

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry** held a meeting on March 4, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman
Richard Cutler, DPM
Leo Veleas, DPM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Vita Hardy

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH

Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the December 3, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Ankle Surgery Permits

Mr. Kardys reported on behalf Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health that applications for permits are currently being looked at by review committee. No ankle surgery permits have been issued to date.

B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that five cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health.

Three additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

III. Legal Office Business

Steven Buchbinder, DPM – Petition No. 2008-0320-019-002

Department of Public Health, Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in the matter of Steven Buchbinder, DPM. Dr. Buchbinder was not present or represented. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pressman signed the Order placing respondent's license on probation for a period of 6 months.

IV. Old Business

A. Nurses accepting orders from a Podiatric Physician

Dr. Pressman signed a letter to be sent to Assistant Attorney General Thomas Ring asking for an opinion as to whether nurses licensed in Connecticut can follow orders of a Podiatric Physician and, if so, in which settings.

B. Declaratory Ruling Fact-Finding - Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

The Board reviewed a draft of the decision regarding the issue of Hyperbaric oxygen therapy. This will be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval, subject to final review by Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry** held a meeting on June 3, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman
Richard Cutler, DPM
Vita Hardy
Leo Veelas, DPM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH

Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the March 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veelas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Ankle Surgery Permits

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health reported that a June 23, 2009 meeting is scheduled to review permit applications.

B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that three cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health.

Two additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

III. New Business

Health Assistance interVention Education Network for

Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program.

The program has moved its offices from the Connecticut State Medical Society to the Connecticut State Dental Association building.

There are two Podiatrists currently enrolled in the program. Both are being monitored and are currently practicing.

IV. Old Business

Declaratory Ruling Fact-Finding - Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Dr. Veelas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler to adopt the Declaratory Ruling in this matter.

The motion passed unanimously and was signed by Dr. Pressman.

V. Additional Business

Nurses accepting orders from a Podiatric Physician

Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler to add discussion of this issue to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Pressman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, to withdraw the Boards request to the Assistant Attorney General asking for an opinion regarding nurses excepting orders from podiatric physicians. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Filippone stated that the Department of Public Health will pursue possible regulatory changes to address these issues.

VI. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry** held a meeting on September 2, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman
Richard Cutler, DPM
Leo Veleas, DPM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Vita Hardy

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH

Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the March 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Ankle Surgery Permits

Board Liaison Jeffrey Kardys reported for Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health that the advisory committee is still reviewing applications. The Board expressed its disappointment that no permits have been issued since the enactment of this process in 2007.

B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that three cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. Two additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

III. Legal Office Business

Robert T. Crovo, DPM – Petition No. 2007-1207-019-008

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Corvo, DPM. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present on behalf of Dr. Corvo. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pressman signed the Order which imposes a civil penalty of \$1000.00.

IV. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry** held a meeting on December 18, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman – *via telephone*
Richard Cutler, DPM – *via telephone*
Vita Hardy – *via telephone*
Leo Veelas, DPM – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH

Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the September 2, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veelas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Ankle Surgery Permits

Board Liaison Jeffrey Kardys reported for Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health that two Podiatrists have been issued standard and advanced ankle surgery permits on October 22, 2009. The Department has requested additional information from 9 other applicants. The advisory committee will be meeting shortly after the first of the year to evaluate the applications of three individuals who need more extensive review.

B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that three cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. One additional case has been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

III. New Business

Meeting Dates for 2010

Following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2010.

March 3, 2010

June 9, 2010

September 8, 2010

December 8, 2010

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

IV. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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