

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
OPEN SESSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**April 12, 2012  
Room 110**

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) was held on Thursday, April 12, 2012, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:09 P.M., by Board President Dr. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal.

Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Steve Chatlin, Jay LeBow, Craig Friedman, and Zachary Chattler. Public member of the Board present was Barbara Crosby, RN, BSN. Public member Jay Boyar, EdS was not present.

Staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator. Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, was not present at the meeting.

Guests present: Lynda McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, Paula Hollinger, DHMH, Sharon Bloom, DHMH, and Harold Glazer, D.P.M., visiting Maryland licensed podiatrist.

**A. MINUTES:**

**1. Approval of minutes from March 8, 2012, Meeting.**

The minutes of the March 8, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

**B. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. SB- 603 Pharm Dispensing Meds-Report on Hearing**

The Board received a copy of the enrolled SB 603 Health Care Practitioners-Licensed Dentists, Physicians, and Podiatrists-Personally Preparing and Dispensing Prescription Drugs and Devices. After much work the word 'devices' was not included in the new language of the bill. The old language of the bill still includes the word 'devices', but it does not involve the devices a Podiatrist may dispense. Pharmaceuticals will be the primary focus to be monitored. All Health Care Practitioners are required to have a dispensing permit, which will need to be renewed every five years. Specifics about the amendments to the bill regarding required continuing education credits to maintain a dispensing permit, and other amendments can be viewed on line in its entirety on [mlis.state.md.us](http://mlis.state.md.us). The Bill will become **effective July1, 2013.**

All existing laws relating to the requirements of a doctor dispensing medications from his office are still in effect, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Code of Maryland Regulations §16-205(a)(02) of the Maryland Podiatry Act; Health Occupations Article §12-102; COMAR 10.13.01 through COMAR 10.13.05; and COMAR 10.40.03.02 - Dispensing Prescription Drugs by a

Licensee. This permit shall expire 5 years from the date of issuance and will be renewable within the requirements set forth in the regulations.

**2. Billing Code Inquiry- Craig Haueisen D.P.M.**

**Is CPT 15275 within the scope of the podiatry act?**

After review, the Board determined the following:

#1. The definition of CPT Code 15275 - Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, **feet, and/or multiple digits**, total wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; first 25 sq cm or less wound surface area.

#2. The Medicare representative was incorrect by saying a "podiatrist" can not apply the graft and can not use this code.

#3 There is a group of new wound care codes that were reviewed and provided to the APMA for the national lectures on wound care and it may be used as a reference tool if needed in the future. The chart is below:

<b>Skin Substitute Grafts Coding By Site and Size</b>		
	<b>LEGS</b>	<b>FEET</b>
<b>Total wound surface area by anatomical grouping less than 100 <a href="#">sq.cm.</a></b>		
1 - 25 cm. sq.	15271	15275
26 - 50 <a href="#">sq.cm.</a>	add on 15272 x 1 unit	add on 15276 x 1 unit
51 - 75 sq. cm.	add on 15272 x 2 units	add on 15276 x 2 units
76 - 99 <a href="#">sq.cm.</a>	add on 15272 x 3 units	add on 15276 x 3 units
<b>Total wound surface area by anatomical grouping greater than or equal to 100 <a href="#">sq.cm.</a></b>		
100 <a href="#">sq.cm.</a>	15273	15277
101 - 200 <a href="#">sq.cm.</a>	add on 15274 x 1 unit	add on 15278 x 1 unit
201 - 300 sq. cm.	add on 15274 x 2 units	add on 15278 x 2 units
301 - 400 sq. cm.	add on 15274 x 3 units	add on 15278 x 3 units

**3. SB 870- Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee**

The Board received the latest copy of SB 870- Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee, that passed. The Board discussed how the bill was amended to state that an athletic trainer can not practice podiatry, and that this was an amendment to a current statute already in place. The Board was made aware that a Podiatrist can employ an athletic trainer with the approval of their supervising physician.

**4. COMAR 10.40.11- Sanctioning Guidelines: Effective April 16, 2012**

The Board was given a copy of the COMAR 10.40.11- Sanctioning Guidelines for informational purposes. The Guidelines are effective starting April 16, 2012.

#### **5. BRFA-FY 2013 (Did Not Pass)**

The Board was made aware that BRFA did not pass and no money was transferred from the Board's Budget to the State's General Fund.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. JAMA Article "Medical Boards Discipline Physicians For Online Behavior"**

A Copy of *JAMA* Article "Medical Boards Discipline Physicians for Online Behavior" was provided to the Board for informational purposes.

#### **2. Toenail Cutting Inquiry- Eric Nichols, Executive Director Homewood at Crumland Farms**

**What is the proper way for a Podiatrist to cut a toe nail round or straight across?**

After a review, the Board determined that there are no regulations defining this practice. The matter is deferred to the clinical judgment of the Podiatrist to determine each individual resident's needs.

#### **3. Spring 2012 Newsletter Draft**

The Board reviewed the Spring Newsletter Draft and decided that email would be the preferred method of distribution. The Newsletter will be distributed via email the following week.

#### **4. Review for eligibility for FULL License:**

- a. Coralia Terol, D.P.M.**
- b. Najiah Faour, D.P.M.**

The Board reviewed and approved the issuance of a Full license for the above applicants.

#### **5. End of Session Report**

The Board was given a copy of the End of the Legislative Session Report for informational purposes.

**D. OTHER:**

Paula Hollinger, DHMH made the Board aware that the Secretary would now like to be aware of the time between the receipt of a complaint and a summary suspension of a license as it applies.

Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, recognized Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, for all her hard and excellent work for the Board and extended a very heartfelt appreciation.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 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 2:17 p.m., in room 110 for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

