

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

November 8, 2018

Room 110

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:08 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Phillip Cohen.

Board members attending were Drs. Umezurike, Gottlieb, Chattler, and Silverman. Consumer members present were Frona Kroopnick and Sharon Bunch.

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

Representing MDH: Kim Lang, PhD.

Guests Present: Dr. Jay LeBow, MPMA Representative.

COMAR 10.01.14.02.B:

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A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from the October 11, 2018 meeting

The minutes from the October 11, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. MPMA 2019 Legislative Proposals

The Board further discussed the idea that was brought up at the end of last month's meeting regarding the MPMA introducing a Bill to eliminate the current requirement of hospital privileges to work in an ASC. The Board decided to table any further discussion on the issue until the MPMA decides whether or not they will be submitting a proposal, or specifics for such.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. COMAR 10.40.02.07- Reinstatement

The Board reviewed current COMAR 10.40.02.07-Reinstatement and Statute 16-308. - Inactive status; reinstatement of expired licenses and decided to keep the current requirements as they are stated.

2. Appointment to the PDMP's Advisory Committee

The Board discussed the appointment of a Board member to the PDMP's advisory committee. The Board decided that a rotating schedule between Board members would work best for attending the PDMP's advisory committee meetings. Dr. Umezurike volunteered to attend the next upcoming PDMP advisory committee meeting.

3. FYI- Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 33/No. 3 Fall 2018 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC

The Board received a copy of Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 33/No.3 Fall 2018 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC, for informational purposes.

4. PDMP regulations change impacting dispenser reporting of data at the Boards ED meeting

Ms. Schwartz shared with the Board more information regarding the PDMP regulations change regarding the reporting of data for dispensers. It was re-iterated that this is a one-time requirement and an attestation form is being developed for reporting at the time. Once this attestation requirement is met, the registrant will not need to obtain 2 hours of training for future registrations.

The Board discussed how the new regulation mandates all controlled dangerous substance dispensers to report all activity to the PDMP within 24 hours. If a practitioner did not dispense any controlled dangerous substances that day then a "0" still needs to be reported. During further discussion on the topic, it was noted that if a practitioner violates the law, the PDMP will notify the Board, who then has the authority to discipline the practitioner.

There is an approved plan for implementation of the new regulations, which may occur around March-April 2019; however no formal date has been set at this time.

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer