

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

**July 10, 2014
Room 110**

The Open Session Meeting chaired by President Jay LeBow, DPM, opened at 1:07 PM. Board members attending the meeting were Drs. Craig Friedman, Zachary Chattler, Todd Harrison and Philip Cohen. Consumer members present were Jay Boyar and Barbara Crosby.

Staff attending: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Richard Bloom, Board Counsel, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer, and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator.

DHMH Guests attending: Paula Hollinger, Sharon Bloom, Kristen Neville and Marian Ruth.

MPMA Representative attending: Chanelle Carter, DPM

Public at large attending: Harold Glazer, DPM

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from June 12, 2014 Meeting.

The Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Groupon Letter Follow Up

The Board reviewed the information gathered from other Healthcare Occupation Boards when asked if they were interested in meeting to discuss the creation of a unified policy regarding social media advertising vis a vis the fee splitting concept. Some of the Healthcare Occupation Boards did not express specific interest in the topic. The Board of Chiropractic Examiners has submitted to the Board their present policy which permits social advertising via social media. If complaints were to arise they would be treated on an individual basis. The Board's regulations committee will meet to create proposed regulations. These proposed regulations will support the use of Groupon and other social media advertising for podiatrists, addressing the fee splitting issue under the Board's advertising regulations.

2. Inquiry about accepting the last Maryland Board of Podiatry MEDICAL Exam of 1989, in lieu of the PMLexis

The Board agreed unanimously that the regulations for full licensure are very specific and require all three National Boards I, II, III, thus eligibility for licensure stands as the present law mandates.

3. Assessing Civil Fines Criteria Proposed Regulations- Discussion

Richard Bloom, AAG, will review the civil fines proposed regulations as opposed to the administrative fines regulations and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

4. Dispensing of Prescription Drugs by a Licensee, Proposed COMAR 10.13.01-COMMENTS

The Board reviewed a letter submitted during the public comment period for proposed COMAR 10.13.01- Dispensing of Prescription Drugs by a Licensee. The Board will forward a letter to Michele Phinney, the Director at the Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, expressing opposition to the language of the proposed regulation permitting another Board to discipline a podiatrist (a dispenser) for violating the above stated COMAR.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Inquiry about awarding CME's for EMR coursework

The Board stated that Electronic Medical Record (EMR) coursework does not meet the requirements of Continuing Medical Education Credits (CME), therefore will not be accepted towards any of the required CME's for licensure.

2. CME Requirements for appropriate pain management medication

The Board was made aware that it is now a requirement of all podiatrists's to complete two Continuing Medical Education Credits (CME's) on appropriate pain management medication and the prescribing of scheduled drugs criteria. One of these CME's will be offered by DHMH and the other course must be developed by the Boards and be related to opiates. The Board will write a letter to the Secretary informing him that they have voted to consider addressing this requirement.

3. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

- a. Ruth Devadas, D.P.M.**
- b. Abdul Ba, D.P.M.**

The above identified DPM's were approved unanimously for the issuance of a full Maryland License.

With no further business, the Meeting concluded at 1:56 PM.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq," the Board unanimously approved a motion to close its meeting at 2:10 PM, 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

