

The Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry held a meeting on March 19, 2008 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  
Leo Veleas, DPM – *via telephone*

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*BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:* Vita Hardy

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Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 12, 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. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy**

The reviewed a letter from Nabil Atweh, MD, Chairman, Department of Surgery, Bridgeport Hospital who asked if podiatrists can monitor and treat foot and ankle disorders using hyperbaric oxygen therapy in a wound care setting.

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide advice to the Board. Attorney Shapiro explained the procedures and requirements for issuing a declaratory ruling.

Dr. Pressman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, that the Board initiate a declaratory ruling proceeding to answer Dr. Atweh's question. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board suggested that notice of the proceeding be sent to the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association, the Connecticut State Medical Society, the Connecticut Medical Examining Board and the Connecticut Hospital Association.

### **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

The Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry held a meeting on April 18, 2008 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 – *via telephone*  
Richard Cutler, DPM – *via telephone*  
Vita Hardy – *via telephone*

*BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:* Leo Veleas, DPM  
Christine Willey

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Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Robert Januska, DPM - Petition No. 2008-0314-019-001

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Robert Januska, DPM. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Respondent was not present or represented.

Ms. Hardy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, that based on the documents presented, there exists a threat to public health and safety which warrants the Summary Suspension of Dr. Januska's license; therefore, the Department's motion to summarily suspend should be granted. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for April 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.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 4, 2008 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  
Leo Veleas, DPM – *via telephone*  
Vita Hardy

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Christine Willey

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Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 19, 2008 and April 18, 2008 meetings were reviewed. Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. HAVEN**

The presentation from the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals will be made at a future meeting.

**B. Investigations Update**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that four cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy**

Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, that a public hearing in this matter be scheduled for September 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pressman signed the Declaratory Ruling Notice.

The Board meeting on September 10, 2008 will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Robert Januska, DPM - Petition No. 2008-0314-019-001**

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Department of Public Health Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges based on respondent's voluntary surrender of his license.

Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, to grant the Departments' motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pressman signed the Order.

**B. David G. Sharnoff, DPM - Petition No. 2006-1108-019-007**

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter David G. Sharnoff, DPM. Dr. Sharnoff was not present or represented.

Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Pressman signed the Order.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Hardy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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 10, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

*BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:* Christine Willey  
Leo Veleas, DPM

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Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the June 4, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Ankle Surgery Permits

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that the Department has received seven applications for ankle surgery permits. These applications are awaiting the appointment of a committee to review and recommend approval.

B. Investigations Update

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

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Hardy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 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 3, 2008 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  
Leo Veleas, DPM

*BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:* Vita Hardy  
Christine Willey

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

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

A. Ankle Surgery Permits

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported 10 applications for permits have been received to date and are currently being reviewed by review committee. No ankle surgery permits have been issued to date.

B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that five cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health.

Three additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Esq., Executive Director gave a presentation regarding the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals (HAVEN). This program was developed pursuant to Public Act 07-103. Attorney Dinnan gave an overview of the programs mission, services and goals.

Currently there are approximately 100 individuals enrolled in the program, with 1 being a Podiatrist.

B. Meeting Dates for 2009

Following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2009.

March 4, 2009

June 3, 2009

September 2, 2009

December 2, 2009

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

C. Nurses accepting orders from a Podiatric Physician

Dr. Pressman will draft a letter to be sent to the Assistant Attorney General asking for an opinion as to whether nurses licensed in Connecticut can follow orders of a Podiatric Physician and, if so, does this extend to nurses practicing in the Public School setting.

D. Declaratory Ruling Fact-Finding - Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

The Board conducted fact-finding regarding the issue of Hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present by teleconference to provide counsel to the Board. The Board will issue a written decision in early 2009.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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