

BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

Minutes of the December 7, 2006 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.
Richard Angotti, Public Member
Danforth DeSena, D.P.M.
Jil Beaupain, D.P.M.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Mooney, Board Clerk; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; and Robert Perkins, A.A.G.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Richard Angotti to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. DeSena.

Vote: 5 In Favor

NEW APPLICANTS:

Pamela Peters – appeared before the board to take the oral examination and passed.

Dr. Beaupain made a motion to approve Ms. Peters' application for licensure. The motion was seconded by Richard Angotti.

Vote: 5 In favor

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Meredith did not have anything to report to the board.

COMPLAINT OFFICER'S REPORT

Complaint Re-presentation

2006-POD-2742

A complaint was filed by a licensed podiatrist against another licensed podiatrist alleging unprofessional conduct involving billing and Medicaid fraud.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, Richard Angotti made a motion to dismiss the complaint due to lack of evidence. The motion was seconded by Dr. Meredith.

Vote: 4 In Favor (1 recusal – Dr. Corbin)

Complaint Presentation

2006-POD-2425

A complaint was filed by a consumer against a licensed podiatrist alleging unprofessional conduct as a result of providing false information regarding a medical error.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, Dr. Meredith made a motion to dismiss the complaint as there was no evidence of a violation. The motion was seconded by Richard Angotti.

Vote: 4 In Favor (1 recusal – Dr. Roy Corbin)

2006-POD-2775

A complaint was filed by a consumer against a licensed podiatrist alleging unprofessional conduct regarding prescription drugs and failure to complete a disability assessment form at the request of the patient for the purpose of applying for disability benefits.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, Dr. DeSena made a motion to dismiss the complaint and send the licensee a letter of guidance regarding the importance of furnishing records timely, which will be placed in the licensee's file for a period of 6 months. The motion was seconded by Dr. Meredith.

Vote: 2 In Favor (3 recusals – Dr. Roy Corbin, Jil Beaupain and Richard Angotti)

2006-POD-2922

A complaint was filed by a consumer against a licensed podiatrist alleging unprofessional conduct for failing to accept the former patient as a new patient.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, Dr. Beaupain made a motion to dismiss the complaint for lack of evidence. The motion was seconded by Dr. DeSena.

Vote: 4 In Favor (1 recusal – Dr. Roy Corbin)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with financial and licensure updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

Todd O'Brien, DPM, submitted a letter to board requesting a decrease in the licensing fee requirements. Penny Vaillancourt will draft a formal response, which will inform Dr. O'Brien that the board will consider those changes while in the rulemaking process.

Dr. DeSena presented an informational letter from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons announcing CMS Final Rule on Medicare Hospital CoPs to allow DPMs to perform history and physicals. The board discussed that while this ruling recognizes the ability for podiatrists to perform history and physicals, this ruling does not permit Maine podiatrists to perform history and physicals. Rather, a statutory change would be necessary to permit Maine podiatrists in performing history and physicals.

COMPLAINT OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr. Corbin gave an update regarding the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners meeting he attended in August.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Beaupain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m. Richard Angotti seconded the motion. The

Vote: 5 In Favor

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mooney, Board Clerk