

## MINUTES

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

**Date:** January 6, 2022

**Chair:** Nicole Stratton

**Members Present:**

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

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Nicole Stratton)	Nicole called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.
Roll Call (Susan Stokes)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Nicole Stratton)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2021 (Colleen Clarkson)	The December 2, 2021 Minutes were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report (Nicole Stratton)	Nicole discussed the November ending balance on the Income Statement and that the Council has a good amount in the savings account. This month there was a charge for the webinar service and administrative services.

### Committee Reports

Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	<p>The committee will host a webinar on Thursday, April 7 @ 6:30 p.m. The speakers will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative Republican - Graham Filler</li> <li>• Representative Democrat - Angela Witwer</li> <li>• Dominick Pallone, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP)</li> </ul> <p><u>Topics of discussion for webinar</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardianship Bill</li> <li>• Auto No-Fault Insurance</li> <li>• Surprise Billing</li> </ul> <p>Discussion took place regarding changing the Council meeting date/time for April as the webinar will be 1 hour after the Council meeting. It was agreed that the 6:30 p.m. start time for the webinar would not have an impact on the April Council meeting and that both could happen on the same day.</p>
Substantive Law Committee Report (Reesa Benkoff)	<p>An <b>Information Blocking</b> webinar will take place on January 20<sup>th</sup> with Liza Brooks from Hall Render as the speaker.</p> <p><b>Vaccine Mandates</b> (Possible webinar date February – waiting to hear if the Supreme Court halts the CMS Rule pending litigation)</p>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meghan VerMerris, Senior Counsel, Spectrum Health</li> <li>• Jon Rabin, Health Care Employment Attorney and Litigator, Hall, Render, Killian, Heath &amp; Lyman's</li> </ul> <p>Alan Rogalski of Warner Norcross Judd will present on the new <b>proposed pharmacy regulations</b>. The webinar was moved from December to February because he is awaiting final rule on the regulations.</p>
Publications Committee Report (Becky Glitman)	<p>The <i>Surprise Billing</i> paper is close to completion and will be published in early 2022.</p> <p>The <i>Health Facilities</i> paper is in final stages and hopefully it will be published in early to mid-2022.</p> <p>The Pandemic group is working on a paper that reflects on lessons learned from the Pandemic. The paper on the website is outdated. The Pandemic Committee is hoping to develop a road map of lessons learned.</p> <p>The committee will focus on updating papers on the website in 2021-22. There are several publications that need to be updated such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensure paper</li> <li>• Scope of Practice of PA &amp; Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists in MI</li> <li>• CON Basics in Michigan</li> <li>• Information Blocking – Federal rules</li> </ul> <p>The committee could use editors. At this time, there is one editor per paper.</p> <p>The committee may do a "call for Authors" in the spring or summer.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Aaron Beresh)	No report.
Fellow Committee Report (Timothy Gutwald)	The committee will be meeting the beginning of next month to work on getting nominations.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Kevin Miserez)	The committee is working to arrange Lunch & Learns for late February and early March. Discussion took place regarding doing the Lunch & Learns in-person or virtually. The Council members felt that they should be done virtually due to the surge in COVID cases in Michigan.
Membership Committee Report (Jenna Simon)	The committee does not have any events planned for the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter for 2022. They are waiting to see if ICLE will remain in-person. At this time, the COVID surge would make it impossible to meet in-person. Many law firms are putting restrictions back in place.
<b>Old Business</b>	
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Night of the Health Law Institute (Susan Stokes)	<b>Action Item: Susan will contact ICLE to see how many people are registered for in-person and to see if ICLE still plans to have the Health Law Institute at the Inn at St. John.</b>
<b>New Business</b>	
Membership Fee – Section agreed to revisit the members price increase in 2017 from \$35 - \$45. Would members like to change the membership fee?	Discussion took place that the HCLS has one of the highest membership fees. At this time, because of COVID the Section has not spent much money due to cancellation of most in-person events. Discussion also took place in regards to the number of new members that have joined in the past few years and if the prices was prohibiting members from joining. <b>Action Item: Susan will contact the SBM to see if they could provide a membership recap as they have in the past.</b>

	<p>It was suggested that the additional money collected could be used to provide lunches to front-line workers or that the Section could make a donation to a 501 (c) 3 organization.</p> <p><b>Action Item: Susan will contact the SBM to see if there are rules against this and if this is permitted in the Bylaws.</b></p>
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Nicole Stratton)	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on February 3, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.</p>