

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2010

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010, in Room 108/109, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Dr. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal. Board members present were Drs. Steven Chatlin and Jay LeBow, and Ms. Barbara Crosby and Mr. Jay Boyar. Also present were Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, Sally Reier, Administrative Officer and Robyn Day, Administrative Specialist. Guests present were Richard Bloch, Executive Director, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA).

A. MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regulations – CPR Requirement

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that the CPR Regulations will be printed in the *Maryland Register* on January 15, 2010 with comments accepted through February 16, 2010. It is anticipated that these regulations will have an effective date of April 5, 2010.

2. Updates on renewal of license status

The following license renewal data was provided to the Board:

- 433 Active licensees (expiration date 12/31/2009)
 - 405 Renewed licenses
 - 16 Inactive (Initial applications)
 - 6 Non-renewed (Requested Non-renewed status)
 - 1 Incomplete renewal application (awaiting payment and CMEs)
 - 5 Unknown – Have not submitted renewal applications and have not responded to Board's request to identify licensure status intentions

The Board noted that approximately 94% of Active licensees renewed their license. The Board discussed the loss of approximately 6% of Active licensees and the declining number of new licensees entering Maryland.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Reinstatement from Inactive Status without active practice (Eva)

The Board discussed a request for reinstatement from an Inactive licensee that held an Active license that expired on December 31, 2003. This licensee identified that they have not been practicing out of state. The Board reviewed that an applicant for licensure must submit to the Board proof of out of state practice preceding the request for reinstatement that is sufficient to demonstrate current clinical proficiency. The Board moved further discussion of this matter to the Executive Session.

2. Correspondence from David Freedman, D.P.M.

- CPT Code 20680 Removal of implant; deep

The Board reviewed the correspondence from David Freedman, D.P.M. and determined that removal of implant; deep is within the scope of practice. Staff was requested to send a letter to Dr. Freedman advising him of same.

3. MPMA Topics

Richard Bloch stated that the MPMA met and identified the goal of working together as the Board prepares the response to the Preliminary Sunset Evaluation Report.

The Board identified the need to attract new podiatrists to practice in Maryland. The Board discussed re-establishing podiatric residency programs in Maryland and identified funding concerns noting that Federal Medicare funds are used for such in other states. The Board noted that Maryland is the only state to have an independent State agency, namely the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) to set hospital rates. The HSCRC was created by an Act of the State Legislature and has hospital rates setting authority for all payers, including Medicare and Medicaid, since 1977.

The Board identified the possibility of forming a committee comprised of Board members and members of the MPMA to further the discussion of options regarding the re-establishment of Maryland podiatric residency programs and attracting new podiatrists to practice in Maryland.

Mr. Bloom identified the need to retain a quorum of non-participating members when determining the number of Board members that may participate on a committee.

Added to Agenda:

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that the information technology staff identified that the Provider Enrollment Section of Maryland Medicaid has requested the release of social security numbers with the licensure database to facilitate their verification of licensure and license expiration dates. The Board discussed Ms. Schwartz's request for permission to release social security numbers to Maryland Medicaid. The Board made no determination regarding the aforementioned release of social security numbers at this time.



With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq." the Board unanimously approved a motion to close its meeting at 2:33 p.m., for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Crosby, Secretary/Treasurer