

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2009

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners was held on Thursday, December 10, 2009, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by President Dr. Ira Gottlieb. Board members present were Drs. Steven Chatlin, David Freedman, Jay LeBow, Tanya Sellers-Hannibal and Ms. Barbara Crosby and Mr. Jay Boyar. Also present were Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel and Sally Reier, Administrative Officer. Guests present were Lynda Lardner-McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) representative.

A. MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 12, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Regulations – CPR Requirement

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that a January 2010 effective date is anticipated for our CPR regulations.

2. Preliminary Sunset Evaluation Report

- **Consideration for registration of podiatric medicine assistants**
- **Consideration for certification/licensure of orthotists, pedorthists and prosthetists**

Ms. Schwartz stated that the Board's Preliminary Sunset Evaluation Report is confidential at this time and will become public after the legislature reviews same. As such, discussion of same was moved to the Executive Session. Ms. Schwartz noted that the report complimented the Board on the efficiency of complaint resolution.

The Board discussed funding issues associated with re-establishing podiatric residency programs in Maryland and identified the possibility of meeting with Secretary Colmers to discuss same.

3. Administration of H1N1 Flu vaccines by podiatrists – Update

The Board reviewed the notice that was posted on the Board's website advising that podiatrists are not authorized to administer H1N1 flu vaccines.

4. Updates on renewal of license status

Staff informed the Board that to date approximately 50 podiatrists have not renewed their license. These podiatrists were contacted with a courtesy reminder to renew their license. Twenty of these podiatrists have informed the Board of their intent not to renew their license or to place their license on Inactive status.

Added to Agenda:

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that as of today, our licensure database has been made available to the provider Enrollment Section of Maryland Medicaid to facilitate their verification of licensure and license expiration dates.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence from John Molesworth, M.D.

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Dr. Molesworth and provided the following responses to his questions:

1. At what point is it acceptable for podiatry to manage ankle fractures?
Our institution defines acute at five days. Podiatrists can manage ankle fractures at any point in time; however, the surgical treatment of an acute ankle fracture is not permitted. The Board has reaffirmed its prior determination that applying a single static timeframe to all ankle fractures is inappropriate. Sound clinical judgment applied on a case by case basis which includes the completion of a thorough clinical assessment is required.

2. Is it acceptable for podiatry to ever manage open ankle fractures? *Yes*

3. Is it acceptable to splint an acute ankle fractures and refer to podiatry for follow up? *Yes*

Does surgical management apply to closed reduction or is surgery meant to imply an open procedure? The surgical management applies to both closed and open surgical treatment.

4. If acceptable for a podiatrist to surgically manage an acute ankle fracture if this is the patient's preference? *No*

5. Can podiatrists manage soft tissue injuries above the mid calf? *No*

Staff was requested to send a letter to Dr. Molesworth with the aforementioned Board response.

2. Proposed Revisions to CPME Documents 320 and CPME 330 Scheduled for Consideration by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education in April 2010

The Board reviewed notification regarding proposed revisions to CPME Documents 320 and CPME 330 scheduled for consideration by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education. The Board determined that this was informational and required no Board action.



With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 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 3:10 p.m., for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Crosby, Secretary/Treasurer