

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET**

**MINUTES**

**May 13, 2021**

**Location: <https://meet.google.com/qaj-tuba-bvv?hs=224>**

**Join by Phone: (US) +1 240-560-3699 (PIN: 979436218)**

**The Public Meeting commenced at 1:08 PM, opened by the Board President, Dr. Yvonne Umezurike.**

**Roll call was initiated by the Executive Director. 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: Richard Bloch, Esq., Executive Director, and Dr. Jay LeBow, MPMA member**

**Representing MDH: 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 March 11, 2021 meeting**

The minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

**B. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT -Dr. Umezurike**

Dr. Umezurike discussed updates from the most recent Federation meeting that she and Ms. Schwartz attended.

**C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Eva Schwartz**

**1. Report on the NPDB Guidebook: <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/resources/NPDBGuidebook.pdf>**

Ms. Schwartz distributed the National Practitioner Data Bank Guidebook for informational purposes. There was discussion on how the process to perform a data bank search is now regulated.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. HB 182/SB 169 – Podiatric Physician**

The Board discussed HB 182/SB 169 – Podiatric Physician and how it never left the Subcommittee Hearing in HGO. The MPMA may introduce the Bill next legislative session.

## **2. SB 247-State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Sunset Extension**

The Board was made aware that SB 247- State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Sunset Extension has passed unanimously.

## **4. SB 952 - Health Occupations – Internship and Residency Training Requirements – Waiver for Former**

### **Service Members Injured in Combat**

The Board was made aware that SB 952- Health Occupations – Internship and Residency Training Requirements – Waiver for Former Service Members Injured in Combat did not pass.

## **5. SB 005- Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities**

The Board discussed SB 005 which requires all initial and first-time renewal licensees to complete a mandatory Implicit Bias training program approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Healthcare Professional Competency Program. The Bill did pass and is expected to be in effect by October 1, 2021.

## **6. COMAR 10.40.12.01-.06 Telehealth (BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS)**

The Board was made aware that the proposed regulations were signed and approved by the Secretary and have moved to the AELR committee in Annapolis for their 15 day review. Once approved, the regulations will be posted in the register for 30 days for public comment. The finalized regulations will be posted on the Board's website.

## **7. Changes in CME Requirements for the 2022-2023 Licensure Cycle:**

The Board has recognized the hardships and safety issues ensued by the COVID-19 pandemic, and based on those concerns, has changed the CME requirements ONLY for the duration of the 12-1-2019 through 12-1- 2021 accrual window, which covers the 2022-2023 licensure renewal cycle.

ALL 50 CME's may be attained online or in person, including the CPR for the non-lapsing certification, HOWEVER, 25 of the CME's, must be specific to podiatric medicine. CPR re-certification may be included as part of this specific CME accrual category.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. MEDCHI- Medical Records Copying Fee as of February 2021**

The Board was given a copy of MEDCHI's most recent medical records copy fee schedule for informational purposes.

### **2. Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 35/No. 4 Winter 2020 from**

#### **Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman & Hollander**

The Board received a copy of the Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 35/No. 4 Winter 2020 from Gordan, Feinblatt, Rothman, & Hollander for informational purposes.

### **3. NPDB Insights**

The Board was given a copy of the National Practitioner Data Bank Insights Newsletter for informational purposes.

#### **4. AMA to Consider Resolution with Goal of Allowing DPMS to Take USMLE Exams**

The Board discussed many major concerns over the AMA's proposed resolution to allow podiatrists to take the USMLE Exams. If passed, educational standards of universities could be in jeopardy and new licensing issues may arise. Dr. LeBow informed the Board that the Federation was not happy with the proposed plan.

#### **5. Review eligibility for issuance of Full Active Podiatric License:**

- a. Daphne Davis, DPM
- b. Anthony Camarda, DPM
- c. Zahra Dehghani, DPM
- d. Trevor Klinkner, DPM
- e. Bakr Asif, DPM
- f. Milton Rosario, DPM
- g. Scott Burstyn, DPM
- h. Su Kim, DPM

The above individually identified licensure candidates were approved for the issuance of a Full Maryland License. One Board member abstained from the vote on licensure for Dr. Kim.

#### **F. OTHER**

1. The Board expressed their gratitude and said a heartfelt farewell to Board member, Phillip Cohen DPM, who will be retiring from the Board prior to the June meeting.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:58 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: \_\_\_\_\_**