

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

June 13, 2019

Room 110

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:12 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Phillip Cohen.

Board members attending were Drs. Umezurike, Gottlieb, Chattler, and Silverman. Consumer members present were Frona Kroopnick and Sharon Bunch.

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel, Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Licensing Coordinator, David Bruce, Investigator, and Lillian Reese, Legislation.

Representing MDH: Kim Lang, PhD

Representing MPMA: Dr. Jay LeBow

Guests Present: Dr. Craig Friedman

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A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting.

The minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. HB931 - Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need – Modifications.

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that HB 931- Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need – Modifications passed by the 2019 General Assembly. The Bill increases the number of operating rooms that would require a certificate of need from two to three. The Bill also provides that the certificate filed after October 1, 2019 shall be deemed approved, if the CON is uncontested and the Commission takes no final action within 120 days of the application being docketed.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed 2020 Legislation: MPMA

Ms. Schwartz discussed with the Board the possibility of the MPMA introducing legislation this upcoming session addressing the title of “podiatric physician”. The Board requested a copy of the proposed legislation.

2. NPDB Insights Newsletter

The Board received a copy of the National Practitioner Data Bank Insights publication, for informational purposes.

3. Inspection of podiatric offices by the Office of Provider Engagement and Regulation (OPER)

The Board was made aware that the Office of Provider Engagement and Regulation (OPER) has a current list of all podiatric dispensing permit holders. OPER then references that list to inspect the offices of podiatrists that hold a dispensing permit. Additionally, OPER can go into an office not listed as having a dispensing permit only if they have probable cause and only if the provider has a CDS permit. OPER may not inspect a podiatric office if the provider does not have a dispensing permit except if it relates to any inappropriate prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances.

4. Review eligibility for FULL License:

a. Adam Weaver, DPM

b. Zachary Egidi, DPM

c. Alex Olivera, DPM

d. McCamie Patterson, DPM

The above identified licensure candidates were approved unanimously for the issuance of a Full Maryland License.

D. OTHER

1. Dr. Umezurike informed the Board that at the last PDMP meeting it was discussed that provider report cards, which will address prescribing practices, will be starting. The members of the PDMP committee are going to partake in the pilot testing of this endeavor.

2. Ms. Schwarz informed the Board of a telephone conference held with the Secretary. The Secretary feels overall the Boards need to be strong disciplinarians of providers that breach the standards of prescribing and/or dispensing Opioids.

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 1:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer