

## Minutes

The Advisory Committee on Podiatry of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on October 5, 2009, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 5104 North Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Members present were:

Juliet Burk, DPM  
Angela Fleming, L.Ped.  
Jeff Talmage, L.Ped.  
Ms. Carol Blacklee, Public Member

Member absent was:

J. Andy Sullivan, MD

Others present included:

Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing  
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary  
Sandra Balzer, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. The minutes from the February 23, 2009 Committee meeting were reviewed. Mr. Talmage moved to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Applications for licensure were reviewed. Dr. Burk moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Podiatrists. Mr. Talmage seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**TRACY SHANNON ANDERSON      MICHAEL GRAY ARNETTE**  
**DANIEL WESLEY GRIMES**  
**BRANDON CALEB ARNETTE (pending satisfactory completion of the file)**

The Committee discussed the regulation of Therapeutic Shoe Fitters (TSFs). Present for the discussion were William Smith, Sr., DPM, President of the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners, Gene Crozier, Chairman of a committee formed by the Oklahoma Podiatric Association to study the issue and Mr. Cleo Guthrie, representing the newly formed Oklahoma Certified Shoe Fitter Association.

Mr. Crozier reported that the OPA's committee had developed language on how Therapeutic Shoe Fitters would be utilized but the level of supervision that should be required— direct or general — was still being debated.

Dr. Bill Smith expressed concerns on behalf of the Podiatry Board about the need for TSFs and who properly should supervise them. He said podiatrists in the state were

concerned that the TSFs were providing podiatric services and should not be allowed to practice in the state.

Mr. Guthrie presented a copy of a bill the OCSFA will be trying to get introduced in the legislature in the upcoming session, which would license TSFs. He said the Shoe Fitters were willing to accept input from Podiatry, Orthotists and Pedorthists. He reported that the OCSFA has eight members and 15-20 associate members.

Dr. Burk requested that the Orthotists/Prosthetist, Licensed Pedorthists and Podiatrists form a committee to meet with the Fitters to discuss the proposed legislation. Ms. Blacklee requested that patient representatives be included on the sub-committee. Also discussed was inviting representatives from the Pharmacy Board.

Dr. Burk moved to address these matters in the ad hoc committee. Ms. Blacklee seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed accepting current ABC certification as meeting the continuing education requirements for renewal purposes. Staff suggested amending the rules to allow current ABC certification to be accepted as one of the methods of meeting continuing education requirements. Dr. Burk moved to proceed with amending the rules. Mr. Talmage seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee set February 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> as meeting dates for 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 11:19 a.m.