

BOARD OF PODIATRY

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

October 2, 2019

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES

OPEN SESSION MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2019

OS 1002 -01 Call to Order

Roll Call

- Barbara Jenkins Clark, Consumer Member
- Teresa Hilliard, DPM – Chairperson
- Michangelo Scruggs , DPM - Member
- Vito DelVento, DVM, MS - Executive Director
- Thelma Ofosu- Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist
- Deb Moss- Board Investigator
- Ajay Gohil - Assistant Attorney General
- Alexis Jackson, Legal Intern
- Jerome Lee- Board Staff

OS 1002 -02 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.

OS 1002-03 Motion To Accept Agenda:

Dr. Hilliard made a motion to accept the October 2, 2019 agenda.

Dr. Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS 1002-04 Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Ofosu Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist gave the report on behalf of Ms. Aisha Nixon, Board Executive Director. Ms. Ofosu Mensah discussed the following issues with the Board.

- Licensure Census-157 licensees
- 2020 Board Meeting Schedule:
 - January 2, 2020(Thursday)
 - April 1, 2020
 - July 1, 2020
 - October 7, 2020
- Open House Schedule for November 21, 2019 from 3 PM to 6 PM

Addendum: The Board decided to reschedule the **January 2, 2020** meeting to **January 8, 2020** and the **July 1, 2020** meeting to **July 8, 2020**.

OS 1002-05 **Board Attorney's Report:**

Mr. Gohil introduced Ms. Jackson, the legal intern to the Board. He further indicated that Dr. Sharon Lewis, Senior Deputy Director has advocated all Health Professional Boards within the District to implement Telehealth modalities in their professions. He further informed the Board that the Board's draft definition of the scope of practice for Podiatry is still under review by Dr. Lewis, the Senior Deputy Director. He further stated that the changes in the DC Municipal Regulation for Podiatry was finalized on September 27, 2019 and it's ready for publications.

OS 1002-06 **Chairperson's Report:**

No Report

OS 1002-07 **MINUTES**

Board Action:

Consideration of the April 2019 Open Session Minutes.

Motion:

Dr. Scruggs voted to approve the April 2019 Open Session minutes. Ms. Clarke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS 1002-08 **REGULATION REVIEW**

Board Action:

Board to review the final regulation and discuss how to disseminate information to licensees.

Background:

The Board has finalized its work on amending the regulation. The regulation is now final and pending publication.

Mr. Gohil informed the Board that the, D.C. Podiatry Board regulation became final on September 27, 2019. He further indicated that the ten percent (10%) public health continuing education rulemaking requirements is yet to be finalized.

Motion:

No formal motion was made. The Board decided to send an email blast to all licensees to inform them about the changes and also post the updated regulation on the website.

OS 1002-09

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

Board Action:

Board to discuss prescription monitoring requirements for licensees.

Background:

Starting April 11, 2019 all practitioners who are registered in the District to prescribe and or/ dispensed controlled substances were required by law to register under the District of Columbia Prescription Drug monitoring Program (DC PMP).

Presentation:

Dr. Justine Ortique from the Pharmacy division gave a report on the registration requirements for the Prescription Drug monitoring Program (DC PMP) for Podiatrists in the District.

He informed the Board that 118 out of 152 Podiatrists have registered for the program.

He also addressed the following thematic issues in reference to the program with the Board,

- The ability of Podiatrists who prescribe controlled substances to have a PDMP user survey.
- The release of NarxCare, which provides a score based off patients controlled substances, (3-digit score that provides some insight into their controlled substance history).

OS 1002-10

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

Background:

Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discussed disciplinary matters and heard reports concerning violations of the law or

regulations.

Motion:

Dr. Hilliard made a motion to close the open session minutes. Dr. Scruggs seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

This ends the Open Session portion of the meeting.

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