

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET

MINUTES

November 12, 2020

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Join by phone: (US) +1 218-301-8591 (PIN: 973029667)

The Public Meeting commenced at 1:07 PM, opened by the Board President, Dr. Yvonne Umezurike.

Roll call was initiated by the Board President. By acclamation, all Board members were in attendance.

Board members present: Drs. Umezurike, Cohen, Silverman, Gottlieb and Fox

Consumer Members present: Ms. Sharon Bunch and Ms. Frona Kroopnick

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Executive Director

Office of the Attorney General: Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel

Representing MPMA: Dr. Jay LeBow, MPMA member

Representing MDH: Kim Link, MDH Liaison to the Boards and Commissions, and Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulations Coordinator for select Boards and Commissions

Dr. Umezurike 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 October 8, 2020 meeting

The minutes from the October 8, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT -Dr. Umezurike

Dr. Umezurike discussed the current news article regarding the company Purdue Pharma which plead guilty to federal criminal charges related to opioid crisis. The full article can be found at:

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/21/business/purdue-pharma-guilty-plea/index.html>.

Additionally, it was brought to the Board's attention that the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards was sponsoring a Congressional Bill that would prevent individual board members from being sued for alleged antitrust violation laws. Ms. Schwartz stated that in Maryland, there are existing regulations that would protect the serving board members from such liability.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Eva Schwartz

1. Governor's Order: Ms. Schwartz discussed the most recent COVID-19 Order, which included placing the decision concerning when to invoke a strict moratorium on elective admissions on the leadership at each

individual hospital. The Order also encouraged practitioners to adhere to best infection control practices for safe workflows in hospitals and ambulatory facilities, and to use telehealth technology when practical, for caring for all patients, especially those who are high risk.

2. Ms. Schwartz discussed the Federation of Podiatric Medical Board survey regarding the Part II CSPE Skill Set Exam that is only offered in Pennsylvania. State boards discussed the different avenues taken to issue a license when an applicant was not able to successfully complete the exam due to the difficulties ensued by COVID-19. The Board discussed this matter and decided to form a committee to propose a solution to present to the Board at the January meeting. The committee will consist of Drs. Cohen and Silverman, Consumer Member Sharon Bunch, Rhonda Edwards, Board Counsel and Eva Schwartz, Executive Director.

D. CME COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT -Dr. Gottlieb

Dr. Gottlieb had no new CME correspondence to report.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Telehealth Regulation

The Board is currently awaiting updates regarding the proposed regulations that were submitted last meeting. The regulations were forwarded to the MDH Office of Regulations and Policy Coordination, for review, processing, and approval by the Secretary. Subsequent to that process, they will be forwarded to the AELR committee in Annapolis. The finalized regulations will be posted on the Board's website.

2. Proposed Sunset 2021 Legislation

The Board is currently awaiting updates regarding the final sponsors for the proposed legislation.

3. Podiatric Physician- Pending Proposed Legislation for the 2021 Session

Dr. LeBow informed the Board that the MPMA plans on re-introducing during the 2021 legislative session the proposed legislation identifying DPM's as Podiatric Physicians.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. PDMP- Draft Fact Sheet for Missing/Stolen Prescription Pad

The Board was given a procedural fact sheet to follow in a case where a prescription pad is missing or stolen. The Board will disseminate the information to the community via the website.

2. Review eligibility for issuance of Full Active License:

Nafisa Hasan, DPM-The identified licensure candidate was approved unanimously for the issuance of a full Maryland Podiatric License.

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:39 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: _____