

**MEETING MINUTES  
TENNESSEE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**DATE:** March 10, 2023  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M., CST  
**LOCATION:** Health Related  
Boards Iris Room  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Kelly Bumpus  
Gerald Stark, PhD, MSEM, CPO  
Bhekumuzi Khumalo, D.P.M.  
Christopher Frazier

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**NOT PRESENT:** Chad Webster, D.P.M.

**BOARD STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Candyce Wilson, Regulatory Board Administrator/Director  
Ashley Fine, Deputy General Counsel  
LaTonya Shelton, Administrative Services Assistant 3

Ms. Candyce Wilson, Unit Director called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Ms. Wilson determined that a sufficient number of members were in attendance to constitute a quorum. Members were advised to identify themselves before they spoke. The meeting was then turned over to Dr. Khumalo, Chair of the Board.

**Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

Upon review of the Board meeting minutes for August 19, 2022, Mr. Stark made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Frazier. All approved. The motion carried.

**Office of General Counsel**

Ms. Fine with the Office of General Counsel (“OGC”) presented the OGC report. She read aloud the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Open Meetings Act. She then addressed disciplinary and rule activity. Ms. Fine stated there are no pending appeals nor civil suits. Ms. Fine informed the board there are two (2) open cases against respondents who hold DPM licenses.

Ms. Fine report indicated the following regarding disciplinary report for the Board of Podiatry is currently monitoring the following:

- One (1) licensee for a reprimand;
- Two (2) licensees for probation;
- Four (4) licensees for revocation.

### **Investigative Report**

Ms. Barbara Granum stated the year 2022 for the entire podiatry profession, that seven (7) new complaints was opened and closed twelve (12). Out of the twelve (12) that was closed (3) was closed with a letter of concern; and nine (9) was closed with no action. As for 2023 year for podiatry there have been two 2 new complaints and zero (0) closed.

Ms. Granum also reported that no complaints have been opened or closed for podiatric x-ray operators, orthotists, pedorthist and prosthetist.

### **Dr. Peter Phillips, Director of CSMD discussing Gateway**

Electronic Health Record (EHR)/Pharmacy Management System (PMS) Gateway integration history in TN • 2020 CSMD activates Bamboo Health's Gateway integration service to automate searches from within EHR/PMS ▫ Integration simplified the search by using technology to perform the search and have the data available if the healthcare provider decided to click the link to view the data ▫ Gateway report included all the CSMD Clinical Risk Indicators (CRI) ▫ Report available within the provider's clinical workflow.

Integrates PMP data directly into the clinical workflow through an EHR/EMR • Top 5 Licensees (providers viewed patient reports): ▫ Vanderbilt University Medical Center ▫ Summit Medical Group TN ▫ Phydata / AdvancedHEALTH ▫ Veteran's Health Administration ▫ Covenant Health • Top 5 Licensee Gateway Report views from May 2021 to May 2022: 463,871 • TN has had 27.68 million successful Gateway Requests over the last 18 months.

Currently, CSMD users can view a Practitioner vs. Peer report within the CSMD ▫ Practitioner vs. peer report available from Bamboo Health in the CSMD includes only prescription data ▫ The report shows the number of prescriptions prescribed under a user's primary DEA number, as well as their rank and number of peers • The Enhanced Prescriber Report created by OIA will assist prescribers in self monitoring in their prescribing habits ▫ Overdose information as allowed by law ▫ A comparison that includes data from multiple DEA numbers for a single user ▫ Patient level information for drug overdose patients that includes prescription information as allowed by law.

Each professional licensing board who supports the CSMD (except Board of Veterinarian Examiners) can continue to advocate for their licensees by again contributing reserve funds proportionately to provide a two-year extension of the CSMD Gateway EHR/PMS in addition to the creation of the Enhanced Prescriber Reports. • Gateway Year 1 and 2 were paid by reserve funds, and year 3 (current) is being paid by grant funding • The fees for the Gateway service and EPR: ▫ Year 4 and 5 Gateway: \$2,184,000 (\$1,092,000 per year) ▫ Year 1 and 2 EPR: \$109,994 (\$54,972 per year).

Upon approval the Board has the unique opportunity to maintain the Gateway Integration Service: ▫ to improve accessibility of CSMD information ▫ to further improve clinical care ▫ to utilize reserve funds contributed by licensees normally not available to the Board • Request Board to advocate for licensees

▫ by approving use of reserve funds for Gateway Integration Service to continue into year 4 and 5 ▫ by approving funds for EPR.

After a lengthy discussion Dr. Bumpus made a motion to accept using the Bamboo Gateway platform and Mr. Frazier seconded the motion.

**Financial Report:**

Keeyona Love, fiscal manager reviewed the Financial Report for the projected ending fiscal year June 30, 2023, actual revenue, and expenditures. The Board total expenditures of \$91, 103.12. The ending fiscal year 2022 financial report indicated the Board Fee Revenue totaled \$116, 483.58, projected current year net \$6, 480.88 with a projected cumulative carryover of \$657,755.11. Ms. Keeyona Love stated the cumulative carryover does not exceed two times the three-year average of operating expenditures.

**Administrative Report**

Ms. LaTonya Shelton provided the following administrative report:

- 314 Active Podiatrists
- 105 Active Podiatric X-ray operators
- 138 Active Orthotists
- 142 Active Prosthetists
- 36 Active Pedorthists

Newly licensed (August 19, 2022- March 9, 2023):

- Podiatrist: 4 new licenses, 101 renewed, 7 expired
- Podiatry X-Ray Operators: 1 new operators, 1 reinstate, 14 renewed, 1 retired, 12 expired
- Orthotist: 5 new licensees, 2 reinstate, 30 renewed licensed, 1 retired, 8 expired
- Prosthetics: 8 new licensees, 2 reinstate, 28 renewed, 1 retired, 8 expired
- Pedorthist: 0 reinstate, 2 reinstate, 8 renewed licensed, 2 retired, 1 expired.

Ms. Shelton also informed the Board the 2023 meeting dates are as follows:

May 5, 2023; August 11, 2023 and November 17, 2023

***Ratification of Licenses:***

**Newly Licensed Podiatrists**

- Dr. Milton Kondiles
- Dr. Benjamin Palmer
- Dr. Jonathon Srour
- Dr. Julie Wieger

**Podiatric X-ray Operators**

Robin McKaig

**Orthotists**

- Joshua Timothy Kenny
- Megan Marie Olivo

Peter Norton Springs  
Aaron Steiner  
Kaylyn Thompson

**Prosthetists**

John Timothy Bryan, Jr.  
Hannah Faith Howington  
Joshua Timothy Kenny  
Tyler James Nichols  
William Darby Shook  
Peter Norton Springs  
Aaron Steiner  
Kaylyn Thompson

**Reinstated X-Ray Operators**

Tiffany Marie Townsend

**Reinstated Orthotists**

Stacy D. Harkleroad  
James P. Rogers

**Reinstated Prosthetics**

Richard C. Hill  
James P. Rogers

**Reinstated Pedorthists**

Brandon M. Jones  
Linda L. Sables

Mr. Stark made a motion to approve the newly licensed Podiatrists, Podiatry Xray Operators, Orthotists, Prosthetics, Pedorthists seconded by Dr. Frazier. All approved. The motion carried.

**Rules Activity:**

At the July 30, 2021, Board meeting, the Board voted to approve a licensure renewal fee decrease among all licensee categories. However, this rule packet is currently on hold in the internal review process.

Also at the December 17, 2021, meeting, the Board voted to change the amount of continuing education hours that can be obtained virtually for orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists. This rule packet is in the internal review process.

After a lengthy discussion and clarification Dr. Frazier made a motion to table the vote regarding the fee reduction until the board receives the updated financial report at the May 5, 2023, meeting and Dr. Bumpus seconded the motion.

**Other Board Business:**

Rulemaking hearing to be held at the August 2023 meeting.

Dr. Khumalo had concerns that future meetings will have a quorum issue with Board members term expiring. Ms. Wilson informed the Board that normally members serve on the Board until they are reappointed.

**Adjournment:**

Dr. Bumpus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m., Dr. Frazier seconded. All approved.  
Motion carried