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MINUTES
Board Meeting
Friday, April 11, 2014

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, April 11, 2014 at the Board Offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. and the following Board members were in attendance Dr. Jay Morgan (Chair), Dr. Danalynn Guasteferro (Vice Chair), Dr. Mark Veres (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Ron Agee, and Dr. David Roberson. Board members not in attendance were Dr. Sanjeev Singh and Dr. Jamie Cleckler. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (Legal Counsel) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was present in order to conduct business.

Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and published on the Board's website at www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov.

A copy of the minutes from the January 10, 2014, Board meeting was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Dr. Agee made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Guasteferro and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report to include financial information and the current number of licensees (#151). He also reported on the number of complaints received in FY 2013 and FY 2014. Dr. Guasteferro made a motion to approve the Executive Director Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Agree and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported on legislative activities concerning the proposed Podiatry bill. He indicated that the Podiatry bill was being reviewed by a legislative subcommittee comprised of healthcare-related legislators. Mr. Warren reported that the Bill would require a lot to work due to the scope of changes and working with the Medical Association. He stated that the Bill was not likely to pass this legislative session and although Alabama was the one of two remaining states in the U.S. that does not include the ankle in the scope of practice for podiatrists. The Board discussed strategy to gain support for this Bill.

Ms. Coody presented the Legal Counsel report. She reported on the following complaints:

Complaint (#2013.06), discussed at the last Board meeting, was investigated and no violation has evident. She explained that the licensee was not performing surgeries on the ankle. As a presenter at a seminar, his presentation was purchased from another source that included surgery on the ankle.

The patient records of the complainant concerning Complaint (#2014.02.01) was reviewed by Dr. Guasteferro and Dr. Guasteferro reported no negligence in standard of care. However, Dr. Guasteferro did report that in a separate complaint (#2014.02.02) regarding this podiatrists, the podiatrist through a finance company had billed the patient for services before the surgery was performed. Ms. Coody reported that the podiatrist would be notified of the Board's concerns regarding his office practice/procedures.

Ms. Coody also reported that a complaint had been received (2013.09) and during the investigation, the FBI contacted the Board's investigator and asked that the Board delay for approximately 60 days to allow the FBI to complete their investigation. Ms. Coody reported that another complaint has been filed in the meantime concerning this podiatrist (#2014.03). Ms. Coody requested authorization from the Board to proceed with the Board's investigation if determined during this time period that it was in the best interest of the public and subpoena records. Dr. Veres made a motion that Legal Counsel be authorized to proceed with the investigation and subpoena records. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved. Ms. Coody explained that if this podiatrists is sanctioned, the Board is required to meet within 120 days.

Ms. Coody reported that one podiatrists had voluntarily surrendered their license, following an investigation due to a complaint (#2013.08).

Mr. Warren reported that Appendix I, Forms Associated with Rules and Regulations, had been published for public comment, and no comments were received from the public. Dr. Veres made a motion to adopt as final Rule, Appendix I. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody reported that she had received an inquiry about harvesting and grafting of skin by a podiatrists. The Board agreed that harvesting or grafting by a podiatrist was allowed below the ankle. A medical doctor could perform the proce-

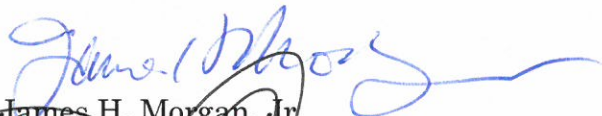
dure(s) on other parts of the body and could work in conjunction with the podiatrist.

Mr. Warren provided information concerning a seminar offered by Texas A&M University Health Science Center, on Pharmacology and Prescribing, as well as Medical Records/Documentation

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is scheduled July 11, 2014.

There being no further business, Dr. Guasteferro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



James H. Morgan, Jr.
Chair



Keith Warren
Executive Director

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