 organization. The Section needs to decide how much to donate and to what organization (s). Discussion took place on an appropriate amount. Andrea Lee Linna suggested that the Section members make donations and the Section would match the amount donated. Patricia Stamler suggested that the donation goes to Health Care Workers for all their hard work during the pandemic. Nicole Stratton suggested that it go to an organization that benefits across health care such as the American Red Cross. Discussion also took place about giving more resources and money to students. The cost of a law degree is high. Another idea was donating to Legal Aid and stating that the money has to be used for "XYZ" healthcare issues. Action Item: Nicole Stratton will reach out to Aaron Beresh to ask that the Pro Bono committee come up with a list of 3 organizations that the money could be distributed to. A discussion also took place as to if the members had to vote on the donation. Nicole suggested that the members could vote on the final choices for the distributions. Action Item: Andrea Lee will come up with an appropriate amount that could be donate for the Council to vote on.
New Business	
Annual Meeting Survey	A survey was distributed to the HCLS membership. The results of the survey were as follows: In-Person = 45%, Virtual = 45%, and Not Able to attend \$10%. Discussion took place as to if the money could be rolled over until 2023. Could the event be hybrid and a third idea was to see if the Annual Meeting could be changed to a smaller room that would have smaller rental fees and catering fees. There was also discussion as to if the members need to be required to be vaccinated and tested prior to attending. A question was asked as to what the DAC facility rules are for COVID. Action Item: Susan will

	follow up with DAC to see what the options are and report back to the Executive Committee and Council.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Nicole Stratton)	The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on May 5, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.