

## MINUTES

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

**Date:** January 8, 2015 4:30 – 5:30 PM

**Chair:** Jennifer Benedict

### Members Present:

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

**Guests Present:** Susan Stokes

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Call to Order (Jen Benedict)	Jen called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.
Roll Call (Jen Benedict)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Jen Benedict)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2014 Council Meeting (Jen Benedict)	The minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2014 were unanimously approved with the change to the New Lawyers Piston's event clarifying that the suite hold 26 people, but only comes with 12 tickets.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Tom was not present so Treasure's report was tabled.
<b>Committee Reports</b>	
Substantive Law Committee Report (Matt Keuten)	<p>An email blast has been sent out for the January 21 webinar.</p> <p>Matt discussed upcoming webinars as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 21 – "Physician and Patient Appeal Rights in the Face of Commercial and Medicaid Managed Care Adverse Actions" – Speaker: Andrew Wachler, Wachler and Associates, P.C.</li> <li>February 3 – "Private Use: A Practical Guide for Real World Problems" – Speaker: Elizabeth Walker, Hall Render</li> <li>Late March early April – Meaningful Use – Speaker: Jeff Short, Hall Render</li> <li>No date yet for this webinar. Physician Hospital Organizations (PHO's) – structure, regulatory issues, function and market trends. Speakers: Mark Waxman &amp; Alexis Bortniker, both from Foley Lardner. The presenters asked if they could present from 1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Those on the call were polled and no one had issue with the time change.</li> </ul>
Publications Committee Report (Monica Navarro)	<p>The call for authors was delayed and ended up going out during the holidays. It was felt the email blast was lost in the shuffle. Therefore, no one has submitted any proposals. Susan sent another email blast on Jan 7 with a due date of January 23.</p> <p>Working on and finishing up a White Paper article on opening a medical practice from scratch.</p>

	The Committee continues to work with the HIPPA task force and Greg Nowakowski will bring us up to date at an upcoming meeting.
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	<p>Patrick was able to contact the State Bar's Director of Government Relations and clarified the process for commenting on the MDCH Behavioral Health Standard Consent form which will be followed if and when the Section comments on the form. January 1, 2015 was the effective date. MDCH can't make changes or modifications at this time, but periodic updates will be allowed under the law.</p> <p>The Legislative Committee is not following any other matters at this time.</p>
Technology Committee Report (John Hazewinkel)	No Report.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Trish Schabath)	No Report.
Fellows Committee Report (Deborah Williamson)	Next month the Fellows committee will work with Susan to put together an e-blast asking for nominations for fellows. The committee will also give recommendations. It is hoped that voting will take place in May or June.
New Lawyers (Steve Bender)	<p>Two e-blasts have been sent to New Lawyers and Law Students for an event "Night at the Palace" on February 11 at 7:30 p.m. during the Pistons vs. San Antonio Spurs game. The cost would be \$2,500 which includes use of the Round Ball Suite, \$600 worth of food and beverages and 12 tickets to the game. The suite holds 26 people. As of today, 10 new lawyers and law students have RSVP'd. Steve will also attend. Discussion took place about purchasing 14 more tickets.</p> <p>A motion was made by Steve: Approve "Night at the Palace" event with a maximum cost of \$3,000. This would allow for 14 more tickets to be purchased. The motion was unanimously approved.</p>
Membership Committee (Tim Gutwald)	Goal for the Committee include creating an onboarding process for new Section members and a social event in the spring on the west side of the state.
Communicable Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness Ad Hoc Task Force (Laura Napiewocki)	<p>Cara and Laura have been exchanging emails regarding getting members on the committee.</p> <p>Devin Schindler, Professor at Thomas Cooley Law School has agreed to be on the task force. He was interested in getting his students involved in writing articles.</p> <p>Melissa Markey also expressed interest.</p> <p>Laura also stated a student who is the University of Michigan Chair of the Health System Student Group was interested in participating.</p> <p>The committee is working to get others to join.</p>
Adjournment (Jen Benedict)	The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

	Next meeting: 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 6, 2015

Minutes recorded by: Susan Stokes

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