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MICHIGAN BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2011

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Disciplinary Subcommittee met in regular session on April 27, 2011 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Christine Blackledge, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Members Present: Christine Blackledge, Public Member, Chairperson
Howard Lazar, DPM
Scott Hughes, DPM
Harry A. Kezelian, DPM
Charles Morris, Public Member

Members Absent: Louis Geller, DPM

Staff Present: Starla Walter, Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division
Lidia McGee, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

Others Present: Tara Scott, DPM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Lazar, seconded by Morris, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Dennis W. Leveille, DPM – Consent Order and Stipulation

MOTION by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation in the matter of Dennis W. Leveille, DPM.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Kezelian, Morris, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

MOTION PREVAILED

Rondy D. Groins, DPM – Consent Order and Stipulation

MOTION by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation in the matter of Rondy D. Groins, DPM.

Discussion was held. Motion withdrawn.

MOTION by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian to reject the Consent Order and Stipulation and make a counteroffer of the following, in the matter of Rondy D. Groins, DPM.

1. Suspend Respondent's license for one (1) year;
2. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.00;
3. Prior to applying for reinstatement, Respondent must complete ten (10) hours of Board-approved continuing education hours in the areas of pain management and/or pharmacology.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Kezelian, Morris, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

MOTION PREVAILED

Golden G. Higgwe, DPM – Consent Order and Stipulation

MOTION by Hughes, seconded by Kezelian, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation in the matter of Golden G. Higgwe, DPM.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Kezelian, Morris, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

MOTION PREVAILED

Judi M. Ecker, DPM – Recommendation and Order of Dismissal

MOTION by Lazar, seconded by Hughes, to accept the Recommendation and Order of Dismissal in the matter of Judi M. Ecker, DPM.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Kezelian, Morris, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

MOTION PREVAILED

Kenneth D. Mitchell, DPM – Request for Reconsideration

MOTION by Hughes, seconded by Lazar, to accept the Request for Reconsideration, Vacating Final Order dated 2/14/11 and Remand for Further Proceedings in the matter of Kenneth D. Mitchell, DPM.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Morris, Kezelian, Hughes, Blackledge, Lazar

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 27, 2011 immediately following the full board meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Geller, seconded by Lazar, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

for Christy M. Morris

Christine Blackledge, Chairperson

7/27/11

Date Minutes Approved

Starla Walter

Starla Walter, Board Secretary

April 29 2011

Date Minutes Prepared