

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**OPEN SESSION MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**April 4, 2019**

**Room 110**

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

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

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

**Representing MPMA: Richard Bloch, Esq., Executive Director.**

**Representing MDH: Kim Lang, PhD.**

**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 March 14, 2019 meeting.**

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

**B. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. SB-947 – Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Application Determinations – Use of Criminal History – Final Outcome**

The Board was informed that SB-947 – Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Application Determinations – Use of Criminal History failed to pass after the first hearing.

**2. HB-409/SB-469 - Drugs and Devices – Electronic Prescriptions – Requirements- Final Outcome**

The Board was informed that HB-409/SB-469 - Drugs and Devices – Electronic Prescriptions – Requirements had its first hearing on April 2, 2019 in the Senate. The Bill does not seem to have enough support to pass.

**C. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. PDMP Videos**

The Board received information on new educational videos posted by the PDMP to help explain how to effectively use the PDMP as well as provide resources to healthcare professionals who may have patients in need of next steps. These videos can be found on the PDMP website at: <https://bha.health.maryland.gov/pdmp/Pages/Home.aspx>.

### **2. FYI- Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 34/No. 1 Spring 2019 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC.**

The Board received a copy of Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 34/No. 1 Spring 2019 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC for informational purposes.

### **3. Review eligibility for FULL License:**

**a. Emmanuella Eastman, DPM.**

**b. Niara Wright, DPM.**

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

### **D. OTHER:**

**1.** Ms. Schwartz discussed with the Board the idea of proposing regulations next legislative session to allow podiatrists to dispense antifungal topicals out of offices without a dispensing permit.

**2.** The Board was made aware that the projected date to start receiving online applications is April 15, 2019.

**3.** New Assistant Investigator, Michael Weinstein was welcomed by the Board.

**With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 1:22 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer**