



Podiatric Medical Board
Business Meeting Minutes
Department of Health - Kent
Building 2 Suite 310, Room 307
Kent, Washington 98032
August 6, 2015

Board Members Present: Suzanne Wilson, DPM, Chair
Randy Anderson, DPM, Vice Chair
Bert Swift, Public Member

Staff Present: Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Brett Cain, Program Manager
Cece Zenker, Program Support
Kitty Slater, Disciplinary Manager
Dan Renfroe, Project Manager
Debbie Puryear-Tainer, Service Coordinator
Mike Weisman, Staff Attorney
Maura Craig, Policy Analyst
Jack Bucknell, Assistant Attorney General

Guests Present: Joanne Gormley, DPM, Washington State Podiatric Medical Association
Charles Meredith, MD, Washington Physicians Health Program

OPEN SESSION:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting of the Washington State Podiatric Medical Board (board) was called to order by Dr. Suzanne Wilson, DPM, Chair, at 9:11 a.m. on August 6, 2015.

- 1.1 Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.2 Introduction of board, staff, guests and audience.
The board, staff, and guests present each gave a brief introduction.

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- 1.3 Approval of business meeting minutes – April 2, 2015
- 1.4 Approval of conference call minutes – April 16, 2015
- 1.5 Approval of conference call minutes – April 30, 2015
- 1.6 Approval of conference call minutes – May 14, 2015

- 1.7 Approval of conference call minutes – June 4, 2015
 - 1.8 Approval of conference call minutes – June 18, 2015
 - 1.9 Approval of conference call minutes – July 2, 2015
2. Telemedicine Discussion
 - 2.1 The board reviewed Senate Bill 5175 concerning telemedicine. The bill took effect July 24, 2015.
 - 2.2 Letter from the Washington State Podiatric Medical Association regarding telemedicine was reviewed and discussed. There was no board action required.
 - 2.3 Medical Quality Assurance Commission telemedicine guideline - The board will further review this guideline and bring it back for further discussion at a future meeting.
 3. Online Licensing and Information Collection Project – Dan Renfroe, Project Manager, shared an informational power point presentation with the board. The presentation shared timelines and the scope of the information collect project that is taking place through 2016.
 4. Rules Hearing – The board held a hearing for proposed changes to several sections of Washington Administrative Code contained in two rules packages. Public comment and participation was encouraged.
 - 4.1 Proposed changes to section concerning continuing medical education (CME) requirements; WAC 246-922-300 and -310.

Joanne Gormley, DPM, testified on behalf of the Washington State Podiatric Medical Association (WSPMA). Dr. Gormley testified that the WSPMA was supportive of the proposed changes and presented the following suggested amendments:

- WSPMA requested that the board add the words “offered or sponsored” to the category 1 CME requirements to clarify that courses approved, offered, or sponsored by the American Podiatric Medical Association and its component societies and affiliates satisfy these requirements. Only saying that courses approved by APMA may inadvertently exclude course offered or sponsored by APMA;
- WSPMA requested that the board add the words “such as” to a list of organizations whose courses in podiatric medicine satisfy category 1 requirements. WSPMA was concerned that the proposed list didn’t include organizations such as the American Diabetes Association whose CME courses should satisfy these requirements; and
- WSPMA requested that the words “with nonaccredited sponsorship” be removed from the category 2 requirements with the concern that the proposed language could inadvertently limit credits received from accredited organizations.

The board agreed that these changes were reasonable, and also moved to replace the words “podiatric medicine” in category 2 requirements with “healthcare delivery” to allow podiatric physicians and surgeons to earn category 2 CME credits while participating in activities not directly related to podiatric medicine.

Lastly, the board considered WSPMA's request to delay the implementation date for these proposed changes. The changes will double the CME hour requirement for podiatric physicians and surgeons and WSPMA requested that the board delay the implementation of the changes until October of 2017 to give the affected physicians ample time to adjust to the increased hours. The board agreed that this delayed effective date was necessary and agreed that October 1, 2017 was reasonable given that podiatric physicians and surgeons report their CMEs every two years.

MOTION: Dr. Wilson made a motion to adopt amendments to chapter 246-922 WAC with the agreed upon revisions.

ACTION: Mr. Swift seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Written testimony was also received from Mark Dr. Kuzel. Dr. Kuzel's email requested that the changes allow for CME credits to be earned for any type of medical conference. In particular, Dr. Kuzel noted that his practice would be strengthened by learning more about vascular, family practice, and internal medicine to provide the necessary context to practice podiatric medicine.

Other comments in his message concerned questions regarding podiatric scope of practice and were discussed during the correspondence portion of the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Anderson made a motion to acknowledge Dr. Kuzel's request and that the board agrees that the proposed rules allow CME credits for the activities Dr. Kuzel describes.

ACTION: Mr. Swift seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

4.2 Proposed changes to sections concerning examinations required for licensure, approved schools of podiatric medicine, repeal of unlicensed personnel sections, and general housekeeping; WAC 246-922-030, -040, and -100

Joanne Gormley, DPM, testified on behalf of the WSPMA. Dr. Gormley testified that the WSPMA was supportive of the proposed changes and requested that the board consider one suggested change.

Dr. Gormley asked the board to consider replacing the word "licensed" with the word "graduated" in the exam requirement section. The proposed language stated that the conditions apply to a person who was "licensed" by the specified date. This suggested change would clarify that this language applies to graduates, as they would be eligible to take the licensing exam, but may not yet be licensed. This would account for someone who, for example, graduated in May and was eligible to take the exam, but didn't become licensed until after the listed the date.

The board agreed that this request was reasonable and clarified the proposed requirement.

MOTION: Dr. Wilson made a motion to adopt amendments to chapter 246-922 WAC with the agreed upon revisions.

ACTION: Mr. Swift seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

5. Delegation of Signature Authority Form for the 2015 –2017 Biennium – The board was presented with a document that would delegate some of their disciplinary decision making authority to department staff when necessary. The document was signed as presented.
6. Review and Discuss Draft Business Plan for the 2015 – 2017 Biennium – The board reviewed and discussed the draft business plan. The board asked Mr. Cain to add items related to the Citrix email project and telemedicine practice research to the draft business plan and bring it back to a future meeting for adoption.
7. Correspondence - The board reviewed scope of practice questions received from Dr. Mark Kuzel. The board asked Mr. Cain to draft a response citing relevant rules and statutes. Dr. Wilson will review and approve the response before it is sent.
8. Executive Director/Program Manager Report
8.1 Budget Update – The board reviewed their current budget and no concerns were identified.
9. Settlement Presentations – There were no settlement presentations.

CLOSED SESSION:

10. Case Tracking Discussion – The reviewed open disciplinary cases to ensure that they are being resolved in a timely and efficient manner.
11. Stipulation to Informal Disposition Presentations Settlement - Presentation's (Scheduled as needed) – Presentations are contingent upon agreements being reached between the parties prior to a board meeting.

Decisions are made in Closed Session. There were no settlement presentations.

12. New Reports for Authorization or Closure – There were no new reports.
13. Disciplinary Case Reviews – There were no case reviews.
14. Adjournment – The board meeting was adjourned at 11:43 p.m. by Suzanne Wilson, DPM, Chair.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2015
BlackRiver Training Center

Renton, WA

Respectfully Submitted

Brett Cain, Program Manager

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