

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

November 12, 2015

Room 110

The Open Session Meeting chaired by President Craig Friedman, DPM, opened at 1:05 PM.

Board members attending the meeting were Drs. Zachary Chattler, Jay LeBow, Todd Harrison and Philip Cohen. Consumer members present were Jay Boyar and Barbara Crosby.

Staff attending: Anthony DeFranco, AAG, Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer, and Elizabeth Ampsacher, Licensing Coordinator.

MPMA Representative attending: Chanelle Carter, DPM.

Public at large attending: Harold Glazer, DPM.

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from October 8, 2015, Meeting

The Board approved the October 8, 2015 minutes as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration for Proposed Regulations for Podiatrists to work as Physician Extenders

The Board was made aware that the Board of Physicians has not been available to meet with them at this time but requested clarification on what exactly a podiatrist would want to be able to do as a physician extender. After a discussion, the Board decided that some research needs to be done to answer this question thoroughly, as well as to explore if moving forward with this is even beneficial. A committee was created to address both issues. The committee members are Board President, Craig Friedman, D.P.M., Zachary Chattler, D.P.M., and Phillip Cohen, D.P.M.

2. Review of the possibility of owning a PedCT Machine by a Podiatrist in Maryland

The Board discussed the possibility of owning a PedCT machine for podiatrists and how it falls within current self-referral and MRI or CT machine law. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided that it takes no position at this time on the issue.

3. Discussion for Criteria for Podiatric Temporary Licensure

The Board discussed the policies regarding the criteria for a podiatric temporary license and decided that the current regulations were acceptable, but a fee needed to be decided on. After discussion, the Board decided that a temporary license for a podiatrist will be a \$300.00 fee.

4. Notice of Final Action- COMAR 10.40.05 Hearing Procedures

The Board was given a copy of the Notice of Final Action- COMAR 10.40.05 Hearing Procedures which was printed in the October 16, 2015 Maryland Register with an effective date of October 26, 2015.

5. Notice of Final Action- COMAR 10.40.02.03 Licensing and Continuing Education

Requirements

The Board was given a copy of the Notice of Final Action- COMAR 10.40.02.03 Licensing and Continuing Education Requirements which was printed in the October 30, 2015 Maryland Register with an effective date of November 9, 2015.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Legislation by Delegate Morhaim regarding prescriptive authority

for medical cannabis

The Board was given a copy of the newest draft of proposed legislation regarding prescriptive authority for medical cannabis. In the current draft, podiatrists are now included as a prescriptive authority.

2. Board review of lapsed CPR certification during Active Licensure

The Board discussed the policies regarding lapsed CPR certification during active licensure and decided that the current regulations were acceptable.

3. Practice Certification Inquiry

The Board received an inquiry regarding if a person within a podiatrists office performing ABI needs specific training. Also inquired was whether a podiatrist can read and interpret the results of ABI's.

After review, the Board stated that there is no training required for the person performing an ABI and that a podiatrist can read the results to such tests.

4. Maryland Board of Podiatric Medicine Reporting Requirements

The Board discussed an inquiry that was received regarding whether or not the Board has requirements for reporting when a podiatrist no longer has clinical privileges at a hospital. At this time, the Board does not have regulatory authority to require from any medical entity that they report to this Board when a podiatrist no longer has privileges at the relevant entity for cause other than voluntary non renewal of credentialed privileges, not related to the entity's termination of the privileges for quality of care cause. Such incidents are self reported by the practitioner to the Board of Podiatry on a biennial basis, at the time of renewal of license, or initial licensure.

The Board decided to propose new statute next legislative session to address the issue of reporting to the Board by a Hospital, or other medical entity, when a podiatric practitioner loses their credentialing due to quality assurance issues, when initiated by Medical entities such as hospitals and/or Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

5. FYI- Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 30/No. 3 Fall 2015 from Gordon,

Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC

The Board received the Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 30/No. 3 Fall 2015 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC for informational purposes.

With no further business, the Meeting concluded at 2:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

