

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
**OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA MEET.GOOGLE.COM**

**MINUTES**

**June 11, 2020**

**Open Meeting ID:** [meet.google.com/oig-ywkt-hqq](https://meet.google.com/oig-ywkt-hqq)

**Join by phone:** +1 541-714-3893 (PIN: 353062904)

**The Public Meeting commenced at 1:09 PM, opened by the Board President, Dr. Yvonne Umezurike.**

**Roll call was initiated by the Board President. By acclamation, all Board members were in attendance.**

**Board members present:** Drs. Umezurike, Cohen, Silverman, Gottlieb and Fox

**Consumer Members present:** Ms. Sharon Bunch and Ms. Frona Kroopnick

**Board staff present:** Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Executive Director

**Office of the Attorney General:** Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel

**Representing MPMA:** Richard Bloch, Esq., Executive Director, and Dr. Jay LeBow, MPMA member

**Representing MDH:** Kim Link, MDH Liaison to the Boards and Commissions, and Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulations Coordinator for select Boards and Commissions

**Dr. Umezurike cited COMAR 10.01.14.02.B: "Except in instances when a public body expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation, or when public participation is otherwise authorized by law, a member of the public attending an open session may not participate in the session."**

**A. MINUTES**

**1. Approval of minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting**

The minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

**B. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Umezurike**

**1. Notes from May 2020, PDMP meeting:**

The Board was informed that HB663, Chapter 290, was passed into law. The Bill allows some licensing boards corresponding disciplinary grounds for enforcement purposes of the PDMP Use Mandate, however, this does not apply to the Board of Podiatry. The Board already has this authority and a Statute change was not needed. The Bill only impacted the Dental Board and the Board of Physicians. Chapter 290 also allows pharmacists licensed in other States but working at mail-order pharmacies dispensing to MD addresses, access to the PDMP data.

Pharmacists working at federal facilities in MD but licensed in another state also have access to MD PDMP data. Chapter 290 will go into effect October 1, 2020.

Additionally, Maryland providers can now view interstate PDMP data from Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nebraska, and Texas. CRISP presented on the statewide expansion of two factor authentication. CRISP continues to address problems or concerns with two factor authentications, but wide scale implementation will ensure the safety of sensitive data. NIC presented on the Prescriber Insight Report, a tool for individual prescribers to view their own aggregate prescribing practices in relation to their peers. For example, in this report an individual oncologist will be able to see the average MME/prescription prescribed in January and see the average MME/prescription prescribed by all oncologist in MD during the same time period. A pilot will be established in July or August before rolling out statewide.

Finally, an email went out to all prescribers from the PDMP introducing their office, sharing a new resource on tapering, providing guidance for prescribers who dispense CDS, and sharing a fact sheet on new co-prescribing naloxone regulations.

## **2. Cultural Competency CME award**

Dr. Umezurike stated that the Board does not discriminate against race, gender, or creed and strongly encourages all licensees to take at least one of the cultural competency courses listed on the Boards website at: <https://health.maryland.gov/mbpme/Documents/hetrain.pdf>. During licensure renewals, these courses will be awarded CME credits in the online category.

## **C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Eva Schwartz**

### **1. Board Appointments**

Ms. Schwartz announced that Dr. Yvonne Umezurike and Ms. Frona Kroopnick have officially been reappointed for four more years of service on the Board. Congratulations were extended by the Board.

### **2. FY 2021 Budget Allocation**

Ms. Schwartz stated that the Board's budget for FY 2021 will meet the annual fiscal needs of the Board, only if there aren't budgetary cuts.

### **3. Legislative Audit -OLA**

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that to date, we have not heard back from OLA regarding the final results of their fiscal audit.

## **D. CME COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT-Dr Gottlieb**

Dr. Gottlieb had no new CME reports for the Board.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. SB 402- Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth and Shortage**

The Board received a copy of SB 402- Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth and Shortage for informational purposes. Podiatrists are allowed to use telehealth in their practice; however, the Bill restricts the prescribing of opioids via telehealth and states that the provider using telehealth methods must be licensed in the State they are providing the service.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 2021 Board Sunset Bill- Draft**

The Board reviewed a draft of the Board’s 2021 Sunset Bill. The Bill is a request to evaluate if the authority of the Board should be extended for an additional 10 years, through 2032. At this time, the Bill does not have a sponsor. It will be submitted to the Department to be considered as a Departmental Bill. If not successful in this endeavor, Ms. Reese has suggested that the Chair of HGO may be approached to sponsor the Bill.

**2. FPMB Inquiry Regarding Continuing Education Received Through Non-Live Online or Electronic Methods**

The Board received an inquiry from the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards regarding whether or not the Board requires testing at the end of online CME courses. The Board reiterated that they approve content of a course, not whether or not the provider has to pass a test at the end of the course, and they will keep the policy the same. FPMB will be advised of such.

**3. Review eligibility for FULL License:**

- a. Jake Powers, DPM**
- b. Hufsa Hussan, DPM**
- c. Jocelyn Guillen, DPM**
- d. Kurt Malkames, DPM**

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

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Executive Director, Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature by Sharon Bunch, Board Secretary/Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_