

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

OPEN AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT VIA
ZOOM:**

Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., William W. Ashley, M.D., FAANS, Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D., Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT
VIA ZOOM:**

Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Matthew Dudzic, Manager, Policy/Legislation, Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst Assoc., Rhonda Deanes, Lead PA Analyst, Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst, Donita Hardee, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Margaret Jury, Lead Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT:

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously approved the February 7, 2024, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Tran informed the PAAC that during this legislative session, the Board proposed two bills, the General Provisions and the Physician Assistant bills. He stated that the General Provisions bill has been heard in both Committees and is now on the Third Reader. However, Delegate Bagnall, who sponsored the Physician Assistant bill, withdrew it at the request of the Health and Government Operations Committee Chair. He also informed the Committee that SB 3, regarding Temporary Licensure for Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses, is back and has been heard in the Senate.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Cossis informed the Committee that at its meeting on January 24, 2024, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its January 3, 2024, meeting concerning addendums for advanced duties.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Christine Michele Brown, PA-C/Kristin Nesbitt Silon, M.D., request to perform:

- *Joint Injections /Joint Aspirations*
- *Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections*
- *Tendon Injections*

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.

Leah C. Hester, PA-C/Sultana Jahn Afrooz, D.O., request to perform:

- *Trigger Point Injections*
- *Intra-Articular Injections (Ultrasound-Guided)*

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

Sara Rachel Hoopes, PA-C/Clayton Phillip Alexander, M.D., request to perform:

- *Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections*

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

Lucien T. Joy, PA-C/Stephen K. Schenkel, M.D., request to perform:

- *Limited Ultrasound: Early Pregnancy Diagnosis – Establish the presence of a viable intrauterine pregnancy*

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.

Bryn Michelle Krane, PA-C/Justin Randall Hoover, M.D., request to perform:

- *Reduction of Fractures: Wrist (Distal Radius), Forearm, Ankle, Finger*
- *Reduction of Dislocations: Hip, Elbow, Knee*
- *Arthrocentesis: Wrist, Ankle, Elbow, Finger(s)*
- *Nerve Block: Fingers (Digital Blocks)*

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

Alexa Michelle Milano, PA-C/Alexandra K. Pratt, M.D., request to perform:

- *Femoral Central Venous Catheter Insertion*
- *Subclavian Central Venous Catheter Insertion*
- *Ultrasound-Guided Internal Jugular Central Venous Catheter Insertion*
- *Arterial Line Insertion*

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

Alexa Michelle Milano, PA-C/Alexandra K. Pratt, M.D., request to perform:

- *Central Line Insertion (Femoral, Subclavian, IJ)*
- *Arterial Line Insertion*

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

Kristin Ellen Murphy, PA-C/Gautam Ramani, M.D., request to perform:

- *Arterial Line Placement*
- *Central Line Insertion*
- *Moderate (Conscious) Sedation*

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.

Jessica S. Ortega, PA-C/Christopher M. Jones, M.D., request to perform:

- *Closed Reduction of Fractures – Wrist*
- *Closed Reduction of Fractures – Phalangeal*
- *Closed Reduction of Dislocations – Elbow*
- *Arthrocentesis (Cortisone Injection) – Wrist*
- *Arthrocentesis (Cortisone Injection) – Finger*
- *Nerve Block (Digital Block)*
- *Removal of External Fixation Devices (K-Wires)*

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

Elizabeth Pham, PA-C/Peter Spiro Petropoulos, M.D., request to perform:

- *Botox Injections*
- *Dermal Filler Injections*
- *Body Contouring Procedures – Coolsculpting, EMSculpting, Radiofrequency*
- *Mild Sedation – Nitrous Oxide*

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

David McNeely Roberts, PA-C/Raghuveer Vallabhaneni, M.D., request to perform:

- *Central Line Placement (Femoral, Subclavian, Internal Jugular)*
- *Arterial Line Placement*

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

Theresa C. Rohrs, PA-C/Scott R. DeBoer, M.D., request to perform:

- *IABP (Balloon Pump Removal)*

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.

Matthew R. Siska, PA-C/Jeffrey Gelfand, M.D., request to perform:

- *Arthrocentesis (Knee, Elbow, Ankle, Wrist)*
- *Closed Reduction of Fractures (Ankle, Tibia, Radius and Ulna, Humerus, Finger)*
- *Closed Reduction of Dislocations (Hip, Elbow, Knee, Ankle)*
- *Digital Block*

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

WALK-INS

Amanda Fredericka Comegys, PA-C/Paul Jeffrey King, M.D., request to perform:

- *Trochanteric Bursa Injection*
- *Arthrocentesis without Fluoroscopic Guidance (Shoulder)*
- *Arthrocentesis without Fluoroscopic Guidance (Knee)*
- *Arthrocentesis without Ultrasound Guidance (Hip)*
- *Tendon Sheath/Ligament Injection*

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.

Robert Lewis, PA-C/Scott R. DeBoer, M.D., request to perform:

- *Femoral Central Venous Catheter Insertion*
- *US-Guided Internal Jugular Central Venous Catheter Insertion*
- *Arterial Line Catheter insertion*
- *Lumbar Puncture*

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.

Kristin Lee Ridenour, PA-C/Scott R. DeBoer, M.D., request to perform:

- *US-Guided Internal Jugular Central Venous Catheter Insertion*
- *Arterial Line Catheter insertion*
- *Lumbar Puncture*

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

Henry Schneider, III, PA-C/Scott R. DeBoer, M.D., request to perform:

- *Subclavian Central Venous Catheter Insertion*

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Kuruppu, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rhonda Deanes

Rhonda Deanes – Lead PA Analyst