

MINUTES

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

Date: December 4, 2014

Chair: Jennifer Benedict

Members Present:

Steve Bender	P	Mark Kopson	P
Jennifer Benedict	P	Thomas McGraw	P
Martha Boonstra	P	Josh Moore	P
Mercedes Dordeski	P	Laura Napiewocki	P
Timothy Gutwald	P	Monica Navarro	P
Patrick Haddad	E	Donna O'Connor	P
John Hazewinkel	P	Trish Schabath	P
Cara Jansma	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Matt Keuten	P	Mark Jane – Guest	P

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Jen Benedict)	Jen called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.
Roll Call (Jen Benedict)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Jen Benedict)	No conflicts of interest reported.
Review and Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2014 Council Meeting (Cara Jansma)	November 6, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	No report due to delay in receiving financials.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Matt Keuten)	<p>Ken Marcus will be speaking December 10 on Medicare payment principles. A second notice went out and we currently have over 100 registered. The group discussed the Section's current licensure limit for Go-To-Webinar presentations, which is 100 participants. John Hazewinkel stated that we can easily add additional licenses for a nominal fee if necessary. The group also discussed that participation on the conference line is not limited. Everything is otherwise in place for the webinar.</p> <p>At the end of January, Drew Wachler will provide a presentation on the grievance and appeal process for providers facing overpayment demands by commercial payors and Medicaid Managed Care, along with appeal strategies and practical tips for providers to utilize when defending commercial and Medicaid Managed Care overpayment allegations. Potential dates are January 21 or 22.</p> <p>Sometime in the first two weeks of February, Elizabeth Walker of Hall Render will provide a presentation on expansions to the IRS Revenue Procedure 97-13 Safe Harbors.</p>
Publications Committee Report (Mercedes Dordeski)	Whitepapers have been recently uploaded to the website. The Call for Authors went out to the HCLS membership and the Publication Committee agenda will be driven by responses.
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	The Legislative Committee is wrapping up the evaluation of the MDCH uniform consent form in light of HIPAA and other considerations. We intend to provide informal feedback to MDCH shortly and to discuss opportunities to collaborate on

	<p>educational programs. The MDCH representatives had previously informed us that it would not be possible for changes to be made to the form before the January 1 effective date. However, the MDCH work group is required by PA 129 of 2014 to meet no less than annually and potential revisions to the form would be considered in 2015.</p> <p>If anyone wishes to comment on the MDCH form, please call or email comments to Patrick's attention by Wednesday, December 10. Before furnishing any feedback to the MDCH representatives, Patrick will contact the State Bar's Director of Governmental Relations relative to the SBM's procedures on communications with governmental agencies. If anything is required of the Council by the SBM's procedures, Patrick will report back accordingly.</p> <p>The Legislative Committee is not following any other matters at this time.</p>
Technology Committee Report (John Hazewinkel)	John asked for any comments on the layout or function of website to him and he will work with the State Bar Association. Rules can be set for the website. John also asked committee members to upload their photos and profiles to the website.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Trish Schabath)	Trish Schabath working on dates for the educational teleconference, which will most like take place the beginning of January. Please contact Peggy Costello of VLC to discuss opportunities for involvement.
Fellows Committee Report (Deborah Williamson)	<p>Deb discussed the Fellows Committee Charter and the group decided that they should remove the word "soliciting". The Charter was approved with proposed changes for the revised Charter.</p> <p>They are looking for a 5th member of the Fellows Committee.</p>
New Lawyers (Steve Bender)	Steve discussed putting together an event at a Pistons game for students and new lawyers. The cost would be \$2,600 for 12 tickets with a \$600 credit for food & beverage. The event can hold 26 people and it would be a first come first serve basis (tickets beyond the 12 provided will have to be purchased by the Section). Steve will also check out an event a Red Wings game at Joe Louis Arena to see if the Wings are within the parameters. Steve will send an email to committee chairs with information but will table a decision until January.
New Business	
Michigan Bar Journal Theme Issue (Jen Benedict)	Cara raised the idea of dedicating a Michigan Bar Journal issue to Health Law. Publication schedule is established until 2017. Monica reported the Publications Committee dedicated a planning year toward this issue.
HCLS Committee Roster	Jen submitted the committee roster and asked for any changes or additions. Jen noted that some of the committees are very small and suggested that a call go out for volunteers. Jen asked committee chairs to send her an email if they need a description of their committee.
Old Business	
Membership Committee (Jen Benedict)	Tim Gutwald would like to chair the New Membership Committee. The formation of the committee has been approved.
Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness Ad Hoc Task Force (Laura Napiewocki)	Laura presented the need for a title change of the Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness and asked for approval of the Ad Hoc Task Force. The Task force will prepare resources for attorneys regarding federal and state legal

	<p>requirements for issues related to communicable disease and pandemic events.</p> <p>The formation of the Task Force on Communicable Diseases was approved.</p> <p>Laura Napiewocki and Cara Jansma were approved as co-chairs of the Task Force on Communicable Diseases.</p>
ICLE Appreciation Dinner (Donna O'Connor)	<p>The appreciation dinner will be held Thursday, March 12, 2014. Donna O'Connor asked for approval of the venue. The group discussed that they would like a room other than the basement at The Inn at St. John's and that a restaurant would be more festive. Deb Ellis will check with St. John's to see if they have an alternate room that they could hold the dinner in.</p>
Adjournment (Jennifer Benedict)	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.</p>

Minutes recorded by Deb Ellis