

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

**September 12, 2013
Room 110**

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) was held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M., by Board Vice-President Dr. Jay LeBow.

Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Craig Friedman, Zachary Chatter, Todd Harrison, and Philip Cohen. Public members of the Board present were Barbara Crosby, RN, BSN and Jay Boyar, EdS.

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

Guests present: Richard Bloch, Executive Director, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), Paula Hollinger, DHMH, Sharon Bloom, DHMH, Marian Ruth, Board Investigator, Chanelle Carter, D.P.M., new representative from the MPMA, and Harold Glazer, D.P.M., visiting Maryland licensed podiatrist.

A. ELECTIONS

Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, welcomed all the attending guests and acknowledged Dr. Carter as the new MPMA representative at the Board meetings. Ms. Schwartz proceeded to lead the elections for all Board Officer Positions. After a vote, the Board welcomed the newly elected officers; Jay LeBow, D.P.M. President, Craig Friedman, D.P.M. Vice President and Jay Boyar, EdS Secretary/Treasurer.

B. MINUTES:

The meeting continued chaired by Dr. Jay LeBow, President.

1. Approval of minutes from July 11, 2013, Meeting.

The minutes of the July 11, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Inquiry- Aparna Duggirala-Deroy, D.P.M.

The Board received an inquiry from Aparna Duggirala-Deroy, D.P.M. regarding whether or not podiatrists can offer medical pedicures in the office by a licensed nail technician.

The Board decided that a licensed nail technician can perform pedicures inside a podiatrist's office **IF** all the Board of Cosmetology regulations are followed and

met by the technician as well as the office. The podiatrist's office must contact the Cosmetology Board in order to ascertain that they are complying with their regulations.

2. Dispensing Meds Permit Proposed Regulations

The Board was given a copy of the Proposed Regulations for dispensing permits for podiatrists. After discussion, the Board decided to wait to publish the Regulations until further information was obtained regarding the rationale for the high fees required by the Division of Drug Control.

3. Status on Podiatric Residency Program

Richard Bloch, Executive Director, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), informed the Board that the Association is working on getting out a newsletter to create public awareness of the lack of residency programs in Maryland. A couple hospitals are in discussions about creating programs, but it is a slow process.

4. Committee update on Residency Requirements for Maryland Licensure

The committee decided that the residency requirements for Maryland licensure will stay as they are listed currently in COMAR.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

a. HB 986 State Board of Pharmacy - Sterile Compounding – Permits

The Board was given a copy of HB 986 State Board of Pharmacy- Sterile Compounding-Permits for informational purposes.

2. Veterans Employment Act of 2013

The Board was shown an addendum to the full licensure application to comply with the Veterans Employment Act of 2013. The addendum was approved by the Board. It was noted that applications that fall under the Act will be processed on a case by case process.

3. Practice Extenders

The issue of practice extenders was brought up, but it was decided that it was not relevant to licensed nail technicians practicing in an office, and difficult to define for other practice employees.

4. Preceptorship / Fellowship

Richard Bloch, Executive Director, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), presented the Board with the possibility of hosting preceptorships or fellowships for graduates that are not accepted into residency programs upon graduation from podiatry school. After some discussion the Board highlighted the concept that any such program would have to be approved, monitored, and regulated. For such to occur, the Board will need to amend the present language in the statute. At this time, the statutes prohibit a preceptorship in a podiatric office.

5. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

The Board was given a copy of the new Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The Board was made aware that every podiatrist that is prescribing and dispensing controlled substances, must be registered with the program.

6. Retreat

Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, proposed the idea of the Board hosting a retreat. The Board considered the idea and will look into the merits.

7. CDS E-prescribing

The Board was given a copy of the CDS e-prescribing requirements for informational purposes.

8. Newsletter

The Board was given a draft copy of the fall newsletter that will be published upon review and approval.

9. Telemedicine- possible proposed 2014 legislation

President Jay LeBow, D.P.M. stated that the Board should look into getting added to the telemedicine statutes next legislative session. Richard Bloch, Executive Director, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), informed the Board that the MPMA is not interested in pursuing the issue and feels that telemedicine is not a concern for podiatrists at this time.

10. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

a. Jennifer Purvis, D.P.M.

The Board reviewed and approved the issuance of a full license for the above applicant.

E. OTHER:

1. The Board received a question regarding whether a pusedo scan active skin conducted test was in a podiatrists scope of practice. The topic was tabled until the October 10, 2013 meeting.
2. The Board discussed the issue of licensure of Naturapaths and how they may affect the practice of podiatry. It was decided that there was no indication for concern to the practice.
3. The Board was informed that in the 2014 legislative session a Bill will be introduced requiring all Health Care Professions to take a class on the recognition and reporting of child abuse. Another Bill to be proposed will subject podiatrists that will be working in nursing homes to background checks by the employer.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 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 2:59 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

