

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HEALTH LAW SECTION

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

November 10, 1999

The Council meeting was held in Lansing, Michigan in the offices of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. at 3:00 p.m. The following Council members attended: Gary McRay, Maria Abrahamsen (by telephone), Gregory Drutchas (by telephone), Gerald Griffith, Kathrin Kudner, Nancy Lukey, Leslie Wizner (by telephone), and Lawrence Burns (by telephone), Colleen McClorey (by telephone) and Maurice McMurray (by telephone).

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Gary McRay at 3:10 p.m.
2. Minutes. The Minutes of the October 13, 1999 meeting were unanimously approved with changes indicated by Mr. Drutchas upon motion by Mr. Griffith and second by Ms. Lukey.
3. New Business.
 - a. Web Site Update. Gary McRay gave an update on the web site. Kathy Kudner will be responsible for updating the web site and will recommend links to be included.
 - b. Health Care Regulations Manual and 1999 Year in Review. Mr. Drutchas informed the Council that the Bar had approved the notice to be included in the MHA Monday Report. Mr. Drutchas will also put the notice on the web site and will provide members of the Council with a copy of the manual to be used as a sample of presentations.
 - c. Health Law Program - March 3 & 4, 2000. Mr. McRay indicated that the program was being planned.
 - d. 1999 Year in Review. Gary McRay will provide the prior outline and procedures to Nancy Lukey.
 - e. Health Law Index. Maria Abrahamsen discussed the proposal to update the Health Law Index. Maria Abrahamsen indicated that Dykema Gossett would agree to prepare the Index. The Council discussed joint sponsorship with the Michigan Society of Hospital Attorneys and whether to charge for the Index. Mr. Drutchas suggested the Council defer discussion of the pricing until the budget was prepared. Mr. McMurray will attempt

to get the membership list from the Michigan Society of Hospital Attorneys.

f. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was postponed until the next meeting and will be discussed with the budget.

4. Subcommittees. Mr. Griffith reported on a conference call with Gary McRay and Subcommittee Co-Chairs Art DeVaux, David Rogers and Kathy Kudner. The Co-chairs have certain tentative topics but no dates. Mr. Griffith intends to have a similar conference call prior to each Council meeting. The Council discussed suggestions for ways to encourage Section members to participate in the Subcommittees and attend the sessions.

a. HMO Act Amendments. Kathy Kudner discussed the meeting of the Payor Subcommittee held to prepare comments on amendments to the HMO Act. Ms. Kudner distributed a draft letter to Council members for comment. The letter was discussed. The Council decided the letter should be sent by the Payor Subcommittee rather than by the Section.

b. Update Manual on Confidentiality. Discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

5. Other Business.

a. Wachler Letter. Gary McRay sent a letter to Mr. Wachler indicating that the Section would not participate in his program but would send labels.

b. Livingston Letter. Gary McRay reported that William Livingston would like an opportunity to make a presentation re chemically dependent attorneys. Mr. McRay will respond to Mr. Livingston and indicate that the Section will keep his offer in mind.

c. Charney Letter. Elaine Charney questioned whether the Section wants to participate in presentations for CLE. Mr. McRay will call Ms. Charney for clarification.

d. Peer Review Strategy Meeting. The Council discussed efforts of a group working with the Attorney General in connection with the Attorney General's efforts to obtain peer review records. The Council decided to offer support and monitor activities of the group.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.