

MARYLAND BOARD PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
MBP Board Room, Room 100

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., William W. Ashley, M.D. FAANS, 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 Supervisor, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Matthew Dudzic, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, Princess Sando, Allied Health Analyst, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst, Associate

ABSENT:

Timothy Capstack, M.D., FACP, Michael Tran, Allied Health Analyst, Associate, Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst Associate

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Open Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2021 - To be distributed at February 2, 2022 Committee Meeting.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS AND POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Dudzic informed of two potential pieces of legislation that may impact the Committee and its duties:

1. **PA Modernization Act** - The Maryland Association of Physician Assistants (MdAPA) provided this bill to the Board. The bill would remove many of the supervisory elements from the physician/physician assistant relationship, replace delegation agreements with collaborative agreements and expand the scope of practice for physician assistants.
2. **General Provisions** – The Board submitted this proposal following a recommendation in the 2020 sunset. This bill seeks to create a general provisions section in the Maryland Medical Practice Act, which would include all provisions that apply across the board to all professions the Board licenses. Board. While no requirements or standards would change as a result of the bill, if it passes it would require the Committee to develop regulatory changes to align its regulations with the newly reordered statute.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on December 27, 2021, the Board accepted all recommendations that the Committee made at its December 1, 2021, Committee meeting, concerning addendums for advanced duties. She noted that though the Committee failed to recommend that the Board limit a request to perform Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions to 2.5 cm or less, as is the Committee's custom, the Board voted to approved the request with the said limitation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

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

- *Biopsy*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to notify Mr. Amos and Dr. Barnett that Tangential/Shave and Punch biopsies are core duties and therefore, no advanced duty approval is required.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Daniel Backof, PA-C/Henry Boucher, M.D., request to perform:

- *Knee Arthrocentesis*
- *Knee Injections*
- *Greater Trochanteric Bursa 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.

Ernest G. Eckenrode, IV, PA-C/Deborah A. Englert, M.D., request to perform:

- *Botox and Dysport Injections*
- *Intermediate Closures & Excisions of Malignant and Benign Lesions*

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 with the specification that the "Excision of Malignant and Benign Lesions" be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.

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Lindsay Renee Gilbert, PA-C/Yarelis Quinones, M.D., request to perform:

- *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
- *Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders*
- *Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions*
- *Evaluation and Basic Pharmacological Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting*
- *Psychotherapy*

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve the requested advanced duties as “Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions (which is inclusive of Advanced Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment, Behavioral Therapy with Psychiatric Disorders, Evaluation and Basic Pharmacologic Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting, and Psychotherapy).”

Jennifer L. Mohler, PA-C/Stanley Wisniewski, M.D., request to perform:

- *Skin Excisions*
- *Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions*
- *Arthrocentesis without Ultrasound (Shoulder, Knee, Bursa at Elbow, Hip/Greater Trochanteric, Carpal Tunnel)*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to:

1. Table its decision regarding Ms. Mohler and Dr. Wisniewski’s request to perform “Arthrocentesis without ultrasound (shoulder, knee, bursa at elbow, hip/greater trochanteric, carpal tunnel)” pending its receipt and review of a procedure log documenting Ms. Mohler’s performance of 4 additional procedures performed after November 5, 2021.
2. Recommend that the Board approve Ms. Mohler and Dr. Wisniewski’s request to perform “Skin Excisions” and “Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions” with the specification that they both be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.

Virginia Orlov, PA-C/ Luther Holton, M.D., request to perform:

- *BBL Laser Treatments (Laser Hair Removal, Laser ClearScan ALX, Laser Contouring/Resurfacing, Micro Peels, Nano Peels, Profractional Laser Treatments)*

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.

Courtney Purnell, PA-C/Bernard Chang, M.D., request to perform:

- *Laser Treatments (Hair Removal & Skin Resurfacing)*
- *Non-Ablative Laser for Skin Treatments*
- *Photo Light Treatment/Photo Therapy*
- *Skin Rejuvenation*
- *Treatment of Brown Pigment*
- *Treatment of Collagen Building, Sebaceous Hyperplasia and Active Acne*

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Chaya Spigelman, PA-C/Julie Brownley, M.D., request to perform:

- Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment
- Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders
- Conduct Diagnostic Assessments
- Psychotherapy

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve the requested advanced duties as “Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions and Behavioral Interventions (which is inclusive of Evaluations and Basic Pharmacological Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders I a Psychiatric Setting, Advanced Pharmacological Treatment, Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Psychotherapy)”.

Amanda V. Sultani, PA-C/Dana Meyer Buxser, M.D., request to perform:

- IUD Insertion and 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.

WALK-INS

Samantha Kay Barbieto, PA-C/Kirby Scott, D.O. request to perform:

- *Nasal Endoscopy*
- *Flexible Laryngoscopy*

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.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Analyst Lead