

MINUTES

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

Date: October 2, 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	P	Donna O'Connor	P
John Hazewinkel	E	Trish Schabath	P
Cara Jansma	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Matt Keuten	P		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Jen Benedict)	Jen called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
Roll Call (Jen Benedict)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Jen Benedict)	No conflicts of interest reported.
Introduction of Deb Ellis, Section Administrative Assistant (Jen Benedict)	Deb Ellis was introduced as new HCLS Administrative Assistant and welcomed to the Council.
Review and Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2014 Council Meeting (Cara Jansma)	September 4, 2014 minutes were presented for approval. Revision requested to reflect Deborah Williamson and Steve Bender were in attendance, and C. Jansma, T. Gutwald, and A. Pendelton were excused. With these revisions, the September 4, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.
Review and Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2014 Council Meeting (Cara Jansma)	The minutes of the September 23, 2014 Council Meeting were unanimously approved.
Review Minutes of September 23, 2014 Business Meeting (Cara Jansma)	The proposed minutes of the September 23, 2014 business meeting were reviewed. The minutes will be submitted for approval at the 2015 HCLS Annual Meeting.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	<p>The revenue and expense statements through August were presented for Committee review. The August financial reports reflect significant expenses reflecting the following: HCLS law student scholarships; donation to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan in recognition of Ronnie Tischler; and Annual Meeting expenses. There will be additional Annual Meeting expenses reflected on the September financial statements. The Section will end the fiscal year in September at roughly \$60,000, which is close to last year.</p> <p>The detailed trial balance also reflects a debit associated with the Detroit Tigers. The debit was from another Bar Section that was improperly attributed to HCLS and the credit is reflected.</p>
Committee Updates (Jen Benedict)	Jen requested all Committee Chairs to provide rosters to her before the next meeting. Council members are encouraged to get involved in the committees.
Pro Bono Committee Report	Trish Shabath reported on the educational conference held in June to educate members on pro bono opportunities through the Veterans Law Clinic (VLC). Only 6-7

	<p>people attended, likely due to timing. Repeat teleconference is being planned for this fall with Peggy Costello of VLC with goal to inspire pro bono support for VLC. Discussion regarding additional pro bono activities and organizations and members expressed need to support VLC before exploring other opportunities. VLC is legal clinic operated by the University of Detroit, but there may be opportunities for members to support VLC remotely. Primary needs are assistance with applications for veterans disability benefits.</p>
Substantive Law Committee Report (Matt Keuten)	<p>Mr. Keuten has tasked subcommittee chairs to come up with ideas for teleconferences before call for next month.</p> <p>Two pending from last year, still have not been scheduled:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keith Wright – Presentation on expanded NPDB guidebook, but final guidebook has not been issued yet. Waiting for final publication to be released. 2. Ken Marcus – “Demystifying Arcane Payment Principles.” Scheduling issues have pushed back to early December. <p>At least 2 others individuals that have expressed interest in speaking at Annual Meeting that may be considered for SLC teleconferences.</p> <p>SLC is encouraged to get something on the schedule for November to get the programming going.</p>
Publications Committee Report (Monica Navarro)	<p>Meetings are second Friday of the month at 9:00. Plan to discuss lingering work from last year, and ideas for new areas that could use a publication/white paper. Monica requests more volunteers to the committee. Monica questioned whether roster of former council members should be made available in a central location. Minutes reflecting council members are currently available on the website.</p>
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	<p>Patrick has been involved in working group from the MDCH regarding legislation that mandates MDCH develop a uniform consent form for behavioral health, substance abuse and other information regulated under Public Health Code. Committee intends to engage expertise to evaluate the form in light of HIPAA requirements and identify areas of potential confusion if form is published by MDCH. Committee also will support an educational program that one of our committees may want to do alone or in collaboration with MDCH or others as appropriate. The workgroup is receptive to receiving feedback and expressed a willingness to collaborate on educational type programming with HCLS.</p> <p>Patrick will move forward with this and keep everyone informed.</p>
Technology Committee Report	No report
Fellows Committee Report (Deb Williamson)	<p>Discussion about committee composition and need to have fellows on the committee. Deb also encouraged council members to volunteer for the committee.</p>
New Lawyers (Steve Bender)	<p>Mr. Bender is currently working on committee composition. Reported a successful turnout last year at the law school events. This year committee will be evaluating social events in addition to educational events.</p>
Old Business	
Annual Meeting Review	<p>Generally good comments. Some suggested new location, overall speakers were good. Feedback was positive for not having a lunch speaker. Plan is to repeat at ICLE. Suggestion for Tigers game following meeting next year for more social activities.</p> <p>Critical Comments related to impressions that the breakouts were too basic for experienced lawyers. Recommendation to have breakouts by experience level.</p>
ICLE Keynote – Sheri Fink	<p>The Counsel approved \$4000 to bring Sheri Fink here for ICLE. The timing did not work out with her schedule related to her work reporting on the Ebola outbreak, so</p>

	she will not be able to join us. However, we are hopeful that we can have a standalone program with Sheri when she is already scheduled to be in the Detroit area, or having her join us as key note for next year's annual meeting.
New Business	
Membership Committee (Jennifer Benedict)	Discussion tabled until next meeting
Schedule of Council Meetings (Jennifer Benedict)	Meetings will be held on first Thursday of each month from 4:30 to 5:30.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Jennifer Benedict)	The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Cara Jansma

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