

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 14, 2019

Room 106

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:05 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Phillip Cohen.

Board members attending were Drs. Umezurike, Gottlieb, and Chattler. Consumer members present were Frona Kroopnick and Sharon Bunch. Board member Adam Silverman, DPM was absent.

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel, Sheri Henderson, Deputy Executive Director, Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Licensing Coordinator, and David Bruce, Investigator.

Representing MPMA: Jay LeBow, DPM.

Representing MDH: Kim Lang, PhD.

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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 February 14, 2019 meeting.

The minutes from the February 14, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Position Statement on SB-947 – Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Application Determinations – Use of Criminal History

The Board was given a copy of the Position Statement on SB-947 – Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Application Determinations – Use of Criminal History. The Bill prohibits Health Occupation Boards from denying an application for reasons associated with an applicant's criminal history, either a violent or non-violent crime, if a certain period of time has passed since the applicant's conviction. All Health Care Occupation Boards are opposing the Bill.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. HB-409/SB-469 - Drugs and Devices – Electronic Prescriptions – Requirements

The Board was given a copy of HB-409/SB-469 - Drugs and Devices – Electronic Prescriptions – Requirements for information purposes. The Bill would mandate electronic prescribing; the Bill

also includes provisions for exemptions for electronically submitted prescriptions. Board's that have prescribing authority have expressed concern about this Bill. No additional updates are available at this time.

2. SB-916 – Physicians – Dispensing Permit Exemption – Prepackaged Topical

The Board received a copy of SB-916 – Physicians – Dispensing Permit Exemption – Prepackaged Topical for informational purposes. If the Bill passes, it will allow physicians and their delegates to dispense certain prepackaged topicals out of their offices without requiring a dispensing permit.

3. Upcoming License Renewal; CME Requirements

The Board discussed the upcoming license renewal beginning October 2019 and the required CME submission. The CME requirements are as follows: 25 CME credits need to be in person and related to the practice of podiatric medicine. Additionally, up to 25 credits can be online or other sources for a total of 50 CME credits. Any course work completed either in attendance or online, must be pre-approved by the Board. Online courses must be worth at least .5 CME credit hours. The CPR requirement is worth three (3) CME credits in the in person category. Maryland Board meetings as well as the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) meetings are worth one (1) CME in the in person category.

4. NPDB Insights

The Board received a copy of the National Practitioner Data Bank Insights publication, for informational purposes.

5. Review eligibility for FULL License:

a. Michael Berger, DPM

b. David Hatch, DPM

The above identified licensure candidates were approved unanimously for the issuance of a Full Maryland License.

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 1:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer