

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
OPEN SESSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**December 13, 2012  
Room 110**

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) was held on Thursday, December 13, 2012, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M., by Board President Dr. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal.

Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Jay LeBow, Craig Friedman, Zachary Chatter, and Todd Harrison. Public members of the Board present were Jay Boyar, EdS and Barbara Crosby, RN, BSN.

Staff present: Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator.

Guests present: Lynda McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), Paula Hollinger, DHMH, Sharon Bloom, DHMH, and Harold Glazer, D.P.M., visiting Maryland licensed podiatrist.

**A. MINUTES:**

**1. Approval of minutes from November 8, 2012, Meeting.**

The minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

**B. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Developing a committee to work on podiatric residency program by meeting with Dr. Jay Perman, President, University of Maryland Baltimore( UMB)**

During a teleconference between Paula Hollinger representing the Office of Secretary Sharfstein, and Dr Sellers-Hannibal and Eva Schwartz, the idea of creating a podiatric residency program at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) was discussed. Ms. Hollinger recommended approaching the new President of UMB, Dr Jay Perman. If such a residency program were to come to fruition, the expectation with knowledge of previous precedence is that there may be more licensees remaining in the state of Maryland post residency program. The Board approved the idea and spoke to Lynda McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), about having the MPMA set up a committee of one or two people to join a Board representative to present this idea to Dr. Perman.

Board President, Dr. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal, stated that the Board will work on coming up with talking points before scheduling a meeting with Dr. Perman.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Review for eligibility for FULL License:**

##### **a. William Yeaman, D.P.M.**

The Board reviewed and approved the issuance of a Full license for the above applicant.

#### **2. Scope of Practice Inquiry- Brian Kressin, D.P.M.**

**Is it within the scope of practice in the State of Maryland for podiatrists to use systemic medications like Lyrica and related drugs to treat symptoms of neuropathy in diabetic and non diabetic patients for the treatment of neuropathy?**

After review of the inquiry, the Board decided that it is within the scope of practice for podiatrists to use systemic medications like Lyrica and related drugs to treat symptoms of neuropathy in diabetic and non diabetic patients for the treatment of neuropathy.

#### **3. Teleconference regarding Secretary Sharfstein's interest in Board activities**

Paula Hollinger, DHMH, and Eva Schwartz, teleconferenced with Dr. Sellers-Hannibal regarding Dr. Sharfstein's priorities regarding the timeliness of the HealthCare Occupation Boards' processing of licensees applications for a new license, and patients complaints. The monthly statistics will be reported to him for his review, and he wanted to make the Boards aware that timeliness will be noted.

#### **4. Amendments to the Dispensing Permits**

The Board was made aware that the format for dispensing permits has changed. The new permits will include the address of the office and a permit number. Division of Drug Control required the change to be made to comply with their inspections. All

current permit holders were issued a new permit including the new information. Additionally, each office from which drugs get dispensed, need a separate permit, identified with a permit number and the address of the practice location.

#### **D. OTHER**

##### **1. Groupon**

Dr Jay LeBow, Vice President, informed the Board and submitted written conformation that the New York Board of Podiatric Medicine has ruled that groupon falls under fee splitting and is illegal in the state of New York. The Virginia Board of Podiatric Medicine is also in the process of investigating groupon and the corresponding fees charged. The Board discussed involving other Maryland Healthcare Occupation Boards to create a new uniform policy for groupon among them. It was also discussed that the Board may create a policy independently of the other Boards; however the decision was deferred until review of the "Advice of Counsel" on the topic. The Board would like the Attorney General to provide a written public opinion on the issue. It was decided that Richard Bloom will write an "Advise of Counsel" on the topic.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.**

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq." the Board unanimously approved a motion to close its meeting at 1:58 p.m., in room 110 for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

