

## MINUTES

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

**Date:** November 5, 2020

**Chair:** Sheerin Siddique

**Members Present:**

Reesa Benkoff	P	Leslie Rojas-Whitworth	P
Aaron Beresh	P	Christian Schafer	P
Colleen Clarkson	P	Sheerin Siddique	P
Mercedes Dordesi	P	Jenna Simon	P
Becky Glitman	P	Patricia Stamler	P
Timothy Gutwald	P	Nicole Stratton	P
Eric Klein	P	Louis Szura	E
Andrea Lee Linna	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Kevin Miserez	P	Rose Willis	P
Laura Napiewocki	P		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Sheerin Siddique)	Sheerin called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
Roll Call (Susan Stokes)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Sheerin Siddique)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes from October 1 (Colleen Clarkson)	The October 1, 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report (Andrea Lee Linna)	The final Financial Statements for 2020 show an ending Fund Balance of \$63,233.26 vs. an ending Fund balance of \$45,844 in 2019. The reason for the difference was that there were no in-person events in 2020. There was \$4,362 in Expenses for January of which \$3,000 was spent towards student scholarships with the rest going towards running the Section.

Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Rose Willis)	<p>The committee met and discussed the scope and roll of the committee. The following 3 areas will be priorities for 2020-21:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Event planning: The committee is working to plan a legislative meeting for 2021 where members can ask questions regarding new laws and bills to both a Democratic and Republican on the health policy committee for the state of Michigan. Although a similar event is held annually, this meeting didn't take place in 2020 due to COVID.</li> <li>2) What can the committee do to give the most value to HCLS members? Monitoring bills as was done in the past is very expensive. One of the committee members contacted a representative while we were meeting and the representative provided the following priorities for 2021 for the state of Michigan and the committee will monitor legislature that deals with the pandemic and keep the members updated: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Pandemic and response to the pandemic.</li> <li>B) Better nursing home response to COVID.</li> <li>C) Ensuring hospital data is being appropriately provided and used for COVID issues.</li> <li>D) Unnecessary lockdowns and mental health related to COVID.</li> <li>E) Using data metrics to continue to respond to COVID.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Will also consider working with the Publication committee so they may provide papers that deal with these topics.</p>

	3) Plan a few virtual mini townhalls for pieces of legislation or hot issues where members can ask questions.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Leslie Rojas-Whitworth)	<p>The first meeting was on October 13<sup>th</sup> and the subcommittees are just beginning to work on webinar topics and speakers for the 2020-21 year. Most of the subcommittees had not met yet. The Medical Legal committee did meet and came up with the following topics for 2020-21:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Surprise billing state and federal updates.</li> <li>2) Anti-kickback Statute and Stark Law updates.</li> <li>3) COVID-19 lessons learned: A reflection or preview of what is going on. It was decided that this topic could be pursued by each subcommittee from each of their perspectives. This would be a series of webinars.</li> </ol> <p>If any Council member has any ideas for topics, please let Leslie know.</p> <p>Other topics being reviewed are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) FBI speaker on cybersecurity that was canceled last.</li> <li>2) Inequalities among different provider types.</li> </ol>
Publications Committee Report (Becky Glitman)	<p>The committee will be sending out a “call for authors” on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) New healthcare facility regulations.</li> <li>2) CARES Act inter-operability.</li> <li>3) Surprise billing.</li> </ol> <p>Tracking down articles on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Telehealth.</li> <li>2) Hospital closures.</li> <li>3) Payor appeals.</li> </ol> <p>If any of the Council members have ideas for topics, please contact Becky.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Aaron Beresh)	The 501(c)3 “Nuts & Bolts” workshop that was scheduled to take place on October 29, 2020, was postponed due to a scheduling conflict with one of the speakers. The committee and MCR are working on an early December date to reschedule this virtual program.
Fellow Committee Report (Timothy Gutwald)	No report.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Kevin Miserez)	The committee is working to schedule Lunch & Learns. The Membership committee is planning an event for new lawyers and students. Jenna will discuss during her report.
Membership Committee Report (Jenna Simon)	The committee has planned an <i>Emerging Trends – Practicing in a Pandemic</i> virtual Zoom panel discussion on November 18, 2020 @ 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The announcement went out to the membership and 30 people have registered. The virtual webinar has 100 seats.
<b>Old Business</b>	
Section Toll-Free Phone Line	Motion: To approve removing the current toll-free number option from Council meetings and webinars from the HCLS LogMeIn Account. The motion was unanimously approved.
Virtual Council Meeting	It was decided that the December 3, 2020 Council meeting will be a virtual Zoom meeting. Jenna provided a Zoom number that the Council will use.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Sheerin Siddique)	The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on December 3, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.