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

Date: October 7, 2021

Chair: Nicole Stratton

Members Present:

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| Reesa Benkoff | P | Leslie Rojas-Whitworth | P |
| Aaron Beresh | P | Sheerin Siddique | P |
| Colleen Clarkson | P | Jenna Simon | P |
| Becky Glitman | P | Patricia Stamler | P |
| Timothy Gutwald | P | Nicole Stratton | P |
| Cara Jansma | P | Erin TePastte | E |
| Matthew Keuten | P | Deborah Williamson | P |
| Eric Klein | E | Ashley Weiner | P |
| Andrea Lee Linna | P | Rose Willis | P |
| Kevin Miserez | P | | |
| Laura Napiewocki | P | | |

| Agenda Item | Discussion |
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| 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 September 2 & September 23, 2021 (Colleen Clarkson) | The September 2, 2021 and September 23, 2021 Minutes were approved as submitted. |
| Treasurer's Report (Andrea Lee Linna) | The Ending Fund Balance as of August 31 is \$93,615.72. The HCLS is in good shape. |
| Committee Membership (Nicole Stratton) | Discussion took place regarding committees needing additional members. Becky Glitman indicated that the Publication Committee can always use new members. Also, if you know of someone that would be interested in joining the HCLS as a member of a committee send their name to Nicole or Susan. |
| Committee Reports | |
| Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner) | Ashley met with Rose Willis on Tuesday. She is working on getting acclimated to the committee. She is working on arranging a meeting with the committee members. |
| Substantive Law Committee Report (Reesa Benkoff) | The first committee meeting is Tuesday. Reesa will discuss the need for additional committee members with the sub-committee at that meeting. Reesa has asked the committee chairs to meet with their sub-committees before Tuesday's meeting. After the meeting Reesa should have an idea on the topics that the sub-committees are planning or if they need help with topic ideas or speaker ideas. Nicole Stratton suggested that Alan Rogalski of Warner Nocrass+Judd could present on the new proposed pharmacy regulations. |
| Publications Committee Report (Becky Glitman) | <p>The committee is working on editing the <i>Health Facilities</i> paper. The committee received the <i>Surprise Billing</i> paper that is being written by three authors and will include information on state and federal law. The paper is 40+ pages. Patricia Stamler is working on proofing the paper.</p> <p>The committee is also working with the Pandemic committee on updating their paper with lessons learned and best practices. The goal is to start updating the <i>Pandemic</i> paper very soon and that committee is looking for volunteers to help with the paper.</p> |

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| | <p>Becky stated there will most likely be 2 “call for authors” later in the year. Potential topics are as follows: Scope of Practice Fraud Issues with COVID Cases HIPAA Rules Update Information Blocking</p> <p>Reesa Benkoff suggested that the Substantive Law Committee and the Publication Committee could possibly connect the papers written with a presentation that goes along with it</p> |
| Pro Bono Committee Report (Aaron Beresh) | <p>The committee is looking for fresh ideas.</p> <p>The MCR 501 (c) 3 workshop didn't occur last year after many attempts so it was decided not try something different.</p> |
| Fellow Committee Report (Timothy Gutwald) | <p>Matthew Keuten was chosen as the 2021 Fellow.</p> <p>The committee starts meeting in 2021 to pick the 2022 Fellows. The goal is to have a Fellows dinner for this fiscal year.</p> |
| New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Kevin Miserez) | <p>All 5 Michigan colleges have been contacted regarding scholarships. All have responded that they would like to participate in the academic achievement award scholarship program.</p> <p>Kevin Miserez is working on scheduling Lunch & Learns at each school. Nicole Stratton suggested that when Kevin get the dates of the Lunch & Learns that the Council members could help with the presentations.</p> |
| Membership Committee Report (Jenna Simon) | <p>The Virtual Trivia Night after the Annual Meeting went very well and those that attended enjoyed the event.</p> <p>The committee is planning a virtual panel discussion on “What Does it Take to be a Health Care Lawyer?” The program is geared to Law Students and New Lawyers. There will be 3 speakers.</p> <p>A flyer will be emailed to the HCLS members once all 3 speakers have confirmed.</p> <p>Jenna will moderate the panel discussion and she has already prepared the questions.</p> |
| New Business | |
| Law School Academic Achievement Program Evaluation (Nicole Stratton) | <p>Discussion took place on evaluating and extending the Academic Achievement Program. The award resolution was amended in 2019 to continue the award program through 2021.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding more detailed criteria. At one time, the Section required a paper and students did not submit the paper so it was done away with. The board decided to keep the general eligibility requirements and not make any changes.</p> <p><u>Motion: To continue the Academic Achievement Program for 2 more years (2023) and increase the number of scholarships awarded to two \$1,500 scholarships for each of the five Michigan Law Schools. The motion was unanimously approved.</u></p> |
| Annual Meeting Recap | <p>Nicole discussed the Annual Meeting Evaluation results that were included in the board materials. The speakers all received 4s and 5s with 5 being excellent. The members indicated that they enjoyed the program and that the topics were of high-quality and practical. There were three suggestions for improvement as follows: 1) Consider shorter presentations on a variety of topics vs. two presentations. 2) Send the slides in advance.</p> |

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| | <p>3) Connectivity Issues.</p> <p>Congratulations to Matthew Keuten for becoming a Fellow and thank you Susan for helping with planning and organizing the HCLS programs.</p> |
| Michigan Health Lawyer of the Year Award Western MI Cooley Law School | <p>Western Michigan Cooley Law School has started a Health Law Student Society and they would like to award/ honor a Health Care Law Layer of the Year Award. The idea is to get the students and more seasoned lawyers to connect more. The winner of the award could be part of the Lunch & Learn panel and would receive their award during that time. This is also a way to introduce students to the Section and possibly get them to join the Section in the future.</p> |
| Adjournment/Next Meeting (Nicole Stratton) | <p>The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on November 4, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.</p> |