

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING- Public Minutes

November 9, 2017, Room 106

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:04 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Zachary Chatter.

Board members attending were: Drs. Cohen, Friedman, Gottlieb and Umezurike. Consumer members present were Frona Kroopnick and Sharon Bunch.

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Carla Boyd, AAG, Board Counsel, Sheri Henderson, Deputy Executive Director, and Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator.

Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator was absent.

Representing MDH: Kim Lang, PhD, and Sharon Bloom.

Guests Present: Dr. Jay LeBow

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.

Dr. Chatter read the COMAR Citation.

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of Minutes from the October 11, 2017 Meeting

The minutes from the October 11, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

For Follow up progress in the promulgation of regulations process:

All the below identified proposed regulations have been approved by MDH and are moving through the Governor's Regulatory Review Office for approval, and subsequently to AELR.

**1. Proposed Regulations defining what is required to prove 5 years of Practice for a Full License
COMAR 10.40.01.01**

2. Proposed Regulation addressing Active podiatric practice- COMAR 10.40.01.02

3. Proposed Amendment to COMAR 10.40.06- Advertising Regulation

The Board has defined more clearly about the amendment that was previously proposed concerning the identification of a podiatrist as such, or as a foot and ankle specialist, or foot and ankle surgeon.

A vote was unanimous to send forward this language.

4. Proposed regulations addressing the implementation of SB 517

Ms. Carla Boyd, AAG, Board Counsel, informed the Board that the AAG's whose clients are the Boards, will meet to get a cohesive and comprehensive response to the implementation of the proposed regulations as mandated by SB 517, addressing the concern of when a complaint, or an action, or a type of action by the Board, will be reviewed by OAH.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

a. Sara Sharma , D.P.M.

The above identified licensure candidate was approved unanimously for the issuance of a full Maryland License.

2. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Request for enforcement.

Dr. Chattler is the Board's representative to the Advisory Committee for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). For specifically the meeting held on 11/9/2017, Dr. Gottlieb was assigned as the Board's representative to the meeting regarding the enforcement of registration with the Chesapeake Regional Information System (CRISP). Additionally, the Board was advised that those licensees that are prescribing Scheduled Drugs if not yet registered with CRISP, will receive a letter of non-compliance.

Dr. Gottlieb will relate the information acquired at the meeting to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Schwartz stated that Effective July 1, 2018, there will be a requirement for anyone prescribing opioids, to search the system before prescribing scheduled drugs.

3. In Meeting Added New Business:

- a. Ms. Schwartz informed the Board about the Executive Director's meeting where information from the State's Ethics Commission was addressed specifically toward financial disclosure of Board members. A new form, with basic and general nonspecific demographics of Board members' financial disclosure, will be required to be posted on the Board's website.
- b. Dr. Jay Lebow, spoke as President of the Federation of the Podiatric Medical Boards, about future plans of the Federation relating to the development of Interstate Compact Licensure Commission, and about the plans to hold a stakeholders meeting to address the feasibility of such endeavor. Dr. LeBow invited Ms. Schwartz to attend as an Executive Director of a licensing Board.

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 1:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Umezurike, DPM,
Treasurer/Secretary