

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT VIA
ZOOM:**

Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., William Ashley, M.D., FAANS, Timothy Capstack, M.D., FACP, Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT
VIA ZOOM:**

Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Matthew Dudzic, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, Michael Tran, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst

**GUEST PRESENT
VIA
CONFERENCE
CALL LINE:**

Rick Burch, President, The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants (MdAPA)

ABSENT:

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Princess Sando, Allied Health Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Norris called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously approved the March 2, 2022, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATIVE, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Dudzic updated the Committee on the progression of the General Provisions bill during the 2022 legislative session. Mr. Dudzic stated that the bill passed in the House and is still pending a decision in the Senate. He also informed the Committee that a bill on Financial Gratuity, which seems to have stalled during this legislative session, may have an impact on PAs.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on March 23, 2022, the Board accepted all recommendations that the Committee made at its March 2, 2022 Committee meeting, concerning addendums for advanced duties. Ms. Norris reported that the Board accepted the changes the Committee made to amend the list of Psychiatric Duties that appear on the Advanced Procedures by Specialty List which accompanies the addendum.

The Psychiatry advanced duties on the Advanced Duties by Specialty List will now appear as:

1. *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
2. *Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy*
3. *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation*
4. *Supportive Psychotherapy*
5. *Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)*

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums

Quitiqua H. Adon, PA-C/Eric J. Schwartz, M.D., request to perform:

- *Insertion of Urinary Catheters (include use of Flexible Cystoscope) and N-G Tubes and Emergency Defibrillation*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Clifford Amos, PA-C/Jay M. Barnett, M.D., request to perform:

- *Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions*
- *Skin Excisions*
- *Botulinum Toxin Injections (Cosmetic)*

On a motion made by Dr. Capstack and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of this addendum to the Board with the limitation of 2.5 cm or less above the neck for Excision and Repair of Benign and Malignant Lesions. The Committee tabled Mr. Amos and Dr. Barnett's request to perform "Botulinum Toxin Injections (Cosmetic)" pending its receipt and review of the following:

1. Verification of Mr. Amos's Theoretical Instruction in the performance of Botulinum Toxin Injections;
2. A copy of Mr. Amos's certificate of completion verifying his completed training in the performance of Botulinum Toxin Injections; and
3. Verification of Dr. Barnett's education/training in the performance of Botulinum Toxin Injections as is required by COMAR 10.32.09.03B.

Abdulsemed M. Beshir, PA-C/Mara Rebecca Holton, M.D., request to perform:

- *Insertion of Urinary Catheters (include use of Flexible Cystoscope) and N-G Tubes and Emergency Defibrillation*

On a motion made by Dr. Capstack and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Taylor L. Burch, PA-C/Craig H. Bennett, M.D., request to perform:

- *Intraarticular Injections – Knee, Shoulder*

The Committee has determined that the Addendum is ineligible for approval because the procedure logs submitted with the Addendum documented Ms. Burch's performance of procedures that were performed under the supervision of an unauthorized physician. According to the Board's records, at the time that Ms. Burch performed the documented procedures (between September 15, 2021, and March 15, 2022); "Alternate Supervising Physician" was not yet an approved method of continuous physician supervision. As a result, the documented procedures were not performed under the supervision of an authorized physician and are not valid. The Addendum was closed effective April 12, 2022. Ms. Burch will have to submit a new addendum and procedure log documenting her successful completion of at least 10 of each of the requested advanced duties performed after March 18, 2022.

Lauren Campbell, PA-C/Manish Khanna, M.D., request to perform:

- *Rigid Endoscopy*
- *Flexible Laryngoscopy*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Stephanie Capone, PA-C/Michael Antunes, M.D., request to perform:

- *Lumbar puncture*
- *Inserting and Managing Umbilical Artery Catheters*
- *Umbilical Venous Catheters*
- *Inserting and Removing Chest Tubes*
- *Endotracheal Intubation*
- *Initiating Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation*
- *Arterial Puncture*
- *Insert and Manage Urethral Catheter*
- *Emergency Needle Thoracentesis*
- *Laryngoscopy and Suction*

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Eric Darryl Dees, PA-C/Erika N. Kane, M.D., request to perform:

- *Evaluation of Substance Use and Co-Occurring Mental Health Disorders*
- *Medication Assisted Treatment*

- *Management of Substance Use and Co-Occurring Mental Health Disorders*
- *Pharmacologic Treatment of Substance Use Disorders, Co-Occurring Mental Health and Somatic Disorders*

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board except for the request to perform “Pharmacologic Treatment of Substance Use Disorders, Co-Occurring Mental Health and Somatic Disorders”. The Committee recommended approving “Pharmacologic Treatment of Substance Use Disorders and Co-Occurring Mental Health Disorders” without “Pharmacologic Treatment of Somatic Disorders” since it is a core duty.

Kerri V. Ellinger, PA-C/ Christine Neto, M.D., request to perform:

- *Endometrial Biopsy*
- *IUD Insertion and Removal*
- *Nexplanon Insertion and Removal (Implanon – previous name)*

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Taylor L. Hook, PA-C/Scott R. DeBoer, M.D., request to perform:

- *Lumbar Puncture*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Bryan K. Hudson, PA-C/Andrew R. Deitchman, M.D., request to perform:

- *Central Venous Catheter Insertion*
- *Hemodialysis Catheter Insertion*
- *Arterial Line Insertion*
- *Central Venous Sheath Insertion*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Capstack, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Emily Kluck, PA-C/Stephen Cattaneo, M.D., request to perform:

- *Bronchoscopy for Therapeutic Intervention or Visualization for Percutaneous Tracheostomy in Intubated Patients*

On a motion made by Dr. Ashley and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Samaaneh Moezzi, PA-C/Oscar Enrique Galvis, M.D., request to perform:

- *Inpatient Evaluation/Diagnostic Assessment*
- *Basic Pharmacologic Treatment*
- *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
- *Psychotherapy*
- *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy or Other Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders*

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve all of the requested advanced duties except "Basic Pharmacologic Treatment" because it is a core duty and does not require Board approval.

Ligaya Narbay, PA-C/Janak A. Vidyarthi, M.D., request to perform:

- *Tigger Point Injections*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Phylicia Anne Frieda Nlend, PA-C/Mara Rebecca Holton, M.D., request to perform:

- *Insertion of Urinary Catheters (include use of Flexible Cystoscope) and N-G Tubes and Emergency Defibrillation*

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Zachary Purnell Thomas, PA-C/Timothy Sherman-Whiten Frazier, M.D., request to perform:

- *Intra-Articular Injections (Knee & Shoulder)*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Suzzette C. Van-Lare, PA-C/Leonardo Vando, M.D., request to perform:

- *Taking Psychiatric History*
- *Making Psychiatric Diagnosis*
- *Coordinating Psychiatric Care*
- *Prescribing Psychiatric Medications*
- *Renewing Psychiatric Treatment and Follow-Up Care*
- *Counseling Patient on General Wellness*

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee voted to table its review of this addendum pending its receipt and review of the following:

1. Removal of "Counseling Patient on General Wellness" from under #7 on page 2 of the Addendum, because it is a core duty and does not require Board approval.
2. Verification/documentation of any/all continuing medical education and additional education and training that Ms. Van-Lare has had related to behavioral health. In the event that she has not secured any continuing medical education and/or additional education and training related to behavioral health outside of what was originally submitted with the Addendum, she should provide written notification of additional continuing medical education.

WALK INs

Addendums

Megan S. Dyson, PA-C/Jason J. Jancosko, D.O., request to perform:

- *Joint injections (Knees, Subacromial Bursa)*
- *Joint Aspiration (Knees, Subacromial Bursa)*
- *Arthrocentesis Joint (Knees, Subacromial Bursa)*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

FYI – Financial Disclosure/Termination Disclosure Statement for all Allied Health Committee members.

Mrs. Wright reminded the Committee Members of the following:

1. Financial Disclosure Statements are due to be completed and submitted by April 30, 2022.
2. All Committee Members are required to complete a Termination Disclosure Statement at the end of their term.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst