

MINUTES

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

Date: July 7, 2022

Chair: Nicole Stratton

Members Present:

Reesa Benkoff	P	Leslie Rojas-Whitworth	A
Aaron Beresh	P	Sheerin Siddique	P
Colleen Clarkson	P	Jenna Simon	E
Becky Glitman	E	Patricia Stamler	P
Timothy Gutwald	A	Nicole Stratton	P
Cara Jansma	A	Deborah Williamson	P
Matthew Keuten	P	Ashley Weiner	E
Eric Klein	P	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 4:32 p.m.		
Roll Call (Susan Stokes)	See above.		
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Nicole Stratton)	None.		
Review and Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2022 (Colleen Clarkson)	The June 2, 2022, Minutes were approved as submitted.		
Treasurer's Report (Andrea Lee Linna)	Andrea discussed the Income and Expenses from May.		
Committee Reports			
Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	No report.		
Substantive Law Committee Report (Reesa Benkoff)	<p>On June 7th Chris Laney from HAP discussed the Federal Insurance Coverage Mandate for OTC COVID Tests. Attendance was on the low side but very well received.</p> <p>On July 14th there will be a PBM Update. This will be the last webinar of the year.</p> <p>Eric will takeover as chair in the fall. Eric and Reesa are working to get better committee participation. It would be beneficial to know how many members are on each committee and are they able to be a strong participant in the subcommittee. This year the committee chairs basically were tasked in developing and planning the webinars. If Council members have ideas for potential committee members, please contact Eric or Reesa.</p>		
Publications Committee Report (Laura Napiewocki)	<p>Laura discussed the development of a pandemic lessons learned chart and reviewed the chart. There are several line items, such as, employment matters, vaccine mandates, mask mandates, screening, visitor restrictions, and scope of practice, to name a few. The goal is to give lessons learned, legislative action, and provide links where available.</p> <p>Action Item: Laura asked the Council members to review the document and respond to her on missing topics such as long-term care, payors, etc., and give feedback by next week so she can inform the pandemic committee. The committee is agreeable to have any HCLS member add links or information to make this a valuable tool or guidepost on pandemic topics. The committee will need to ask for contributors from the</p>		

	Section to fill in the line items. There could be a “call for authors” to get volunteers to serve and contribute to the document.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Aaron Beresh)	It was discussed that the approved donations will go to the local Michigan Ronald McDonald Houses instead of the parent company. A discussion also took place as to if the HCLS would like to be involved in a volunteer project such as sorting food at the warehouse or another type of volunteer project. The Council members agreed that this would be a good idea. Many people are in need because of the pandemic and inflation. Rose has been in contact with Dawn Opel who is the General Counsel and Researcher for the Food Bank Council of Michigan, and she is a member of the State Bar. During the discussion it was also suggested that Council members could possibly make additional personal donations directly to the Food Bank Council. Rose will work with Ms. Opel to develop a list of 3 - 4 projects that the HCLS members could be involved in, and Rose will bring those choice back to the Council members. Action Item: Andrea Lee Linna will reach out to the SBM to figure out the best way to get the money to the charities.
Fellow Committee Report (Timothy Gutwald)	No report.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Kevin Miserez)	No report.
Membership Committee Report (Jenna Simon)	Nicole suggested that a member event could be combined with the Pro Bono volunteer event that was spoken about above. There could also be a dinner immediately following the volunteer project.
Old Business	
Annual Meeting Speakers	The speakers have been chosen and the topics will be NLRB and a HIPAA update. The program will be virtual starting at 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. with the annual business meeting from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. The title of the annual meeting will be as follows: <i>The Great Resignation in the Health Care Landscape and Its Impact</i> .
Annual Report	Susan drafted a first draft of the Annual Report and Nicole reviewed and revised the document several times. The final draft was included in the Council materials. If you would like any revisions, please let Susan know by July 11 th .
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Nicole Stratton)	The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on August 4, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.