

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

December 13, 2018

Room 110

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:08 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Phillip Cohen.

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

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel, Sheri Henderson, Deputy Executive Director, Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Licensing Coordinator, Danielle Vallone, Investigator, David Bruce, Investigator, and Lillian Reese, Legislation.

Representing MPMA: Dr. Jay LeBow

Guests Present: Dr. Craig Friedman

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A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from the November 8, 2018 meeting.

The minutes from the November 8, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of Practice Affidavit Draft.

The Board received a proposed five years of practice affidavit draft. The draft affidavit supports the new regulation requiring an affidavit during the licensing process to prove five years of active practice immediately preceding the application for licensure. This personal affidavit would be acceptable in lieu of the residency program affidavit, if the applicant chooses to apply via this route. After review of the draft, the Board decided to remove the line on the affidavit requiring additional proof of five years of practice. The affidavit was approved and will be added to the Board's full license application.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Medical Cannabis Commission requirements for registration, for eligible prescribers to be able to obtain certification for patients to receive medical cannabis.

The Board was made aware that both providers and patients must be registered with the Cannabis Commission in able to prescribe. More information regarding registration will be acquired at the next Cannabis Commission meeting on January 7, 2019. The Board will also invite the Commission's Executive Director, Joy Stran to the January 10, 2019 Board meeting.

2. PDMP Update from the Advisory Committee Meeting (Dr. Yvonne Umezurike).

Dr. Yvonne Umezurike updated the Board on PDMP Advisory Committee Meeting which was held on November 15, 2018. The PDMP and Maryland Public Health broadcasting system put together a video that targets different groups including prescribers, Delegates and pharmacists for more information. The video is available on their website. Maryland now requires daily reporting to the PDMP, but there are other States like Oklahoma that report every 5-10 minutes. The PDMP has the ability to flag patients who have had an overdose in the past so that providers are aware when prescribing. Providers need to query a patient every 90 days if prescribing refills, which can only be done up to 5 times, or within 7 days for a new prescription. Also, when providers log into the system, there will be a graph that will compare them and their prescribing habits with other prescribers in the area. The PDMP is going to put together a letter that will notify prescribing providers when patient passes away from an overdose. The PDMP is currently only working on drafting the letter and will have additional information on this topic at the next PDMP Advisory Committee meeting. The Board will invite the PDMP's Executive Director, Kate Jackson, to the next Board meeting on January 10, 2019 to gain further information on the topic.

3. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

a. Riya Altomonte, DPM

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

D. OTHER:

1) Ms. Schwartz gave the Board a copy of the FDA - Required Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy for Serious Drug Risks memo published by PDR for informational purposes.

2) Ms. Schwartz read the Board an email she received from the Department of Health regarding new forms that can be used by patients for the Board to release certain health records to other entities. The Board was provided with copies of the forms. Rhonda Edwards, Board Counsel, relayed to the Board that it was unlikely the forms would need to be used for the Board but if they did happen to receive any, to inform her before proceeding.

3) The Board requested the MPMA send out a reminder to its members that the first installment for the 2020-2021 renewal was due by December 1, 2018 and will now be subject to a \$250.00 late fee.

4) Danielle Vallone, Investigator, informed the Board that she has been promoted to another MDH department and this was her last Board meeting. The Board was introduced to their new investigator, David Bruce.

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer