

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
JUNE 27, 2006**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners was held on June 27, 2006 at the State Office Building at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ. The meeting was convened in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act with previous notification having been sent to the Secretary of State and the following publications: The Record in Bergen County, The Star Ledger, Camden Courier Post, Trenton Times, Aisling Swift Press of Atlantic City and Asbury Park Press, to advise of the scheduling of this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Louis J. Haberman, C.P.O., (Vice-Chair) at 10:25 A.M.

OPENING STATEMENT - Reading of "The Sunshine Law"

PRESENT - Board Members: Louis J. Haberman, C.P.O., (Vice-Chair) Brooke T. Artesi, L.O., CPED; Mildred Carlascio, C.O., and Heikki Uustal, M.D.

ABSENT - Board Members: Dana Baptista, C.P., (Chair), Robert C. Manfredi, Jr., C.P.O.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Attorney General, Michelle Weiner  
Executive Director, Laura L. Anderson and  
Recording Secretary, Maria A. Ormeno-Bertorelli

MINUTES - THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY MILDRED E. CARLASCIO, AND SECONDED BY HEIKKI UUSTAL, VOTED TO ACCEPT THE APRIL 25, 2006 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES AS AMENDED.

The vote was unanimous

## **I. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. Precision Fitters**

The Board reviewed a letter from Harrison Alvarez of Precision Fitters, inquiring about licensing requirements for fitters.

THE BOARD, DIRECTED THAT A DRAFT BE PREPARED FOR A GENERIC FORM LETTER ALONG WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE MAILED TO INDIVIDUALS SEEKING RULE CLARIFICATION FOR FITTERS.

### **2. Cynthia Cocco Minelli - The N.J. Chapter of the American Academy of O & P**

The Board reviewed a letter from Executive Director, Laura Anderson, responding to Ms. Minelli's questions regarding continuing education.

THE BOARD, DIRECTED TO DRAFT A NOTIFICATION LETTER REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLETION TIME. THE BOARD ALSO REQUESTED FOR REGULATORY ANALYST CHARLES MANNING TO BE PRESENT AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING ON JULY 25, 2006, TO CLARIFY RULE ADOPTION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION.

### **3. Manfredi Orthotic and Prosthetic Affiliates**

The Board reviewed a fax received from Robert Manfredi, Jr. replying to Chie regarding dispensing prefab AFO.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL INFORMATIONAL.

#### 4. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Opinion No. 06-02 RE: Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers/New Jersey Physicians.

The Board reviewed a letter Opinion No. 06-02 regarding two proposed programs to manage the delivery of durable medical by physicians. The letter and an opinion from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in Washington D.C. was received by the Board from an anonymous inquiry also requesting action from the Medical Board and the Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners. UPON DELIBERATION, THE BOARD DIRECTED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD TO PRODUCE AN OPINION IN WRITING AND TO PROVIDE THE SAME TO THE OFFICE TO ASSIST DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MICHELLE WEINER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANDERSON TO PREPARE A DRAFT TO BE SENT TO THE MEDICAL BOARD.

#### 5. Section 1921 of the Social Security Act

The Board reviewed a letter with information of the proposed regulation that will result is placing information that we currently report to the HIPDB into the NPDB as well.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL INFORMATIONAL.

## II. APPLICATIONS REVIEW

The Board reviewed applications for licensure and upon motion made by Mildred Carlascio and seconded by Heikki Uustal voted to approve the following applications for licensure:

- (1) Jeffrey Bednarik Applicant #1143826
- (2) Stephen D. Sorg Applicant #1180052
- (3) Courtney E. Fletcher Applicant #1125622
- (4) Stacey L. Gonzalez Applicant #1195966

At 11:30 A.M., the Board, upon a motion made by Heikki Uustal and seconded by Mildred E. Carlascio, voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Board's regulations. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, that disciplinary action will be taken in a public session immediately after the session.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson  
Executive Director