

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2011
Room 110

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:24 p.m. by President Dr. David Freedman.

Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal, Jay LeBow, and Steve Chatlin. [Dr.](#) Craig Friedman was absent. Public members of the Board were Jay Boyar and Barbara Crosby.

Staff: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Richard Bloom, AAG, and Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer.

Guests present: Linda McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), Paula Hollinger, DHMH, and Sharon Bloom, DHMH.

A. MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting were approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Updates on the Board's sanctioning guidelines process

The Sanctioning Guidelines were tabled until the May 12, 2011 Board meeting. Richard Bloom, AAG will have a draft copy to present to the Board.

2. Summary of 2011 Legislative Session

Eva Schwartz reviewed the 2011 Legislative Podiatric Bills that were introduced and their final status. They are as follows:

- **HB 36/SB 117- Unannounced Inspections**
Passed in both Houses
- **HB 52/SB 46- Podiatric Medical Assistants-Registration**
Unfavorable in the House
Withdrawn in the Senate
- **HB 66/SB 90- Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**
Passed in both Houses
- **HB 190/SB 76- Volunteer Podiatrist License**
Unfavorable in the House
Withdrawn in the Senate

The Board extended their thanks to Senator Conway for her support and is hopeful of her continued support in the future.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)-Medical Malpractice Payment Reporting

“*Medical Malpractice Payers: What Is Reportable to the NPDB?*” was given to the Board for informational purposes.

2. Inquiry about CPT Codes-Dr. Claymon Stevenson, II

- **Whether there are different CPT codes for ulcerations?**

The Board indicated that CPT codes 11040 and 11041 were deleted as of January 2011 and were replaced with CPT codes 97597 and 97598. They also indicated that CPT code 11042 is still in effect.

- **Whether podiatrists are eligible to treat and receive reimbursement for ulcerations under Medicare?**

The Board indicated that podiatrists are eligible to treat and receive reimbursement for ulcerations below mid-calf level.

The Board is advising Dr. Stevenson to review his *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)* reference books to ensure that they are current and up-to-date.

3. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

a. Ashleigh Korves, DPM

b. Yvonne Ozuzu, DPM

c. Justin Lewis, DPM

The Board reviewed and approved the issuance of Full licenses for the above applicants.

4. National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners-New Name

The Board reviewed the Home webpage of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME). The National Board has changed the name of its licensing examination series from NBPME Parts I, II and III to American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE) Part I, II and III.

The NBPME remains as the parent organization that owns and is responsible for production and scoring of each test in the series.

5. Scope of Practice Inquiry- Leona Odemena, DPM

The Board tabled this discussion pending further clarification from Dr. Odemena inquiring as to whether it is unethical to treat a family member.

6. Fund Balance of the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

Eva Schwartz reviewed the current and projected revenue and expenditures for the Board. She gave a variance between having the future Administrative Specialist II (Licensing Coordinator) at 50% and the Executive and Deputy Executive positions at 100%, as well as having all three positions at 100%.

The Board agreed that having all three positions at 100% would put a severe strain on the Board's budget and therefore agreed that at this time, without the Podiatric Medical Assistants or X-ray Techs being registered under the Board, a part time position for the Licensing Coordinator would be the viable choice.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 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 2:06 p.m., 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

