

# MINUTES

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

**Date:** December 7, 2023

**Chair:** Deborah Williamson

**Members Present:**

Jeremy Belanger	P	Eric Klein	E
Reesa Benkoff	P	Lisa Lucido	E
Aaron Beresh	P	Laura Napiewocki	E
Colleen Clarkson	P	Jenna Simon	P
Elizabeth Callahan-Morris	P	Aaron Sohaski	P
Jovan Dragovic	E	Matthew Turchyn	P
Becky Glitman	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Timothy Gutwald	P	Ashley Weiner	P
Matthew Keuten	E	Rose Willis	P

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Deborah Williamson)	Deb called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
Roll Call (Deborah Williamson)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Deborah Williamson)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2023 (Colleen Clarkson)	The November 2, 2023, Minutes were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report (Reesa Benkoff)	There was income received from Section dues of \$16,672.49. There were no expenses for the month of October. The ending Funding balance for October was \$82,220.60. The Council is in good shape financially.
<b>Committee Reports</b>	
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	The committee will be meeting in the next 2 weeks. They are going to work on a Hot Topics panel for the spring. The committee has only 4 members and was asked to review the Public Policy on Healthcare Issues. There was a Public Policy Training meeting this past Tuesday, neither Ashley nor Deb was able to attend. <b>Action Item: Deb will forward Public Policy information to Ashley as she receives it.</b> The Committee will work to give updates on Public Policy if they have the members to do so.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Eric Klein)	There were some new topics discussed such as Updates to SNF CHOW process and insider trading in healthcare. The subcommittees are working on finding speakers for the topics they have brainstormed. The goal is to have the first webinar in January of 2024 and monthly thereafter. No dates or topics have been finalized at this time.
Publications Committee Report (Matthew Turchyn)	<p>The General Licensing paper &amp; Status of Health Insurance Exchanges in Michigan papers are close to being updated and published. An Information Blocking paper is also being written by Mike Bossenbroek and is close to being published.</p> <p>The committee is looking to update the HIPAA Privacy Rule Preemption Analysis Matrix for Michigan Law Paper written in 2018. Matt asked if any of the Council members had thoughts on who could take a lead on this project and how this project could be tackled because it is a large project. It was suggested they reach out to past contributors from 2018 to see if anyone would be willing to assist. Andrea Lee Linna led the project and is no longer in the SBM so would not be able to assist. Elizabeth Callahan-Morris and Deb Williamson agreed to help. Matt suggested that having a HIPAA attorney would be a great asset to assist and possibly that law firm would have a summer associate program that</p>

	could assist. Possibly an email blast could be done asking for volunteers. Becky Glitman suggested that a subcommittee could be formed. <b>Action Item: Matt will contact past contributors and see if anyone would be able to assist, Matt will keep the Council updated on the progress.</b>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Aaron Beresh)	<p>The committee would like to do a donation of blankets, toys, or stuffed animals to health care facilities for children in treatment. The committee is working to compile a list of health systems that need items and what type of items they need.</p> <p>Aaron Beresh requested discussion on whether the proposed activity would create a conflict of interest for HCLS members who are employed by or contracted with hospitals or health systems where items would be donated to pediatric patients. After discussion of the proposal, the Council concluded it would not automatically create a conflict for Council or Section members who work for hospitals or health systems to which items would be provided.</p> <p>Jeremy Belanger will assist with Corewell Health</p> <p>Aaron Sohaski approached Henry Ford Health and they were receptive to the idea.</p> <p>If other Council members have contacts at a health system, please contact Aaron Beresh with their name.</p>
Fellow Committee Report (Mathew Keuten)	No report. The committee does the bulk of their work starting in early 2024.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Reported by Deb Williamson)	<p>There is a Lunch &amp; Learn being planned for January 29<sup>th</sup> at Cooley Law in Lansing. Currently they have 2 lawyers, and both are in-house to speak at the event. They are looking for someone in Private Practice, a Health Plan, or a Government Attorney. Tim Gutwald agreed to assist as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for a telehealth company.</p> <p>The committee will be meeting again next week.</p>
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	<p>The committee is working on an in-person social event as follows: A New Lawyers and Law Students, "What Lawyers Do." The program is being planned for late January to early February timeframe at Honigman. They have 2 of the 4 speakers needed.</p> <p>The committee would like to start a LinkedIn page to keep members abreast of Section news. The Council member thought this was a good idea. There was a Twitter page in the past, but this has not been used in several years.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	
Annual Meeting (Deborah Williamson)	The Annual Meeting Planning Committee is considering modifying the Annual Meeting format for 2024 from an all-day program that includes educational sessions to a luncheon/networking Annual Meeting without formal speakers. Currently the date of Thursday, September 19, 2024, is being considered. No Council members indicated that the date would interfere with other conferences, meetings, or holy days. <b>Action Item: A survey will be sent out next week to the membership to see if the members have an interest in this modified Annual Meeting.</b>
Law Student Membership Fee Waived (Jeremy Belanger)	Jeremy discussed that more students may join the section if they didn't have to pay a fee to join the HCLS. There is a student fee that they do have to pay to be a SBM Student Member. Several Council members agreed that this would be a good idea because the fee was \$5, and it didn't seem it would be a hardship for the Section to waive this fee. <b>Motion: To remove the \$5 fee for students to join the HCLS. Motion: Unanimously approved.</b>
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Deborah Williamson)	The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on January 4, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.

