

## MINUTES

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

---

Date: November 1, 2012

Chair: Steve Bender

### Members Present:

John Anderson	P	Josh Moore	P
Steve Bender	P	Laura Napiewocki	P
Jennifer Benedict	P	Monica Navarro	P
Richard Bouma	P	Donna O'Connor	P
Patrick Haddad	E	Abby Pendleton	P
John Hazewinkel	P	Trish Schabath	E
Marta Hoffman	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Mark Kopson	P	Timothy Gutwald	P
Thomas McGraw	P	Cara Jansma	E

Action/Follow-Up = [ ]

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Steve Bender)	Steve Bender called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.
Roll Call (Adrienne Nutter)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Steve Bender)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes of October 4, 2012 Council Meeting (Steve Bender)	Minutes were unanimously approved without changes.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Tom presented the financial report for the year ending September 30, 2012. The Section began the year with roughly \$64,700. The Section spent roughly \$650 more than it took in for the year. The Section's largest expense was the Annual Meeting.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Timothy Gutwald)	The SLC has met and is planning a teleconference in December on the topic of Sunshine Laws. Other possible topics include Mandatory Reporting to Law Enforcement, Certificates of Need, Electronic Health Records, and Search Warrants with Law Enforcement. Steve Bender suggested that the preferred number of programs was at least 9, which should be completed by June, 2013. However, the program's content and quality are equally important considerations; programs should not be presented merely for the sake of filling the calendar. Finally, Steve also stressed the importance of getting a schedule of teleconferences laid out soon.
Publications Committee Report (Monica Navarro)	Monica reported that she participated in the SLC meeting to understand what they would be doing for programming for the year and get some ideas for Publications. The standing call will be occurring the second Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. They will discuss what they will be doing for the year, what manuals need to be updated, and whitepapers. Monica would like to send a letter of gratitude to the State for vetting the licensing whitepaper (which Adrienne is forwarding to Sandi Barger at the SBM for posting). <b>Monica will send Steve a draft to sign.</b> Monica also presented information on proposed subcommittee member Tariq Hafeez. The Council unanimously approved adding Tariq to the publications committee.

New Lawyers and Law Students Committee Report (John Anderson)	Nothing to report for the New Lawyers and Law Students.
Legislative Committee Report (Mark Kopson)	Nothing to report. With regard to the emails about the potential BCBSM conversion, Mark will look into the current status of this legislation. Steve received a voicemail from David Rogers with the idea for a program on providers' rights under the conversion. Steve also notes that David's participation and involvement is a great tribute to the Fellows Program.
Technology Committee Report (Rich Bouma)	Rich reports that he and John are working on how to use technology to make the efforts of the Council more widely available to those members who are remotely located ( <i>i.e.</i> , the upper peninsula).
Pro Bono Committee Report (Trish Schabath)	<p>Josh presented the report in Trish's absence.</p> <p>Trish had a phone conference earlier this week with Dean John Nussbaumer of Cooley Law School, who, as Monica Navarro mentioned at the last Council meeting, is very knowledgeable about pro bono work and is happy to be a resource for the Council going forward. Trish explained that the Council is looking for a more traditional pro bono opportunity, <i>i.e.</i>, one involving lawyers donating their time/legal skills to an identified need.</p> <p>Dean Nussbaumer offered to put Trish in touch with a number of people who may be in a position to advise the Council on pro bono projects they are involved in – Judge Denise Page Hood (involved with pro bono programs through the federal bar association), Rob Mathis (SBM Pro Bono Service Counsel), and others – and sent introductory e-mails to get the ball rolling. Trish also independently reached out to a few people involved in the State Bar's Pro Bono Initiative, but has not heard back from anyone yet. Also, Josh sent Trish the most recent Michigan Community Resources newsletter, which had a wealth of information on other potential pro bono programs. Josh suggested that maybe the Section could participate in a clinic to help eligible individuals with Medicaid enrollment.</p> <p>Another program with a lot of potential to be a good fit with the Health Care Law Section is Beaumont Hospital's on-site program, Legal Aid for Children and Families. This is a partnership between Beaumont and the Legal Aid and Defender Association, and it is aimed to "improve the health and welfare of low-income children and their families". It receives funding from the Michigan State Bar Foundation and the Oakland County Bar Foundation, among others. Trish will gather additional information about the program.</p> <p>Trish is also exploring pro bono programs supported by the SBM's Access to Justice Fund.</p>
Annual Meeting Committee (Steve Bender)	Nothing to report. Planning for next year's Annual Meeting will commence in early 2013.
Fellows Committee Report (Deb Williamson)	Deb confirmed that Fellows are eligible to participate in committee work, and is working to find ways to keep them involved. Steve suggested that Deb send an email to our Fellows, welcoming them to participate.
Discussion of the future of the Law School Achievement Award (Marta Hoffman)	Marta Hoffman will be holding a meeting next Friday November 9 <sup>th</sup> at 8:30 for the Scholarship Committee. The committee is reaching out to area universities to inquire about their scholarship programs to help define guidelines and criteria.
Finalization of Council Committee Roster (Steve Bender)	Cara is the Vice Chair of the SLC, and other corrections will be made. A revised version of these roles will be distributed by Steve next week.

Adjournment/Next Meeting (Steve Bender)	The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.  Next Meeting: 4:30 pm Thursday, December 6th
--	--

Minutes recorded by Adrienne Nutter