

## MINUTES

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

**Date:** October 1, 2015

**Chair:** Mark Kopson

### Members Present:

Jennifer Benedict	P	Johanna Novak	P
Martha Boonstra	P	Josh Moore	E
Mercedes Dordeski	E	Trish Schabath	P
Timothy Gutwald	P	Sheerin Siddique	P
Patrick Haddad	P	Louis Szura	P
John Hazewinkel	P	Deborah Williamson	E
Cara Jansma	P		
Matthew Keuten	P		
Mark Kopson	P		

### Guests Present:

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Mark Kopson)	Mark called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
Roll Call (Mark Kopson)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Mark Kopson)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2015 Council Meeting (Cara Jansma)	Correct date to September 24 and should reflect membership in attendance. The following members were not present: Deb Williamson, Cara Jansma, Johanna Novak, Trish Schabath and Sheerin Siddique. The minutes were unanimously approved with the above changes.
Review and Comments/Changes on Draft 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes (Cara Jansma)	There were no changes suggested. These minutes will be approved at the next Annual Meeting in September 2016.
Treasurer's Report (Matthew Keuten)	The final billing from the DAC was submitted to the State Bar for \$5,000. This was the last outstanding expense for 2014-15 and the only change since Tom McGraw submitted his report at the Annual Meeting.
Technology Report (John Hazewinkel)	John is working on changing website pages. John to get report of annual meeting minutes and upload to page so they are searchable.

### Committee Reports

Substantive Law Committee Report (Martha Boonstra)	<p>The monthly meetings will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Noon. The committee is off to a good start and has been working on several programs.</p> <p>Oct 6 - HHS/OCR Current State of HIPAA Enforcement - a discussion of HIPAA enforcement activities</p> <p>Dec 9 – New Stark Law Changes - Don Romano - a discussion of the new Stark Law changes.</p> <p>Transaction topic in November – hope to finalize next week (Physician Practice Acquisition)</p> <p>Ron Chapman submitted a proposal for Annual Meeting. The topic was a proposal about Substance Abuse Part II Rules and Mental Health Treatment and how information can be disclosed.</p> <p>Payor Subcommittee working on a presentation concerning gay marriage law and transgender and payment related concerns with new laws and rulings.</p>
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Publications Committee Report (Louis Szura)	The monthly meeting will be on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday at 9 a.m. The plan is to come up with topics at the first meeting. Will send out a "Call for Authors" the end of October with a submission date the end of November to avoid delay of drafts. The goal for the committee for the year is to have 1 or 2 new topics and update an old topic.
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	No new developments. The committee has several new members. The goal is to have a more robust effort with more members.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Trish Schabath)	Trish did first piece of pro bono work with the Veterans Law Clinic. She did a review of military records to help make arrangements for additional benefits for the veterans. Background reviews don't require be trained. Would like to capitalize on a few events during Veterans Day in November and Memorial Day in May. Would like to get 8-10 people from the HCLS and have a training for just the Section. Will work on getting an announcement out about the November training. Trish would like to have a monthly Bro Bono newsletter for the future to help keep members thinking about opportunities. She is also researching other groups to partner with. Martha asked if background checks could be done remotely seeing that she is in Grand Rapids. Trish said that the information could be mailed to Section members and worked on at any time.
New Lawyers (Josh Moore)	No report.
Membership Committee (Tim Gutwald)	There is a west Michigan event on October 8 at Art Prize. There are 16 spots on the pub cruiser. There have been 12 spots spoken for. A call will take place later this month to onboard new members; they will be discussing networking events.
Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness Ad Hoc Task Force (Cara Jansma)	No report, but asked council to consider moving this committee under Publications or Substantive Law. Group thought it was a better fit under Publications, Going forward the Task Force will report under the Publications Committee
Fellows Committee Report (Mark Kopson)	All 2015 Fellows received their awards at the Annual Meeting and were very appreciative of the award. Deb's primary concern is training someone for her position, as she will be terming off after this year.
<b>Old Business</b>	
2015 Annual Meeting – Review and Debriefing (Mark Kopson)	Positive comments, good attendance of about 100 with 130 registered, came in under budget, members loved the venue. The meeting was well run and put together. Appreciative of not having breakout sessions. It was a fantastic event and the bar is set high for this coming year.
<b>New Business</b>	
Membership Survey (Mark Kopson)	Mark does not recall the last time a survey of the membership was done. Thinks it is a good practice to do and least every other year. Surveys can deliver good information and helps ensure members are getting the maximum bang for their buck with their dues. What else could we do that we are not doing? Action Item: Each committee should come up with 2 questions. The survey should be no more than 20 questions. What subject matter are people looking for? Entry level, more expert level programming. We need to give them what they want if they tell us what they want. Johanna Novak has agreed to compile the questions and John Hazewinkel has agreed to create the survey.
Diversity (Mark Kopson)	Goal for complete diversity, in terms of age, geographic location, and practice area. Asks the council to give some thought as to what they feel may be historical barriers to expanding diversity, and what may be helpful to increasing diversity of membership. Thoughts on what we might be able to do in that regard. May include additional substantive areas. Market to other sections to join. Remain mindful of transition planning for the counsel and for our section as a whole.
Networking (Mark Kopson)	How do we increase fun social activities? Lunch at the DAC could have been 2 hours. Opportunities to increase face-to-face time. 2 examples: (1) Virtual luncheon program – Not a webinar, but based on a call-in where a group of people agree to have a call

	at the lunch hour and have a discussion on a topic; like a roundtable, once per month (2) Pop-up meetings – What other opportunities do we have across the state for small, mini-gatherings. Maybe meeting after or before the Crain's Healthcare Summit. Maybe a company would sponsors events. Create opportunity for people to gather in places such as Lansing, Grand Rapids, Midland, Traverse City or the U.P. The possibilities are limitless. Be thinking of ideas to increase opportunities for conversations.
Matters for the Next Agenda (Mark Kopson)	This is a new agenda item to give Council members on opportunity to add an additional topic for next month. Mark encourages the Council members to reach out to him with ideas and concerns.
Adjournment (Mark Kopson)	The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.
	Next meeting November 5, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Cara Jansma and Susan Stokes