

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

October 9, 2014

Room 110

The Open Session Meeting chaired by President Craig Friedman, DPM, opened at 1:11 PM.

Board members attending the meeting were Drs. Zachary Chatter, Todd Harrison and Philip Cohen. Consumer members present were Jay Boyar and Barbara Crosby.

Staff attending: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Mike Conti, Board Counsel, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer, and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator.

DHMH Guests attending: Kristen Neville and Paula Hollinger.

MPMA Representative attending: Chanelle Carter, DPM

Board Member Absent: Jay LeBow, DPM

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from September 11, 2014, Meeting

Dr Friedman presented on behalf of Dr. LeBow a proposed change under New Business item two (2), Scope of Practice Inquiry- Back MRIs in the minutes from the September 11, 2014 meeting. Dr LeBow felt it was unnecessary to include that a podiatrist would need to “refer out to another physician if needed for treatment” for the back MRI scope of practice question. After discussion, the Minutes were approved as submitted without change.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Follow up discussion on Prescribing Controlled Substance Drugs CME requirements

The Board further discussed the new requirement of podiatrists holding a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) prescribing permit to complete two (2) Continuing Medical Education Credits (CME’s) on appropriate pain management medication and the prescribing of scheduled drugs criteria. The Board decided to wait on promulgating regulations for this new requirement until the Division of Drug Control or other Health Occupational Boards have began to draft regulations as well.

2. Discussion about CME accrual criteria- Committee Presentation

The Committee reported back to the Board that after researching, it was found that other states do not allow their licensees to acquire fragmented credits or obtain any Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits that do not require a test. After discussion, the Board determined they would get an Advice of Counsel on this topic.

3. Approved CME for the dispensing prescription medication permit holders

The Board discussed the ten (10) mandatory CME requirements every five (5) years for any podiatrist who wants to obtain or renew a prescription medication dispensing permit. These CME requirements are on a graduated schedule and are listed on the Maryland State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners website under dispensing prescription drugs from an office, which can be found at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/mbpme/SitePages/forms.aspx>.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scope of Practice Inquiry

The inquiry was moved to the executive session.

2. FYI- Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 29/No. 3 Fall 2014 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC

The Board received the Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 29/No. 3 Fall 2014 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC for informational purposes.

3. Inquiry- Criteria for a Licensed Nail technicians services in a Podiatrist's Office

The inquiry was moved to the executive session.

With no further business, the Meeting concluded at 1:51 PM.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq," the Board unanimously approved a motion to close its meeting at 1:51 PM, 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

