

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PODIATRY

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 27, 2010

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Examiners in Podiatry was called to order on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Charles Cavicchio, DPM

Nancy Waterman, DPM

Clyde Fish, DPM

David Greenberg, DPM

Board members not in attendance:

None

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre, Chief, Health Professions Regulation

Others in attendance:

None

The minutes of the meeting held on February 23, 2010 were presented. On motion by Dr. Fish, seconded by Dr. Greenberg, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open Session minutes as presented.

Business

The Board reviewed an inquiry regarding the role of the podiatrist in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Specifically, the question asked was “Do you feel it is appropriate for a medical assistant to be cutting patients’ nails under the supervision of a podiatrist?”

After discussion and deliberation the board made the following determination:

It is the opinion of the Board of Examiners in Podiatry that it is permissible for a competent medical assistant to cut patients nails under the supervision of the podiatrist. The licensed podiatrist must perform the history and physical and must evaluate and manage the care of the patient at each visit. The documentation in the patient record must be performed by the licensed podiatrist. The licensed podiatrist retains accountability for any care provided to a patient by

the medical assistant under his/her supervision.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Dr. Waterman, seconded by Dr. Cavicchio, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 8:30 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order.

On motion of Dr. Cavicchio, seconded by Dr. Waterman, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. Dr. Fish recused himself from executive session. The following unanimous votes were taken:

2010-01-DPM No Unprofessional Conduct

2010-02-DPM No Unprofessional Conduct

Adjournment

On motion of Dr. Greenberg, seconded by Dr. Cavicchio, it was

unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulation