



Washington State
Department of Health
Podiatric Medical Board
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2011

The meeting of the Washington State Podiatric Medical Board was called to order by David Bernstein, DPM, Chair, at 9:01 a.m. at Highline Hospital and Medical Center, 3rd floor Cedar rooms 3 and 4, 16251 Sylvester Road SE, Burien, WA 98166.

Board Members

Participating:

David Bernstein, DPM, Chair
Stewart Brim, DPM, Vice Chair
Suzanne Wilson, DPM
Bert Swift, Public Member

Staff Participating:

Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Erin Obenland, Program Manager
Janelle Teachman, Disciplinary Manager
Mike Tribble, Assistant Attorney General
Mike Weisman, Staff Attorney
Kristi Weeks, Director of Policy and
Legislation
Trent Kelly, Supervising Staff Attorney

Public Attendees:

Maryella Jansen, Executive Director,
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
Leslie Burger, MD, Chair, Medical
Quality Assurance Commission
Susan Scanlan, DPM, Executive Director,
Washington State Podiatric Medical
Association
Gary Walco, MD, Seattle Children's
Hospital

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

1.2 Approval of Minutes - October 27, 2010

The minutes of October 27, 2010 business meeting were approved as submitted.

1.3 Approval of Conference Call Minutes - December 2, 2010

The minutes of the December 2, 2010 conference call were approved as submitted.

1.4 Approval of Conference Call Minutes - February 24, 2011

The minutes of the February 24, 2011 conference call were approved as submitted.

1.5 Approval of Conference Call Minutes - March 17, 2011

The minutes of the March 17, 2011 conference call were approved as submitted.

1.6 Approval of Conference Call Minutes - March 31, 2011

The minutes of the March 31, 2011 conference call were approved as submitted.

2. Rule Hearing - Management of Chronic, Noncancer Pain

The Board held a hearing to add a new section for Chronic, Noncancer Pain

Gary Walco, MD testified representing Seattle Children's Hospital.

ACTION:

The Board voted and approved to adopt the rule language for Chronic, Noncancer Pain as reviewed and revised with amendments as discussed at the meeting.

3. Medical Quality Assurance Commission - Dr. Leslie Burger, Commission Chair and Maryella Jansen, Executive Director spoke to the board about their interest in sharing more about what the Medical Commission does and their desire to keep open discussions and work more closely together on activities that involve both the board and commission such as rule making to eliminate redundancy and keep rules

consistent. Dr. Burger also shared information regarding their pilot project and their satisfaction in having more control over budget and personnel issues. The board discussed the potential of having the podiatry board combined with the Medical Commission. Dr. Burger said the benefit is that the two entities could speak as one voice. The board discussed the pursuit of collaboration would be good.

ACTION:

Dr. Bernstein asked each board member to research other states to see which states have combined boards/commissions. Mr. Maresh said he would send out the state contact information to board members.

4. Performance Measures - The board reviewed performance measures regarding credentials issued with 14 days, cases processed in intake, investigation steps, case disposition, and cases in investigation.
5. Charles Meredith, MD - Update of Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP).
6. Policy/Information
 - 6.1 Joint Operating Agreement - The board reviewed the Joint Operating Agreement.

ACTION:

The board voted to approve the Joint Operating Agreement as presented. The Chair signed the document.

- 6.2 Business Plan - the board reviewed, discussed, and revised the business plan.

ACTION:

The board voted to approve the business plan as amended.

- 6.3 Medical Pedicurists - The board discussed an e-mail received regarding medical pedicurists. This procedure is considered unlicensed practice. Mr. Maresh explained that if the Department of Health received a report of this activity it will be referred to the unlicensed practice area. The Podiatric Medical Board does not have jurisdiction over this activity because they only have jurisdiction of licensed podiatric physicians.

7. Telehealth - The board discussed that there has been a huge amount of growth in telehealth and trying to promote access in underserved areas.

ACTION:

The board asked Ms. Obenland to ask the Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery if they want to participate collaboratively in researching this area to determine if a policy or rulemaking might be pursued. Dr. Brim volunteered to be the point person of the board in this collaborative research.

8. Rules

- 8.1 Rule moratorium - Ms. Obenland explained the rule moratorium is still in effect for the orthotic and temporary practice permit rules.

- 8.2 Ms. Obenland also reported the Office-based surgery rules are complete.

9. Legislative Topics/Issues - Mr. Maresh updated the board on legislation that passed regarding those with military training and the OT wound care.

10. Program Manger Report

- 10.1 Board member recruitment - the board reviewed new board member applications to be considered by the Governor's office.

- 10.2 Budget report - the board reviewed the current budget report. There was no discussion.

- 10.3 WPHP report - the board reviewed the report. There was no discussion.

11. Executive Director Reports - Mr. Maresh reported on the Board/Commission leadership forum on June 12, 2011 and asked if the board members to let him know if they want any topics on the agenda.

12. Elections - The board held elections as this will be the last meeting for Dr. Bernstein.

ACTION:

The board voted and approved Dr. Brim to be the new Chair and Dr. Wilson the new Vice Chair.

13. (*Open Session*) Settlement Presentations
(Presentations are contingent upon agreements being reached between the parties prior to a board meeting.)
Decisions are made in Executive Session.

There were no settlement presentations

CLOSED SESSION

14. Stipulation to Informal Disposition Presentations

There was no Stipulation to Informal Disposition presented.

15. New Reports for Authorization or Closure

Board members met to determine whether the new reports should be authorized for investigation or closed prior to investigation.

16. Panel Member Case Reviews & Compliance Presentations

Board members met to determine whether the cases presented should be further investigated, closed, or moved on to the informal or formal resolution process.

17. Case Tracking Table

The Board reviewed the case tracking table.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Obenland
Program Manager

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