

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

May 11, 2017

Room 106

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:07 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Philip Cohen.

Board members attending were: Drs. Chatter, Friedman, Gottlieb, and Umezurike. Consumer members present were Ms. Frona Kroopnick and Mr. Jay Boyar.

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Tony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel, Sheri Henderson, Deputy Executive Director, Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator, Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator, Kristen Neville, Legislation.

Representing DHMH: Brandon Wright, Assistant Director for Health Care Occupations Board, Sharon Bloom, DHMH.

Representing MPMA: Richard Bloch, Executive Director.

Guests present: Drs. LeBow, and Glazer.

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 April 13, 2017 Meeting

The minutes from the April 13, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Regulations defining what is required to prove 5 years of Practice for a Full License

The Board discussed proposing a regulation to define what is required for new applicants to prove five years of active practice in lieu of a residency affidavit during the application process. It was decided that there will be an affidavit required during the licensing process to prove five years of active practice prior to the application.

2. Proposed Regulation addressing Active podiatric practice

The Board discussed defining active podiatric practice in the regulations. After research and discussion, it was decided that there will be a new regulation written to define active practice as meaning 400 hours on average worked per year for five years.

3. Discussion about proposing the requirement of submitting 25 cme's as part of licensure requirement for those applicants who have been practicing out of State for 5 yrs, immediately preceding the application to the Board

The Board discussed adding the requirement of submitting 25 CME's that have been recently completed for new full licensure applicants who have been practicing outside the State for five years prior. After the discussion, the Board decided to keep the application and its requirements the same and not add the 25 CME's requirement.

4. Maryland PDMP Registration Mandate for CDS Prescribers Update

The Board was given a copy of a chart showing that only 45 percent of licensee's have registered with the PDMP. The deadline to register is July 1, 2017.

5. PROPOSAL printed: COMAR 10.40.01.05 Examination and Post-Graduate Training

The proposed regulation, COMAR 10.40.01.05 Examination and Post-Graduate Training, is in the comment period until May 30, 2017. The Board postponed discussion on the proposed regulation until the June meeting when all comments are received.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposing regulations to authorize the Board to approve assessments of inquiries for compliance with advertising requirements/regulations

Current regulations state that the Board can not pre-approve any advertisements. The Board discussed proposing regulations to give them authorization to approve assessments of inquires for compliance with advertising requirements and regulations. It was noted that the MPMA does not accept inquiries. The Board will research the topic for the next Board meeting.

2. Proposing regulations to address scope of practice inquiries

The Board discussed proposing regulations to address scope of practice inquires that the Board receives. After discussion, it was decided that the Board will wait to address whether or not it needs to propose regulations for such, pending the NC Dental Bill's implementation.

3. Proposing regulations to explicitly define existing statute regarding licensure requirements

The Board tabled the topic until the June meeting.

4. CPME moratorium

The Board was presented with a copy of a CPME memorandum regarding a moratorium on accepting applications for new colleges of podiatric medicine or requests for authorization to increase enrollment in accredited colleges for informational purposes. It was noted that currently there are enough residency slots available for all podiatric school graduates.

5. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

a. Sherene Bond, D.P.M.

The above identified licensure candidate was approved unanimously for the issuance of a full Maryland License.

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

