Board Members Present: Suzanne Wilson, DPM, Chair  
Randy Anderson, DPM, Vice-Chair  
Bert Swift, Public Member  
DJ Wardle, DPM  
Lotchie Kerch, DPM

Staff Present: Blake Maresh, Executive Director  
Susan Gragg, Program Manager  
Cece Zenker, Program Support  
Erica Brown, Credentialing Supervisor  
Kitty Slater, Disciplinary Manager (phone)  
Richard McCartan, Assistant Attorney General  
Neil Luna, Assistant Attorney General  
Paula Meyer, Executive Director, NCQAC  
Catherine Woodard, Associate Director Discipline, NCQAC

Guests Present: Chris Bundy, 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. Wilson, DPM at 9:04 a.m. on January 19, 2017.

1.1 Approval of agenda  
The board approved the January 19, 2017 agenda

1.2 Introduction of board, staff, guests, and audience.  
The board, staff, and guests in attendance each gave a brief introduction.

1.3 Approval of business meeting minutes - October 13, 2016  
The board approved the October 13, 2016, meeting minutes.
2. US Supreme Court case presentation concerning anti-competitive activities – Neil Luna from the Attorney General’s Office Anti-Trust Division, provided a report to the board regarding the implications of the US Supreme Court case concerning the anti-competitive activities of the North Carolina Dental Board. Discussion only. No board action required.

3. Washington Physician’s Health Program (WPHP) – Dr. Chris Bundy, MD, MPH, Medical Director for WPHP, provided the annual update to the board. Discussion only. No board action required.

4. Legislative Review – The board discussed bills of interest under consideration for the 2017 legislative session.
   4.1 Substance abuse monitoring surcharge for podiatric practitioners – this bill would increase the surcharge for podiatric physicians from $25 to $50 and move the authority for contracting with WPHP from the broad authority under the Uniform Disciplinary Act (chapter 18.130 RCW) to specific authority to the board in the podiatric medicine practice act (chapter 18.22 RCW).
   4.2 Fingerprint Background Checks – the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission is seeking request legislation to expand the use of fingerprint background checks. The board was asked to support expansion and commit to writing rules. The board determined that they supported the concept but could not commit to rule making at the present time.
   4.3 Repealing requirement to automatically suspend an occupation license for default on certain student loans – this bill would repeal the current requirement to automatically suspend license for default of certain student loans as it would remove their ability to earn a living and thereby repaying such loans.
   4.4 Hearing loss education for health professions – this bill would require all credentialed health professionals to complete a certain number of hours of education on hearing loss.

5. Elections – The board held elections for officer positions for the next year with the following results:
   5.1 Randy Anderson, DPM, for Chair
   5.2 Suzanne Wilson, DPM, for Vice Chair

MOTION: The Chair entertained a motion to approve Dr. Anderson for Chair and Dr. Wilson for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Opioid Response Policy (MD2016-0X) – the Medical Quality Assurance Commission has asked other boards and commissions for input on their draft policy regarding their draft opioid response policy currently under development. The board had no comments on this policy and no board action was taken.

7. Proposed Revisions to modernize and reflect current practice in Chapter 246-11 WAC, Model Procedural Rules for Adjudicative Proceedings. The board reviewed the proposed changes and no board action was taken.

8. Correspondence – there has been no correspondence since the last meeting.
9. Executive Director/Program Manager Report
   9.1 Budget update – the board reviewed their operating budget. There were no questions and no board action was taken.
   9.2 Credential counts – the board reviewed the credential counts. There were no questions and no board action was taken.

10. Settlement Presentations – there were no settlement presentations.

Closed Session

This portion of the meeting may have included reviewing open disciplinary cases to ensure that they are being resolved in a timely manner, disciplinary case reviews, new reports for authorization or closure, and Stipulation to Informal Disposition or Agreed Order presentations for board discussion and approval.

Adjournment – the board meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm by Suzanne Wilson, DPM, Chair.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2017

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Gragg, Program Manager

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