

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215  
Wednesday, April 5, 2023  
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT VIA**

**ZOOM:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

**VIA ZOOM:**

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, Noreen Rubin, Esq., Board Counsel, Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Donita Hardee, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst

**ABSENT:**

William W. Ashley, M.D., FAANS, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Norris called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously approved the March 1, 2023, Open Meeting Minutes.

**LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES**

Mr. Tran informed the Committee that the end of the 2023 Legislative Session was approaching, and of the three bills the Board put forth, the Physicians and Allied Health Professions – Reorganization and Revisions (General Provisions), Inactive and Emeritus Status, and Dispensing Permits, the Inactive and Emeritus Status Bill was the only one that passed.

Mr. Tran also informed the Committee that the Physician Assistants – Parity with Other Health Care Practitioners (Physician Assistant Parity Act of 2023) and the Physician Assistants – Revisions (Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2023) bills failed.

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Nothing to Report

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on March 22, 2023, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its March 1, 2023 meeting, concerning addendums for advanced duties.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Addendum for Advanced Duties**

*Vanessa de Assis, PA-C/Blaine Kristo, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Cystoscopy*

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Addendums for Advanced Duties**

*Sheera Alyesh, PA-C/Levan Atanelov, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Joint Steroid Injections*

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

*Matthew John Arnold, PA-C/Dheeraj Gandhi, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Lumbar Puncture w/Intrathecal Chemotherapy*
- *Epidural Steroid Injection*
- *Spinal Biopsy w/Imaging Guidance*
- *Blood Patch*
- *Myelogram*

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 with the clarification that PAs are prohibited from performing fluoroscopy under Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. ("Health Occ") §§14-306(E), whether as an independent act or in conjunction with any medical procedure.

*Page Renee Burns, PA-C/Harpal Singh Khanuja, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Closed Reduction of Vascularly Stable Fractures*
- *Closed Reduction of Vascularly Stable Dislocations*
- *Arthrocentesis*
- *Joint Injections*

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.

*Junnan Chen, PA-C/Steven B. Snyder, M.D., request to perform:*

- Hair Removal by Zenith Laser
- Excision of Malignant Skin Lesions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck
- Intralesional Injections

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.

*Danielle Dobbins, PA-C/Christopher Clark, M.D., request to perform:*

- Gluteal Tendon Injections
- Greater Trochanteric Bursa Injections
- Subacromial Bursa Injection
- Arthrocentesis

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

*Jessica Marie Dunn, PA-C/Jason T. Arrington, M.D., request to perform:*

- Injecting Dermal Fillers
- Injecting Neurotoxin Modulators (Botulinum Toxin)
- Performing Intense Pulse Laser Machines

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.

*Caitlin M. Lutz, PA-C/Juris P. Germanas, M.D., request to perform:*

- Excision and Repair – Benign Lesions
- Excision and Repair – Malignant Lesions
- Intralesional Injections
- Botulinum Toxin Injections

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board, with the specification that the “Excision and Repair of Benign and Malignant Lesions be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.”

*Matthew C. Widmeyer, PA-C/Bao M. Vo, D.O., request to perform:*

- Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders
- Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation
- Supportive Psychotherapy

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.

### **Walk-ins**

*Elizabeth Arkinson, PA-C/Kinjal Nayin Sheth, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Adding Central Venous Catheter*

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

*Avery V. Cross, PA-C/Janak A. Vidyarthi, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Trigger Point Injections*

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

*Kimberley A. Mangus, PA-C/David Dong Keun Kim, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Stress Tests (Pharmacologic and Exercise)*

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.

*Janelle Shah, PA-C/Ehsan Abdeshahian, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Bursa Injections (Hip)*

On a motion made by Dr. Capstack and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve Ms. Shah and Dr. Abdeshahian to perform "Bursa Injections."

### **Allied Health Committee Members**

Ms. Wright reminded the committee members that their Financial Disclosure Statements for the 2022 year must be completed and submitted by April 30, 2023. She also reminded them that all committee members are also required to complete and submit 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 4:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

*Signature on File*

Felicia Wright, Manager, Allied Health Unit