

The Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry held a meeting on March 28, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

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*BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:* Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman - *via telephone*  
Vita Hardy - *via telephone*  
Leo Veleas, DPM - *via telephone*

*BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:* Richard Cutler, DPM

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Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES – December 6, 2006**

The minutes from the December 6, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that four podiatry cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. The four cases involve standard of care issues.

B. Proposed Legislation

An Act Revising the Scope of Podiatric Practice – Committee Bill No. 6700

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health (DPH) was present for this discussion. An update on the bills current status was presented. The bill is currently on the House calendar.

Ms. Filippone discussed that the legislation, which will be effective October 1, 2007, will require the DPH to issue a permit to those Podiatrists who are qualified and who will be performing ankle surgery as defined in the statute.

The legislation also empowers the Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry to take disciplinary action against podiatrists who perform ankle surgery without having been issued a permit.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Hardy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 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 June 6, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

*BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:* None

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Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

### **MINUTES – March 28, 2007**

The minutes from the March 28, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, to approve the minutes

### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health provided the Board with a copy of the January 2007 report to the General Assembly concerning a proposed change to the Podiatry Statutes that would allow ankle surgery. Ms. Filippone explained that the legislation would ankle surgery could be performed by podiatrists who have obtained a permit issued by the Department of Public Health. Ms. Filippone explained the procedures by which a qualified podiatrist could obtain such a permit.

At the September meeting, Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification will report on the number of podiatrists that have applied to be issued such a permit.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Investigations Update**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that four podiatry cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. One case involving drug related issues has been referred the Department's Legal Office for further review.

Mr. Griffin reported that the issue of foot orthotics, which was referred to the Department by the Board, has been investigated. There was no finding that unlicensed persons are conducting procedures that are within the scope of practice of a Podiatry or that any individuals were creating orthotics without an order form a podiatrist and/or physician.

The Board requested that Kathleen Boulware of the Department's Practitioner Investigation Unit come to the September meeting to explain the Department's investigation of this issue.

#### **B. Noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity**

The Board reviewed a request from Peter Blume, DPM, New Haven, Connecticut concerning noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity. The Board discussed if noninvasive vascular testing was a procedure that a podiatrist could utilize for diagnosing systemic diseases/disorders of the foot.

Dr. Cutler made a motion seconded by Dr. Veleas to table further discussion until the September meeting to allow for advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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 5, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

*BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:* Vita Hardy

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Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

#### **MINUTES – June 6, 2007**

The minutes from the June 6, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY RULING**

##### Noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. He informed the Board as to the procedures for the issuance of a Declaratory Ruling.

The Board reviewed a request from Peter Blume, DPM, New Haven, Connecticut asking for a ruling as to whether noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity is within the scope of podiatric practice in Connecticut.

Dr. Pressman commented that podiatrists routinely evaluate circulation as part of examinations when diagnosing systemic diseases and/or disorders of the foot. This procedure is taught in podiatric medical schools.

If a medical condition is discovered during a podiatric evaluation the patient will be referred to their primary care physician and/or vascular physician.

Dr. Cutler commented that the vascular testing utilized by podiatrists is noninvasive.

Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, that the Board issue a ruling stating that “The Board has determined that noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity is within the scope of practice for podiatric physicians in Connecticut.” The motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### A. Physician Assistant Supervision

The Board discussed whether a podiatrist can supervise physician assistants in Connecticut.

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board noted that the general statutes pertaining to physician assistants clearly state that a physician assistant can only practice under the supervision, control, responsibility and direction of an MD or DO.

##### B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that one podiatry case, involving a standard of care issue, is currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. Two additional cases have been referred to the Department’s Legal Office for further review.

##### C. Applications for Ankle Surgery Permit

Stephen Carragher reported that application process for ankle surgery permits is being developed and revision to the regulations is proceeding. To date no requests for permits have been received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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 December 12, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

*BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:* None

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

### **MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 5, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that four cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. Two additional cases have been referred the Department's Legal Office for further review.

B. Meeting Dates 2008

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2008:

March 19, 2008

June 4, 2008

September 10, 2008

December 3, 2008

All meetings will be held at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut beginning at 10:00 a. m.

### **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Richard Aronoff, DPM – Petition No. 2007-0621-019-003

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Legal Office presented a Consent Order in the matter of Richard Aronoff, DPM. Dr. Aronoff was not present or represented. Ms. Hardy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pressman signed the Order.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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