

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**  
**Physician Assistant Advisory Committee**  
**4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 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, William W. Ashley, M.D., FAANS, 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, 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:**

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously approved the January 4, 2023, Open Meeting Minutes.

**LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES**

Nothing to report.

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on January 25, 2023, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its January 4, 2023, meeting, concerning addendums for advanced duties.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Addendum for Advanced Duties**

*Melecia Helwig-Henson, PA-C/Aderonke O. Omotade, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Advanced Psychopharmacological Treatment*

- *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation*
- *Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation*

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

*Reza Moghaddasnia, PA-C/Leo Rotello, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Intubation*
- *Bronchoscopy*

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**

*Michael Adera, PA-C/Christian D. Cain, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Thoracostomy/Chest Tube Insertion*

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.

*Anne Michelle Archer, PA-C/Christian D. Cain, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Thoracostomy/Chest Tube Insertion*
- *Tunneled Central Vascular Access-Venous*
- *Tunneled Central Vascular Access- Arterial*

On a motion made by Dr. Capstack and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to table its recommendation for approval of this addendum to the Board pending its receipt and review of the following:

1. A letter from Dr. Cain identifying the “Tunneled Central Vascular Access (Venous and Arterial)” procedures documented on the procedure log submitted with the Addendum.

*Virginia M. Bialick, PA-C/Savyasachi C. Thakkar, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Arthrocentesis*
- *Closed Reduction of Vascularly Stable Fractures*
- *Joint 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.

*John Patrick Fermin Cuenca, PA-C/Christian D. Cain, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Thoracostomy/Chest Tube Insertion*

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.

*Juan Liu, PA-C/Cheryl D. Bansal, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Morpheus 8 (Microneedling Plus Radiofrequency)*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve the requested advanced duty as “Microneedling Plus Radiofrequency.”

*Katherine S. Mathias, PA-C/Thomas W. Heckman, D.O., request to perform:*

- *Intra-Articular (Joint) Aspiration & Injections*

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

*Scott D. Morsberger, PA-C/Radhika V. Kuna, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Exercise & Pharmacologic Stress Testing*

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.

*Carly J. Moss, PA-C/Christian D. Cain, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Thoracostomy/Chest Tube Insertion*

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

*Kevin A. Woodward, PA-C/Savyasachi C. Thakkar, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Intra-Articular Knee Injections*

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.

## **WALK-INS**

*Mary Elizabeth Holthaus (formerly “Furda”), PA-C/Daniel P. Hexter, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin 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.

*Amanda Smith, PA-C/Kelvin K. Hong, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Non-Tunneled Central Venous Access*
- *Tunneled Central Venous Access*
- *MediPort Placement*

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.

*Henry Yan, PA-C/Ronald B. Prussick, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Phototherapy (UVB Light Therapy)*
- *Xtrac-Laser*
- *Photo Dynamic Therapy*

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.

### **Inquiry - Physician Assistant Scope of Practice in OB/GYN**

The Board received an inquiry asking if an OB/GYN PA can perform a vaginal delivery with a physician in-house? If so, are there certain requirements that need to be obtained prior to performing a vaginal delivery?

Following the discussion of the inquiry, on a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Dr. Roca, the PAAC voted all in favor of forwarding this inquiry to the Board for its review with a recommendation that they approve PAs to perform “uncomplicated full-term vaginal deliveries” with the specification that the supervising physician be physically on-site during the PA’s performance of the procedure.” The PAAC requests the Board’s guidance on the number of procedures that the PA would have to log to demonstrate competence in the performance of the procedure.

### **Allied Health Committee Members**

Ms. Wright reminded the committee members that their Financial Disclosure Statements for the 2022 calendar year must be completed and submitted by April 30, 2023. She also reminded them that all committee members are also 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 the meeting at 4: 44 p.m.

Submitted by:

*Signature on File*

Rhonda Deanes – Lead Allied Health Analyst