

## MINUTES

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

**Date:** January 9, 2020

**Chair:** Mercedes Dordeski

**Members Present:**

Reesa Benkoff	P	Christian Schafer	P
Aaron Beresh	P	Jeff Schroder	E
Martha Boonstra	E	Sheerin Siddique	P
Mercedes Dordeski	P	Colleen Simek	E
Becky Glitman	P	Patricia Stamler	P
Eric Klein	P	Nicole Stratton	P
Andrea Lee	P	Louis Szura	P
Kevin Miserez	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Laura Napiewocki	P	Rose Willis	P
Leslie Rojas	P		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Mercedes Dordeski)	Mercedes called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
Roll Call (Mercedes Dordeski & Susan Stokes)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Mercedes Dordeski)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2020 (Rose Willis)	The December 5, 2019 Minutes were approved with the change that the person writing the telemedicine paper is Marc Vezina.
Treasurer's Report (Nicole Stratton, report given by Susan Stokes)	<p>Nicole received an email from the State Bar of Michigan that the IRS mileage rate decreased from .58 to .575 for 2020.</p> <p>For the year-ending, September 31, 2019, there was \$2,685, less in income over 2018. expenses were \$3,639, less over 2018. Therefore, there was net income of \$2,594, for year-ending 2019. There was approximately \$40,000 in income and \$40,000 in expenses for 2019. The Council needs to bring in income of about \$40,000 to stay near break-even.</p> <p>For the month of October, \$22,601 was received in dues revenue which is \$7,125 greater than the prior year. In November, the revenue evened out and there was an \$820 increase in revenue from dues over 2019. The ending Fund Balance for November was \$81,156.85 which was up from \$75,455.51, at this same time last year.</p>
<b>Committee Reports</b>	
Legislative Committee Report (Jeff Schroder)	No report.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Reesa Benkoff)	<p>For the December 11<sup>th</sup> Surprise Billing webinar there were 100 people that registered and 46 attended. Susan had about 10 people contact her the day of the webinar stating they were not able to attend. The webinar was recorded and the slides and a link to the recording were emailed to all those that registered. Generally, about ½ the people that register attend the actual webinar and a small percentage listen to the recording after the webinar. Susan can check a report to see how many people listen to the recording.</p> <p>There are 4 webinars currently being planned as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FDA Expert from Boston on Medical Devices – January 23, 2020 – the announcement has gone out</li> <li>2. No-fault Insurance – January 30, 2020 – goal is to send out the announcement tomorrow or Monday.</li> </ol>

	<p>3. Program Integrity Rules – February or late March</p> <p>4. Employment Law – Will move to April or May because there is an employment law topic at ICLE which pertains to discrimination and harassment.</p> <p>March – no webinar because of ICLE.</p>
Publications Committee Report (Becky Glitman)	<p>A) The committee is working to publish the publications from the 2018-19 year. The following publications are being worked on:</p> <p><b>1) Opioid prescribing in Michigan Impact on Clinical Care</b> (new rules) the committee is working on the final read through this weekend. The committee is hoping to get this published shortly.</p> <p><b>2) Payment Contracting Provider Appeals</b> (McLaren/McLaren Health Plan) – still waiting to receive a paper. No other authors submitted a proposal for this topic so the committee is trying to work with the authors.</p> <p>Three different “call for authors” were sent to the HCLS membership in mid-December and a reminder was emailed earlier this week. The committee has received quite a few responses. Mercedes and Becky discussed if at least one submission was received on each topic. Becky thought that at least one submission was received on each topic. The goal is to have the papers published in late spring or early summer.</p> <p>The topics are as follows: 1) Behavioral Health, 2) Scope of Practice Delegation NPS, Nurse Anesthetists and lower level licensure, and 3) Healthcare Facility Closure Rules in Michigan.</p> <p>There is also work being done on a Telemedicine paper and Becky will circle back on that paper in February.</p> <p>Laura reported that the Pandemic committee pulled together a draft and the hope is to have it completed in the next month.</p> <p>The Publication committee will be meeting on January 22, 2020 to look at the submissions and select the authors for the 2020 publications.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Aaron Beresh; Susan gave the update)	<p>Aaron and Louis connected today. The goal is to keep working with Michigan Community Resources (MCR) on projects they would have for the Health Care Law Section to support non-profits such as the local legal clinic that was done in the fall.</p>
Fellow Committee Report (Martha Boonstra)	<p>No report.</p>
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Deborah Williamson)	<p>Kevin Miserez introduced himself as the new chair of the committee. He is an associate from Pepper Hamilton. Kevin graduated in 2012. He has worked with Reesa Benkoff in the past. Kevin practices in all areas of health care law and has significant experience in regulatory and fraud &amp; abuse involving state and federal fraud.</p> <p>Kevin gave an update that the following schools have been contacted and the committee is working on dates for Lunch &amp; Learn events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Michigan</li> <li>• Wayne State University</li> <li>• Cooley Law School</li> </ul> <p>The committee has also reached out to Michigan State and University of Detroit Mercy, but have not received a response yet.</p> <p>The committee will work on coordinating and having the schools publicize the Lunch &amp; Learn events. It was also suggested that the Health Law Institute scholarships be publicized to the students through the school contacts so that all 10 scholarships will be used by students in 2020.</p>

Membership Committee Report (Andrea Lee reported by email)	<p>Upcoming event: Detroit Pistons game – January 22, 2020. Appetizers and beverages will be served. The event is free to Section members. There are 18 tickets available. An email announcement for the Pistons game was emailed to all the Section members. As of today, there are 9 people that have requested a ticket.</p> <p>The committee is working on planning an event in Grand Rapids. In the past, a Griffins games was planned and Warner Norcross offered their suite for the evening. Andrea asked if anyone had a connection or had a suite for the Griffins to let her know.</p> <p>Lastly, there will be a “happy hour” event planned on the east side in early spring.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	
Scholarships for law students and government attorneys for the HLI (Mercedes Dordeski)	<p>Discussion took place regarding student and government employee scholarships. The price for the student is normally about \$100 and the Council pays ½ of the fee or \$50 per student. <b>Motion: The Health Care Law Section will offer 10 student scholarships of \$50. The motion was unanimously approved.</b></p> <p>Discussion took place as to if a government employee would be allowed to accept a scholarship to the Health Law Institute. Mercedes contacted Leslie Wizner, but has not received a response back. Mercedes will follow up with another email and give a deadline of next Friday. <b>Action Item: Mercedes will follow up with the Council as to the outcome with a resolution, if needed.</b></p>
<b>New Business</b>	No new business.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Mercedes Dordeski)	The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on February 6, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.