

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry** held a meeting on March 27, 2013 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor, Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman
Vita Hardy
Leo Veleas, DPM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Reanne Curtis

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer, Public Health Hearing Office
Shawn Rutchick, Hearing Officer, Public Health Hearing Office

Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the December 5, 2012 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Veleas seconded by Ms. Hardy.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

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

Three additional cases have been referred to the Department's Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance for further review.

III. Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance

Steven Colsen, DPM – Petition No. 2012-879

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Steven Colsen, DPM. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pressman signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a period of probation.

IV. FACT-FINDING

Declaratory Ruling re: commercial foot appliance

Assistant Attorney General, Kerry Colson was present for this discussion. The Board continued fact-finding which began on December 5, 2012. Fact-finding will be concluded at the next meeting in May 2013. A motion was made and passed unanimously to recuse Ms. Curtis, who was not present, so as to allow a majority of professionals to decide this matter.

V. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.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 May 8, 2013 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor, Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer, Public Health Hearing Office
Shawn Rutchick, Hearing Officer, Public Health Hearing Office

Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the March 27, 2013 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Ms. Hardy seconded by Ms. Curtis.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

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

Two additional cases have been referred to the Department's Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance for further review.

III. New Business

License Reinstatement Application Review - Kenneth R. Kierstein, DPM

Janine Cordero, License and Applications Specialist presented a reinstatement application for the Board's review. Dr. Pressman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, to approve Dr. Kierstein's application for reinstatement provided he is supervised for a period of 6 months and that he complete 12 CEUs.

United Health Care

Dr. Pressman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, to add this item to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pressman reported that is aware that United health Care is denying approval for x-rays if a Podiatrist is not certified for ankle surgery. The Board will not take a formal position concerning this issue. Dr. Pressman will communicate his personal concerns to the Department of Insurance.

IV. FACT-FINDING

Declaratory Ruling re: commercial foot appliance

Assistant Attorney General, Kerry Colson was present for this discussion. The Board completed fact-finding in this matter. Ms. Curtis was recused from the Fact-finding. It is hoped that a draft ruling will be reviewed at the next meeting.

V. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.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 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
Leo Veleas, DPM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer, Public Health Hearing Office

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the May 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Veleas seconded by Ms. Hardy.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that ten cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. Three cases have been dismissed since the last meeting.

Three additional cases have been referred to the Department's Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance for further review.

III. Additional Business

The Board scheduled a meeting to be held on Wednesday October 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

IV. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 Yordan, 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