

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PODIATRY

Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at 9:15 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT
Third Floor – Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from December 11, 2013.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Ankle Surgery Permits

Jennifer Filippone, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation Section, DPH

B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, Department of Public Health

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry** held a meeting on December 11, 2013 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor, Conference Room C, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman
Reanne Curtis
Vita Hardy – *via telephone*
Leo Veleas, DPM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer, Public Health Hearing Office
Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the September 11, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Veleas seconded by Ms. Curtis.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that seven cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. Four additional cases have been referred to the Department's Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance for further review.

B. Ankle Surgery Permits

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH provided an update on the issuance of Ankle Surgery Permits. Dr. Pressman stated the Board would be willing to assist the DPH in the review of applications.

Ms. Hardy joined the meeting at this time.

Dr. Pressman recognized the following persons who expressed their concerns with the application review process for ankle surgery permits:

Thomas Johnson, DPM, President of the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association and four applicants for ankle surgery permits (Nina Babu, DPM; Christopher Yardan, DPM; Sahani, Howie, DPM and Farlyn Charlot-Hicks, DPM) addressed the Board.

The issues they raised are as follows;

- The length of time for the review of applications
- Poor communication with DPH staff
- Confusion as to what information is necessary for the review of operative cases
- No direction from DPH as to the proper format for submitting proof of operative cases.

Dr. Pressman requests that Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH to look into these issues and report to the Board at the next Board meeting.

III. Old Business

Declaratory Ruling re: commercial foot appliances

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Curtis was recused in this matter.

On a motion by Dr. Pressman, seconded by Ms. Hardy, the record was reopened to add two exhibits to the record. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed a draft ruling. Dr. Pressman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas to adopt the ruling as edited. The motion passed.

Dr. Pressman will sign the ruling after the edits are made.

IV. New Business

Schedule Meeting Dates for 2014

The following are the meeting dates for 2014.

March 5, 2014

June 4, 2014

September 10, 2014

December 3, 2014

All meetings will be scheduled for 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

V. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry