

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2011
Room 110

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners was held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:21 p.m. by President Dr. David Freedman.

Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal, Craig Friedman, and Steve Chatlin. Dr. Jay LeBow was absent. Public members of the Board were Jay Boyar and Barbara Crosby.

Staff: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Richard Bloom, AAG, and Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer.

Guests present: Richard Bloch, Executive Director, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), Kristen Neville, DHMH, Paula Hollinger, DHMH, and Sharon Bloom, DHMH.

A. MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting were approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Updates on the Board's sanctioning guidelines process

The Sanctioning Guidelines were tabled till June 9, 2011 meeting, pending Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel completion of such.

2. Scope of Practice Inquiry- Leona Odemena, DPM

• Is it unethical to treat a family member?

The Board's position is that it is not unethical to treat a family member; however, facts of a particular circumstance may result in a conflict that may preclude the appropriateness of familial treatment. Medical records for family members must also be maintained as required of any other patient.

• Is it unethical to treat a family member and bill for services?

The Podiatry Act (statute) does not prohibit and is silent regarding the treatment of family members, thus this becomes a personal decision; however, **some third party payers may prohibit payment for treatment of family members.**

- **If it is unethical to treat a family member, what is the allowable distance of the family relationship to treat? (ex. Cousin, niece/nephew)**

The above answers apply to this question as well.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Medicare Signature Requirements (CERT)

Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) Signature Requirements Fact Sheet provided to the Board for informational/educational purposes.

http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Signature_Requirements_Fact_Sheet_ICN905364.pdf

2. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

a. Annie McLenahan, DPM

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 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 2:03 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

