

BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

Minutes of the May 6, 2005 Board Meeting

1:00 PM

OLR Board Room

CHAIRMAN:

Shannon Meredith, D.P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shannon Meredith, D.P.M.

Roy Corbin, D.P.M.

Ron Stewart

Danforth DeSena, D.P.M.

Jil Beaupain, D.P.M.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; and Bob Perkins, A.A.G.

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Shannon Meredith called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ron Stewart and seconded by Dr. Dan DeSena to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2004 meeting.

Vote: 5 In Favor

NEW APPLICANTS:

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTARY:

Penny Vaillancourt gave the licensee number update - 83 licensees.

Penny Vaillancourt gave the financial update.

Penny Vaillancourt informed the board that L.D. 750 was passed with an amendment (fiscal note). Governor signed it on April 26. Penny Vaillancourt will be coordinating the rulemaking committee.

Penny notified the Board of the nomination of Christine Bruenn as Commissioner, introduced Bob Perkins as the new AAG for the Board, and notified the Board that Colleen's acting capacity is extended for another six months.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None.

COMPLAINT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Initial complaint presentations:

POD-033

Dr. Dan DeSena recused himself from presentation.

A complaint was filed by the Maine Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners against the licensee for aiding and abetting unlicensed radiologic technology practice in the podiatrist's office.

Motion made by Dr. Shannon Meredith to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance, with language to emphasize the podiatrist's responsibility of their employees to verify credentials and to express their appreciation of what they've done to correct office procedures, and to leave the letter in the podiatrist's file for three months. Dr. Jil Beaupain seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 in favor (2 recused – Dr. Roy Corbin and Dr. Dan DeSena)

POD-034

A complaint was filed by a patient that stated he needed to cancel his appointment for the next week, but there was confusion on the dates; the appointment was actually for the next day. The patient received a bill for \$50 for missing the appointment; he was upset and wanted to speak to doctor and asked for copies of his records. He states that the doctor never returned his call. The doctor responded to the complaint and said this patient had missed numerous appointments and that the policy for missing appointments is stated on the appointment cards.

Patient stated said he did end up receiving his records and paid the fees, but wishes he hadn't had to go through the lengthy process.

Dr. Jil Beaupain made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Ron Stewart seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – Dr. Roy Corbin)

POD-035

A patient filed a complaint against a podiatrist for unprofessional conduct in failing to transfer her x-rays to another podiatrist. She was told she could have copies of the x-rays but that the originals do belong to the doctor as part of the office. She was upset because her insurance company had paid for them and didn't understand why she could not have her original x-rays.

Dr. Jil Beaupain made a motion to dismiss the complaint as there is no violation of the standards of practice. Ron Stewart seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – Dr. Roy Corbin)

HIPDB Malpractice Payment Report

The board received notification of a malpractice payment and Dr. Roy Corbin will review the records and report back to the board, if necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ron Lambert of York Hospital had emailed a question to the Board asking if Maine podiatrists can conduct H&P's. Medicare allows it, but State of Maine does not right now.

Dr. Roy Corbin made a motion to table a response to Ron Lambert until more research is conducted. Dr. Dan DeSena seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

Dr. Ellen Anderson, DPM, submitted a request for a CEU extension because of a family medical crisis.

Dr. Jil Beaupain made a motion to grant a six-month extension to Dr. Anderson. Dr. Dan DeSena seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Shannon Meredith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m. Ron Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley, Acting Board Clerk