

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

November 14, 2019

Room 106

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

Board members attending were Drs. Cohen, Silverman, and Gottlieb. Consumer members present were Frona Kroopnick and Sharon Bunch. Board member Zachary Chattler, DPM was absent.

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel, and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Executive Director.

Representing MDH: Kim Lang

Representing MPMA: Richard Bloch, Esq., Executive Director, and 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.

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from the October 10, 2019 meeting.

The minutes from the October 10, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Amendment to COMAR 10.40.02.07 – Reinstatement.

The Board was made aware that the proposed amendment to this regulation is with MDH, Office of Regulation and Policy, waiting for the Secretary to review and sign off.

2. E-Prescribing proposed legislation.

The Board received a copy of the proposed draft of a Bill entitled Drugs and Devices-Electronic Prescriptions- Controlled Dangerous Substances for review. After review, the Board submitted the following questions that were answered:

-Is there a requirement/mandate to participate in e-prescribing? Not currently, that is the purpose of this bill. If this legislation is passed CDS prescriptions must be transmitted electronically, unless the prescriber is issued a waiver or the prescription falls under an exception, as identified in the bill. Pursuant to federal law, beginning in 2021 all prescriptions for controlled substances covered by Medicare Part D must be transmitted electronically.

-Any penalties for practitioners who choose not to e-prescribe or only do it some of the time? Yes, under the current legislative proposal disciplinary action is overseen and managed by the appropriate health occupations board.

-Is there a time in the near future that we will be able to e-prescribe narcotics? Schedule 2 narcotics are currently able to be prescribed electronically.

-If a prescription is prescribed accidentally, is there a way to undo it electronically? A lot of times we have to call the pharmacy directly about these issues. This is a question for the e-prescribing software company.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. NPDB Insights Newsletter.

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

D. OTHER:

Ms. Schwartz asked Richard Bloch, MPMA for an update on the proposed podiatric physician bill for the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Bloch informed Ms. Schwartz that the MPMA has every intention of introducing the proposed legislation, but at this time has not acquired a sponsor. The Board will be updated on the progress of the proposed legislation.

With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer

At 3:55PM, the Public Session Meeting of the Board was re-opened by Dr. Umezurike, for the purpose of review and approval of initial licensure applications.

The Board reviewed and approved by a vote of 6 with 1 abstention, the following licenses to be issued:

- **Sara Karamloo, DPM**
- **Arash Dastagh, DPM**
- **Fanta Morgan-Kitson, DPM**

With no further business, the Public Session Meeting of the Board concluded at 4:00PM.