

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2023

Location: Google Meet <https://meet.google.com/rwt-wbyt-qfo?hs=224>

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The Public Meeting commenced at 1:09pm, opened by Board President, Dr. H. David Gottlieb.

Roll call was initiated by the Executive Director.

Board members present: Drs. Yvonne Umezurike, Aparna Duggirala, Bruce Fox, and Adam Silverman.

Consumer Members Present: Ms. Frona Kroopnick. Consumer Member Lynne Brecker was absent.

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director; Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Director; and Kiana Nicholson, Licensing Coordinator.

Office of the Attorney General: Kristen Fon Lim, AAG, Board Counsel.

Representing MPMA: Mr. Richard Bloch, Executive Director, and Dr. Jay Lebow, MPMA Member.

Guests: Zakiyyah Holmes, MDH.

Dr. H. David Gottlieb cited 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 July 13, 2023 meeting.

Dr. H. David Gottlieb requested an amendment to his name in the approval of minutes from Dr. Gottlieb to Dr. H. David Gottlieb. The meeting minutes from the July 13, 2023, public meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted with the amendment.

B. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A report was incorporated into National Standards of Practice VA Affairs presentation

1. FPMB- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)- National Standards Of Practice- Podiatry

Dr. H. David Gottlieb shared that FPMB is working to create a National Standards of Practice that will include podiatrists. When a podiatrist transfers between Veterans Affairs (VA) centers, they will maintain their current level of practice. The Standards of Practice are a separate scope of practice from state licensure. Qualifications are based on education, training, and demonstrated skills. Podiatrists will be allowed to complete procedures regardless of state licensure. Additionally, the scope of practice for licensure is reportable in every state. Dr. H. David Gottlieb feels that as the VA goes, the federal government goes, and mandates carry to individual states.

Dr. H. David Gottlieb shared that there is a potential, upcoming change in the VA's policy of credentialing VA residency programs. The VA is seeking to move away from co-sponsored residency programs. The VA & Sinai Hospital have chosen a unified schedule. Mr. Bloch stated that he has not heard back from the Veteran Affairs Podiatric Residency Chair, Dr. Hummira Abawi, regarding the status of this change. Mr. Bloch will follow up concerning a response to the inquiry. Dr. H. David Gottlieb will update the Board as more information will become available.

Ms. Schwartz posed the question of how the changes will occur or be effective. Mr. Bloch stated that a concern of the change is that there are no pre-approved residency programs in Maryland other than the VA. Hopefully, the current standards of practice will remain since the VA is the only residency program approved solely in Maryland.

Upon further discussion and research, Mr. Bloch shared that, according to medresidency.com, Sinai Hospital has a medical podiatric residency with two open positions. Additionally, the Council of Podiatric Medical Examiners (CPME) lists Sinai as an approved program. The Board will follow up with Council on Podiatric Medical Education to request that such information gets disseminated to the relevant Boards of Podiatry within the States.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Schwartz shared that the Legislative Auditors are present. The Auditors are in the beginning stages of investigation and will visit the Board at some point in the near future.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion Ratifying the Approval for the Number of CME Credits Regarding the DEA Training Requirement for Licensed Practitioners

Ms. Schwartz shared that the Board previously discussed approval for all eight hours of learning required to meet the new MATE DEA training to the 25 CME Podiatric Medicine specific category, Category A. Dr. Umezurike motioned to ratify the approval for 8 CME credits. The motion was approved with five in favor and one dissenting vote.

2. Discussion on Incorporation of New Legislation on Licensing Applications

Ms. Schwartz reiterated that there are no changes or updates currently required on the Boards applications. Renewals are set to begin in October. At that time the Board will request a business address for all licensees. It was also discussed that the renewal of license reminder letter will state that if all CME's are not completed by December 1, 2023, upon a request in writing, and for exceptional circumstances, the Board may approve an extension through December 31, 2023, on a case-by-case basis. If an extension is not granted, the current license will lapse into a Non-Renewed status, and a new, full license application will need to be completed, pending eligibility for such.

3. FINAL AAA Submitted to Division of State Documents: COMAR 10.40.12 Telehealth (BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS)

Ms. Schwartz shared that the Final COMAR 10.40.12 Telehealth was submitted to the Division of State Documents. The final regulation will be posted in the Maryland Register and become effective on September 18, 2023.

4. Proposal Submitted to AELR: COMAR 10.40.02 Licensing and Continuing Education Requirements

Ms. Schwartz shared that a proposal was submitted to AELR for COMAR 10.40.02 Licensing and Continuing Education Requirements. The proposal was printed in the Maryland Register on September 8, 2023. The submission is open for comments until October 10, 2023.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Information Act (PIA) Policy- MDH Policy 01.04.01

Ms. Schwartz stated that the Public Information Act (PIA) Policy establishes what people can request from a licensee's file. An attachment was shared for informational purposes.

2. Updated CPR Certification Criteria

Ms. Schwartz shared that there have been discussions regarding the CPR certification for the upcoming renewal cycle. The Board Members voted that, for this renewal cycle only, CPR certification can be completed online with the option of completing the hands-on skill set. Ms. Schwartz acknowledges that most licensees have obtained a Basic Life Support (BLS) certification. Ms. Schwartz reiterated that If the CPR course is not a BLS certification, a CPR course with no hands-on will still be accepted.

3. VAEIA Application for Podiatry Licensure: Compliance with Federal Mandate

Ms. Schwartz shared that under federal law a new application for Veterans with Military orders came into effect allowing active-duty military and their spouses to apply for a Maryland license under different criteria than a full license application. The application is free for military members, but it is required that they prove they are under active military orders in Maryland before a license will be granted.

Ms. Lim reiterated that the VAEIA application is like treating a license to practice as valid between the states. The certification covers the right to practice under a different States license, but the practitioner would still need to practice within the scope of the state they are currently working in. Some of the criteria of the application are that the applicant must be relocated to Maryland under active orders, be in good standing, and provide proof of equivalent licensure from another state.

4. Discussion on Refund of Application Payments

Ms. Schwartz deferred the discussion on refund of application payments to the October 12, 2023, meeting.

5. PDMP Prescriber Tool Update

The PDMP Prescriber Tool Update announcement was provided for informational purposes.

6. NPDB Insights- August 2023 Highlights

The NPDB Insights- August 2023 Highlights was provided for informational purposes.

7. FPMB 2023 Annual Meeting Recap

Dr. Lebow shared that the mission and vision statement for the Federation of the Podiatric Medical Boards have been revised. The new Mission statement reads, **“To serve as the national voice for state podiatric medical boards while collaborating with allied organizations, supporting member boards with services and initiatives that protect and promote patient safety, integrity of podiatric medicine, access to high-quality health care, and regulatory best practices”**.

The new Vision statement, **“A podiatric medical regulatory system that protects patients and ensures access to high-quality healthcare services, sustaining the integrity and excellence of podiatric medicine”**.

Dr. Lebow shared that there is now free attendance for Board members who attend the Federation State Medal Award which covers policy topics, such as licensure regulation and the opioid epidemic. Additionally, exhibitors from the podiatric medical field are there to promote technologies and products. Dr. Lebow would like to encourage all podiatrists

in Maryland to join the Federation so that they can attend the State Medal Awards and other Federation events.

Dr. Lebow stated that the podiatric medical Compact was discussed further at the last Federation meeting. There will be an initial founding members meeting held soon to discuss progress towards the Compact. The Task Force assigned to the Compact will be comprised of Board Members and staff from the Federation's membership. Dr. Lebow shared that Dr. Gottlieb plans on attending the meeting once it is set, and that he would like to personally invite Ms. Schwartz to attend as well to provide her knowledge and expertise.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation presented a discussion of the MATE Act, the opioid epidemic, prescribing guidelines, and local takes on discipline and enforcement at the Federation meeting.

Dr. LeBow informed the Board that Prometric will no longer be used for Parts 1-3 test scores. A contract was signed with Meazure Learning to assume the Parts 1-3 responsibility. NBPME staff are working closely with Meazure Learning to complete the transition. A task force was developed for Part II with hopes of finding new schools to proctor the clinical portion of the test.

Dr. Lebow would like to remind FPMB members that there will be two vacancies on the Board next year.

8. Licensing Records- Permissible Inspections

The Licensing Records- Permissible Inspections document was provided for informational purposes.

9. New Licensee Approval

Full License

a. Zoha Khan, D.P.M.

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

b. Nicholas Bruning, D.P.M.

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

c. Fritz-Andre Duterlien, D.P.M.

The above identified licensure candidate was approved unanimously for the issuance of a full Maryland license. Dr. H. David Gottlieb was recused from this vote.

Reinstatement of License

a. Arnold Ravick, D.P.M.

The above identified licensure candidate was approved unanimously for the issuance of a full Maryland license. Dr. H. David Gottlieb was recused from this vote.

Limited License June 2023-August 2023

- a. Zanib Cheema, D.P.M.**
- b. Madeira Curry, D.P.M.**
- c. Yehondadav Kadosh, D.P.M.**
- d. Nichole Mgboji, D.P.M.**
- e. Carly Smelkinson, D.P.M.**
- f. Tarina Ayizi, D.P.M.**
- g. Alyson Raynor, D.P.M.**
- h. Alex Dang, D.P.M.**
- i. Patrick Kagel, D.P.M.**
- j. Mitchell Goldman, D.P.M.**
- k. Diksha Mohapatra, D.P.M.**
- l. Alyson Raynor-Boudreau, D.P.M.**
- m. Salvatore Fazio, D.P.M.**
- n. Porscha Dort, D.P.M.**

The above listed licensees were awarded a Limited License during the period of June 2023-August 2023. Names of licensees were provided for informational purposes only.

Fellowship License

a. Tiffanie Liu, D.P.M.

The above listed podiatrist was issued a Fellowship Limited License at UMMS, in August 2023.

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Signature and date__

and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Executive Director, Signature and date__

Signature by Frona Kroopnick, Board Secretary/Treasurer:__