

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

July 11, 2019

Room 106

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:13 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Phillip Cohen.

Board members attending were Drs. Umezurike, Gottlieb, and Chatter. Consumer members present were Frona Kroopnick and Sharon Bunch. Board member Adam Silverman, DPM was absent.

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

Representing MDH: Kim Lang, PhD

Representing MPMA: Dr. Jay LeBow

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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 June 13, 2019 meeting.**

The minutes from the June 13, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. NONE.**

C. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Consideration for proposing legislation regarding dispensing permit requirements and issuance.**

The Board discussed the possibility of proposing legislation to let the Office of Provider Engagement and Regulation handle not only the inspections for the drug dispensing permits, but also the issuance and tracking as well. The topic was brought up at an Executive Directors' meeting earlier in the month. The Board deferred the topic.

- 2. Office of Provider Engagement and Regulation inquiry about proposed legislation concerning enforcement of PDMP registration and use mandates.**

The Board reviewed an inquiry from the Office of Provider Engagement regarding proposed legislation concerning the enforcement of the PDMP registration. The Board also reviewed and discussed the proposed legislation in question, as well as, the current podiatric statute. After discussion, the Board agreed that current title § 16-311, denials, reprimands, probations, suspensions, and revocations, is enough coverage on the topic and decided to take no position on the proposed legislation. PDMP was informed of the Board's decision.

3. University of Maryland - Fellowship Training Program.

Through the University of Maryland School of Medicine Department of Orthopedics, the Board reviewed information regarding a new fellowship training program titled "Limb Preservation and Deformity Correction. After discussion, the Board approved the program. A Limited License can be issued to eligible fellows accepted into the program.

4. FYI- Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 34/No. 2 Summer 2019 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC.

The Board received a copy of Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 34/No. 2 Summer 2019 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC for informational purposes.

5. NPDB Insights Newsletter

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

6. Review eligibility for FULL License:

a. Adam Toren, DPM

b. Ali Mumtaz, DPM

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

D. OTHER:

1. The Board discussed the possibility of proposing regulations for podiatrists to dispense certain antifungal topicals out of the office without needing a required dispensing permit. The Board will create a committee to discuss certain categories of antifungals for the proposed regulations. The Board may even seek out other stakeholders within the podiatric community to contribute to the discussion of the topic.

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer

