

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 9, 2020

Room 110

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:07 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Yvonne Umezurike.

Board members attending were Drs. Cohen, Chatter, Silverman, and Gottlieb. Consumer members present were Frona Kroopnick and Sharon Bunch

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

Representing MDH: Kim Lang

Representing MPMA: 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 December 12, 2019 meeting

The minutes from the December 12, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Amendment to COMAR 10.40.02.07 – Reinstatement

The Board was informed that the proposal will be printed in the January 17, 2020 Maryland Register with the comment period ending in February 17, 2020.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards 2019 Q4 Newsletter

The Board was given the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards 2019 Q4 Newsletter for informational purposes. The Board discussed the article regarding fellowships and Maryland's current fellowship programs.

2. SB- 103- Health Occupations- Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients- Disciplinary Actions (The Patients Access to Integrative Healthcare Act of 2020)

The Board was given SB- 103- Health Occupations- Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients- Disciplinary Actions (The Patients Access to Integrative Healthcare Act of 2020) for review. The Bill prevents a Board from taking action against a practitioner for diagnosing a patient with nonconventional methods as long as the method was completely disclosed to the patient prior to treatment. The proposed Bill has been pre-filed so no position was due at this time.

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

The Board received a copy of Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 34/No. 4 Winter 2019 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC for informational purposes. The Board discussed the article regarding the Board of Physicians vs. Dr. Mark Geier case.

4. NPDB Insights Newsletter

The Board received a copy of the National Practitioner Data Bank Insights publication, for informational purposes. The Board discussed how if a surgeon is unable to operate for 30 days or more without approval from a proctor, it must be reported to the Data Bank.

5. SB 43 - Licensing - Fingerprint Requirement

The Board received SB- 43- Licensing- Fingerprint Requirement for review. The proposed Bill allows an applicant who has previously been fingerprinted as part of a license application within Maryland to be exempt from the requirement in future applications. The Board was not required to take a position on the Bill at this time.

6. Review eligibility for FULL License:

a. Jonathan Brown, DPM

b. Cameron Phipps, DPM

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

With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer