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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

September 14, 2016

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (“Board”) held a meeting at 8:32 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Board’s office in Suite B-1, 1400 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. An executive session was held from 8:36 a.m. to 8:52 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Barbara Campbell, D.P.M..... Board President and Practitioner Member
- ☎ John Rhodes Secretary and Public Member
- Barry Kaplan, D.P.M. Practitioner Member
- ✕ Joseph Leonetti, D.P.M..... Practitioner Member
- ☎ M. Elizabeth Miles..... Public Member
- ☎ Participated telephonically
- ✕ Absent

STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL PRESENT:

- Ryan P. Edmonson..... Executive Director
- Frankie Shinn-Eckberg, Esq. Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Dr. Barbara Campbell. The following order of business was then considered:

OPEN SESSION

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the August 10, 2016 board meeting

A motion was made by M. Elizabeth Miles, seconded by John Rhodes and passed unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes from the August 10, 2016, Board meeting.

Discussion and approval of the Executive Session Minutes from the August 10, 2016 board meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Barbara Campbell, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed unanimously to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the August 10, 2016, Board meeting.

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Application for Examination – A.R.S. § 32-822

Abrahamson, Hal, DPM

Demidowich, Lisa, DPM

Heigh, Evelyn, DPM

Rader, Andrew, DPM

After review of the applications, a motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by John Rhodes and passed unanimously to approve of the applicants' applications to sit for the examination.

Application(s) for Registration to Dispense Drugs/Devices – A.A.C. R4-25-602

Caton Adam, DPM

O'Brien, Kevin, DPM

After review of the applications, a motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by M. Elizabeth Miles and passed unanimously to grant the applicants a registration to dispense drugs/devices.

Initial Review

Wessel, Loren, DPM

Frankie Shinn-Eckberg discussed the confidential nature of the documents and requested that the Board move into executive session to discuss confidential information and seek legal advice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Barbara Campbell, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed unanimously to go into executive session at 8:36 a.m. to discuss confidential information and to seek legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) & (3), respectively, regarding the initial review of Dr. Loren Wessel's file.

After consideration in executive session, the Board reconvened in open session at 8:52 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Initial Review

Wessel, Loren, DPM

Frankie Shinn-Eckberg provided a summary of Dr. Loren Wessel's arrest on 9/1/2016 by the Arizona Attorney General's office, Criminal Division. Ms. Shinn-Eckberg provided a list of charges from the arrest, which were – one count of fraudulent schemes and artifices, one count of acquisition of a narcotic drug by fraud, one count of acquisition of a narcotic drug by fraud, one count of acquisition of a narcotic drug by fraud and one count of forgery.

After discussion, a motion was made by M. Elizabeth Miles and seconded by John Rhodes to direct staff to open a complaint file and issue a Board Order for Dr. Wessel to complete a substance abuse evaluation. The order shall include that Dr. Wessel complete an evaluation within 30 days from the date the Board approves of an addictionologist, which Dr. Wessel submits to the Board for pre-approval. The motion also included offering a Consent Agreement to Dr. Wessel for the suspension of his Arizona podiatric license until the completion of the criminal matter. The motion passed 4 – 0 by the following roll call vote:

Dr. Barbara Campbell – Aye

Dr. Barry Kaplan – Aye

M. Elizabeth Miles – Aye

John Rhodes – Aye

Request for an Extension to Complete the Required Continuing Medical Education (“CME”) for Annual License Renewal

Kirk, Patricia, DPM

After board staff provided a summary, a motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by M. Elizabeth Miles and passed to grant the doctor's request for a 60-extension to complete the statutorily required CME.

Request for Approval of Continuing Medical Education (“CME”)

Haddon, Todd, DPM

Dancho, James, DPM

A motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by John Rhodes and passed unanimously to approve of the courses submitted by Drs. Todd Haddon and James Dancho.

Review Compliance/Non-compliance with Consent Agreement

13-02-C; Evans, Robert, DPM

The Board discussed several deficiencies in the audit of Dr. Robert Evans' surgeries and his documentation and billing practices.

After discussion, a motion was made by M. Elizabeth Miles, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed unanimously to direct staff to open a file for non-compliance with the current consent agreement for Dr. Evans' failure to provide copies of complete charts, pursuant to the audit.

CONSENT AGENDA

Renewal Applications for Arizona Podiatric License and Dispensing Registration

After the discussion, a motion was made by M. Elizabeth Miles, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed unanimously to approve of the following doctors' renewal applications and dispensing registrations, if applicable:

1. Brown, Jon
2. Clement, Dean
3. Duggan, Jessica
4. Farkas, Michael
5. Kirk, Patricia
6. McMaster, Paul
7. Pappalardo, Jennifer
8. Simonson, Evan
9. Suen, McQueen
10. Wood, Ryan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the budget, agency operations and complaint log with Ryan P. Edmonson.

FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF REGULATORY BOARDS ("FARB")

After Ryan Edmonson provided an overview of the FARB conference, a motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by Dr. Barbara Campbell and passed unanimously to approve the Executive Director's attendance at the 2017 FARB Forum held from Thursday, January 26, 2017 – Sunday, January 29, 2017.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

None were discussed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None were discussed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public was present.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Barbara Campbell, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed unanimously to adjourn at 10:20 a.m.