# Minutes of the Meeting of the Health Law Section of the Idaho State Bar February 6, 2025

# **Call to Order**:

A meeting of the Health Law Section of the Idaho State Bar was called to order by Section Chair Lauren Smyser at 12:00 p.m. at the office of the Idaho State Bar and via video teleconference on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

# **General Business:**

Ms. Smyser addressed the following matters of Section business:

- Minutes: a motion was made, and seconded, to approve minutes from the Section's previous meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2024. With no objections, the motion to approve previous meeting minutes was affirmed.
- Financial Report and 2025 Budget Outlook: Secretary/Treasurer Brent Wilson reported on Section's finances based on the Idaho State Bar's most recent Health Law Section Financial Statement as of October 31, 2024. The Section is still awaiting 2025 budget packets from the ISB.
- 2025 Elections: The Section's 2025 elections were held via email after the December 2024 Section meeting. The following individuals were nominated and elected to serve on the Section's Governing Council in the following positions for Calendar Year 2025:
  - o Vice Chair: Sydney McFarland, Pennant Services, Boise
  - o Secretary Treasurer: Brent Wilson, University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City
  - o At Large Council Members:
    - Melissa Starry, Albertsons, Boise
    - Scott Zanzig, Office of Administrative Hearings, State of Idaho, Boise
    - Cameron McCue, Holland & Hart, Boise
    - Ally Kjellander, Holland & Hart, Boise
    - Adam King, Laboratory Corporation, Boise
    - Marisa Crecelius, Pennant Services, Boise
    - Nick Healey, Husch Blackwell, Denver

Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Section's Bylaws, 2024 Vice Chair, Lauren Smyser, Boise, Idaho, automatically succeeds to the position of Chair. Pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the Section's Bylaws, 2024 Chair Elizabeth Sonnichsen, automatically succeeds Mallam Prior as immediate past Chair of the Section.

These individuals will serve in their positions as the Governing Council of the Health Law Section for calendar year 2025.

#### **2025 Planning**:

- Advocate Sponsorship:
  - o The Section will sponsor the August 2025 edition of the Advocate.
  - o The deadline for submissions is May 2025.
  - o Currently, one person has committed to write an article.
  - o Those interested in writing an article should contact Ms. Smyser.
- Annual October Bar-Wide CLE:
  - The Section has held this half-day, Bar-wide paid CLE on an approximately every other year cadence; the Section will keep with that practice and will look to plan and host a Bar-wide, paid CLE in October 2026.
  - A primary reason for an every other year cadence is that the Section has lost money on the past two half-day CLEs. A focus for the 2026 CLE will be to develop a strategy to break even or to generate a small amount of revenue.
- Regular Section Meeting and CLE Presentations:
  - o April: Luke Malek, a former member of the Idaho legislature, will provide a legislative update.
  - June: Kolby Reddish, current lead counsel at the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, will present on all things DOPL. Note that this will be an evening meeting and CLE with a social to follow.
  - o August: open.
  - October: open.
  - o December: open.

Anyone wishing to present at the Section's regular meetings should contact Ms. Smyser.

# **CLE Presentation**:

Nick Healy, Ragini Acharya, and Renee Zerbonia, Husch Blackwell, Denver, Colorado, presented a half hour CLE on the evolving legal landscape of telehealth. Presentation materials are available on the Section's page on the Idaho State Bar website.

### Adjourn:

There being no further business, Ms. Smyser adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Brent Wilson Secretary/Treasurer