

MINUTES

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

Date: May 3, 2018

Chair: Matthew Keuten

Members Present:

Jeremy Brieve	P	Sheerin Siddique	E
Martha Boonstra	E	Patricia Stamler	P
Mercedes Dordeski	P	Nicole Stratton	P
Timothy Gutwald	A	Louis Szura	P
Cara Jansma	E	Dustin Wachler	E
Matthew Keuten	P	Rose Willis	E
Leslie Rojas	A	Andrea Lee	P
Christian Schafer	P	Guest: Justin Sheehan (MCR)	P
Jeff Schroder	P		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Matthew Keuten)	Matt called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
Roll Call (Matthew Keuten)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Matthew Keuten)	None.
Michigan Community Resources (MCR) Information (Justin Sheehan)	<p>Nicole introduced Justin Sheehan who works on a per diem basis part-time for Michigan Community Resources. Since November of 2015 Justin has been the Executive Director for Lansing Promise. Before working at Lansing Promise, he was the Senior Legal & Policy Program Manager at Michigan Community Resources (MCR).</p> <p>MCR provides attorneys with pro bono opportunities that make a positive impact on low-income communities. The services provided by MCR involve a legal referral program in which, 1-2 times per month, MCR sends out a digest of legal requests received from eligible Michigan nonprofit organizations. Attorneys, in turn, sign up for the matters with which they are interested in volunteering for. The areas where services are needed are as follows: transactional work, taxes, employment, intellectual property, and contracts. Most of the clients don't know or realize they are in need or can't afford legal fees.</p> <p>MCR has 2 offices, one in Lansing and one office in Detroit at the Ford building on Griswold street. They also have a partnership with the Johnson Center in Grand Rapids.</p> <p>When MCR is approached by a nonprofit for help, MCR does an intake and accesses the legal issues and prioritizes their needs. Each month the digest is sent out with a listing of those nonprofits that need assistance. Attorneys interested in a matter contact the staff of MCR. Conflicts are cleared, the scope of the matter is summarized, then a draft contract is developed. The contract does have a deadline and scope so that the attorney does not feel like they have to continue pro bono work with the nonprofit after the agreed project is completed.</p> <p>MCR also offers other volunteer opportunities such as 1) speaking – to educate and train nonprofit executives and staff on transactional legal needs; and 2) publications – draft legal brochures, manuals (for example the Employment Law Section helped with writing an employment law manual).</p>

	<p>When attorneys respond to opportunities is there a vetting process by MCR? Not really, the attorneys normally self-regulate. They normally take opportunities that are in their area of expertise or interest. If the attorney starts something and feels it is beyond the scope of the contract they should contact MCR.</p> <p>MCR only gives their digest information to attorneys that have expressed an interest in taking on pro bono work. The information in the digest is exclusively available to those who have voiced interest in helping.</p> <p>The attorney can help by doing project-based work or by donating funds to MCR. Matt thought that the publication and workshop ideas could work for the HCLS. The next steps are for someone to reach out to Justin and he will begin to have conversations about ideas.</p> <p>Justin has found that the program is good for the nonprofits and the attorneys. Helping others is critically important to the profession. Justin will keep working with the HCLS on a model until the HCLS and MCR find something that works and benefits both groups.</p>																		
Review and Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2018 (Sheerin Siddique)	The minutes for April were tabled until next month.																		
Treasurer's Report (Mercedes Dordeski)	<p>Mercedes received a thank you note from the MSU student that received the HCLS academic achievement award.</p> <p>March expenses totaled \$16,619.37. The largest expenses for the month were for the ICLE appreciation dinner at \$3,447.08. Member outreach which was for the Griffins and Pistons games totaled \$6,669.82 and a deposit for the Annual Meeting of \$3,047.99.</p> <p>The Ending Fund Balance is \$67,000, which is down from \$71,626 from this same time last year.</p> <p>Mercedes noted that she only cut a check for 1 academic achievement award so far this year. Action Item: Matt will check with Tim as to where we stand on the awards.</p>																		
Committee Reports																			
Legislative Committee Report (Jeff Schroder)	Legislative Day is next week. Senator Mike Shirkey, Chair of the Health Policy Committee will give a Legislative Update. Immediately following the Update, a social/networking event will take place in partnership with the membership committee at Troppo in Lansing. As of today, there are 21 people that RSVP'd.																		
Substantive Law Committee Report (Jeremy Brieve)	<table><tr><th colspan="3">Upcoming Webinar calendar for 2017-18</th></tr><tr><th>Month</th><th>Responsible Subcommittee</th><th>Topic</th></tr><tr><td>April 10, 2018</td><td>Providers</td><td>Corporate Practice of Medicine</td></tr><tr><td>May 9, 2018</td><td>Providers</td><td>Telemedicine</td></tr><tr><td>May 31, 2018</td><td>Technology</td><td>Disaster Response in respect to HIPAA</td></tr><tr><td>June 13, 2018</td><td>Payors</td><td>Medicaid Mega Rules</td></tr></table>	Upcoming Webinar calendar for 2017-18			Month	Responsible Subcommittee	Topic	April 10, 2018	Providers	Corporate Practice of Medicine	May 9, 2018	Providers	Telemedicine	May 31, 2018	Technology	Disaster Response in respect to HIPAA	June 13, 2018	Payors	Medicaid Mega Rules
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Publications Committee Report (Louis Szura)	<p>The first draft of the new “Role of Physician's Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Michigan” has been received. The article should be ready to be published by the end of the month.</p> <p>The first draft of “Pursuing Provider Payments in No Fault Cases Post-Covenant” was received and should be ready to be published by early June.</p> <p>A first draft of “The Guide for Responding to Government Investigations” has not been received yet.</p> <p>A 3L law school student approached the publications committee about having an article he wrote published. The committee reviewed the publication and responded to the student that the publication was more academic and not something that the Section normally publishes. The student was very appreciative that the committee reviewed the publication.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Nicole Stratton)	Discussion took place as to what the Council thought about what Justin from MCR was proposing. Comments were that it was a good idea and Nicole should continue to pursue. Even if one person helped out a nonprofit that would be worth the effort. This would be trackable, so we would know how many people are involved and who is being helped. It seemed that MCR had several good opportunities that the Section could help out with several projects such as, a ½ day teaching event, publications or counseling.
Fellow Committee Report (Martha Boonstra report given by Susan Stokes)	The Fellows Committee met on April 30 th to review the nominees that were submitted this year and the nominees that had been put forth from prior years that were not picked. At this time, the committee has identified four strong candidates. The committee is doing some due diligence, and then will provide a memo to the council in advance of the June meeting. The goal will be to have a recommendation and approval of the slate at the June Council meeting.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Tim Gutwald)	No report.
Membership Committee Report (Andrea Lee)	<p>Upcoming membership events are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Happy Hour - planning for May following the Legislative Update day in Lansing. 2. Tigers game – June 13, 2018 – the announcement will be sent out soon 3. For fall, Art Prize is on the radar and being planned. <p>AHLA Day – 25 people RSVP'd about 15 people attended. The question arose regarding if this was a good event to continue. It is helpful to AHLA, but is it really helpful to the HCLS members? The goal is to try to get new HCLS members and that is not happening. The Committee did agree that 220 Merrill was a good venue for a future networking event. Matt was trying to figure out what the mutual benefits were of doing the AHLA day.</p>
New Business	
Dues Change (Matthew Keuten)	Matt received a letter from the SBM asking if the HCLS would like to increase dues. Last year the council voted to increase dues from \$35 to \$45, so a \$10 increase instead of \$5, so the Council wouldn't have to make another increase for 2-3 years. Discussion took place about an increase and it was noted that HCLS members already pay an amount near the top of what other section members pay. Also, there was a decrease in membership this year and its unclear if that is a result of the increase in membership dues.
Annual Meeting (Matthew Keuten)	The council officers and Past-President are part of the Annual Meeting planning committee. The committee is working on a solicitation for speakers.
Annual Report Summaries (Matthew Keuten)	Please complete your committee report for the year, for the Annual Report, and email to Susan, by the May 18 deadline.

Adjournment/Next Meeting (Matthew Keuten)	The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m. Next meeting is June 7, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m.
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