

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
BOARD  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD  
Room 100  
January 24, 2024**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, January 24, 2024 with the following members present:

**Panel B**

Harbhajan Ajrawat, Board Chair  
Julie Caffrey, D.O.  
Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member  
Tyler Cymet, D.O.  
Vinu Ganti, M.D.  
Natalie Orbach, PA-C  
Carol E. Ritter, M.D.  
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member  
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.  
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member

**Panel A**

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.  
Mark D. Baganz, M.D.  
Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.  
Jon S. Frank, Consumer Member  
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member  
Ira Kornbluth, M.D.  
Alden Littlewood, M.D.  
Chika Logie, M.D.  
Judith Singletary, Consumer Member  
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

**ABSENT:** Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:** Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney General; Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General; David Wagner, Assistant Attorney General

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF CONFERENCE CALL:** David Finkler, Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Matthew Dudzic, Policy Manager; Michael EID, Compliance Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Elizabeth Gantt, M.D., Medical Consultant; Julie Gaskins, Compliance Analyst; Oriell Harris, Health Policy Analyst Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Sup/Spec. Trainee; Maureen Sammons, Intake Manager; Elsie Sanchez, Compliance Analyst; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Marty Teramani, Supervisor; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Chris Triplett, IT Manager; Brooks Whigham, Probation Supervisor; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

**GUEST PRESENT:** Margaret Kroen, Program Director, Maryland Program of Rehabilitation Program, (MPRP); Mike Llufrio, Director of Operations, MPRP; Martin Rusinowitz, M.D., MPRP; and Astrid R. Ashley, Senior Clinical Manager, MPRP

**GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Kara Crosis, P.A. Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Ajrawat, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**HOUSEKEEPING RULES** - FYI for Board members

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Physician Assistants Delegation Agreement Addendum for Advanced Duties**

The Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC) determined that the physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in statute and regulations, and voted to recommend approval of the addendum to the Board.

*On a motion made by Dr. Scholz, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties in attachment 1.*

## **MPRP PRESENTATION**

Margaret Kroen, Program Director, of the Maryland Program of Rehabilitation Program, gave a presentation on the program. Additional MPRP staff were present to answer questions Mike Llufrio, Director of Operations; Martin Rusinowitz, M.D.; and Astrid R. Ashley, Senior Clinical Manager.

## **POLICY/LEGISLATION**

### **Policy**

- FYI - FSMB “Reentry to Practice” Report

Ms. Harris presented an FYI of a current Report by the FSMB Workgroup on Reentry to Practice for state medical and osteopathic boards. The goal of the Report is to update current FSMB policies related to reentry to practice for state medical and osteopathic boards. FSMB has open comments on the Report until February 16, 2024. Board members were directed to submit any questions or comments on the Report to the FSMB.

- FYI - FSMB “Guidelines for the Structure and Function of a State Medical and Osteopathic Board”

Ms. Harris presented an FYI by the FSMB on its triennial review and update of the “Guidelines for the Structure and Function of a State Medical and Osteopathic Board”. The goal of the updates is to increase and refine the ability of state medical boards to better protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. FSMB has open comments on the guidance document until February 16, 2024. Board members were directed to submit any questions or comments on the guidance document to the FSMB.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Dudzic provided an update to the Board regarding the 2024 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly. Mr. Dudzic informed the Board that its first hearing on its general provisions proposal was held in the House earlier in the week. Mr. Dudzic also informed the Board that its physician assistant proposal had been withdrawn, and that the Board would instead work off of the Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants bill via the amendment process. Mr. Dudzic updated the Board on other legislation that could have an impact on the Board, including proposals regarding supervised medical graduates, administrative expungements and disclosure of criminal history on license applications.

## **OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY**

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2023

## **VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION**

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**CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(13), on a motion made by Dr. Cymet, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on January 24, 2024 at 10:11 a.m., in room 100, to comply with the statutory requirement under Health Occ. §1-401 that prevents public disclosure of medical review committee proceedings.

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**SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:**

The Panel consulted with counsel in its closed session pursuant to General Provisions §3-305(b)(13) to review confidential licensure and investigative application information.

**CONVENE TO CLOSE**

Submitted by,

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Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.  
Board Chair



# Board of Physicians

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Chair

TO: The Board  
 FROM: Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Lead Analyst  
 DATE: January 24, 2024  
 SUBJECT: Physician Assistant Delegation Agreement Addendums for Advanced Duties

This is to confirm that the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC) has reviewed the attached delegation agreement addendums and is recommending the following actions.

The Committee determined that the following physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in Health Occupations Article, §15-302, COMAR 10.32.03.06 Delegation Agreements – Approval, COMAR 10.32.09 Delegation of Cosmetic Procedures, and other criteria established by the Board.

### Previously Board Approved Procedures RECOMMENDED for APPROVAL:

	Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
1.	Jennifer W. Aponte, PA-C	Samuel Hahn, M.D.	1. Neuromodulator Injections 2. Dermal Filler 3. Microneedling 4. Broad Band Light 5. HALO Laser Therapy	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged receipt on 09/13/2023
2.	Morgan Bensinger, PA-C	Teresa Muns, D.O.	1. Lumbar Punctures	Hospital	Approved on 10/20/2021
3.	Nicole Casale, PA-C	Sridhar Durbhakhula, M.D.	1. Joint injections – Shoulder 2. Joint Injections – Knee 3. Joint Aspirations – Knee	Ambulatory Surgical Facility Hospital Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged receipt on 03/29/2023

## Attachment 1

4.	Ellyssa Brady Chinnaswamy, PA-C	Julius K. Oni, M.D.	1. Knee Joint Injection without Ultrasound Guidance	Ambulatory Surgical Facility Hospital Private Practice/Other	Approved on 01/29/2020
5.	Avery V. Cross, PA-C	Janak A. Vidyarthi, M.D.	1. Greater Trochanteric Bursa Injections	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledge on 01/24/2023
6.	Devon Fisk, PA-C,	Teresa K. Muns, D.O.	1. Closed Reduction of Fractures and Dislocations	Hospital	Approved on 10/20/2021
7.	Kelly Flamand, PA-C	Teresa K. Muns, D.O.	1. Closed Reduction of Fractures and Dislocations	Hospital	Approved on 10/20/2021
8.	Meghan D. Landymore, PA-C	Samuel Hahn, M.D.	1. Neuromodulator Injections 2. Dermal Fillers 3. Microneedling 4. Broad Band Light 5. HALO Laser Therapy	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 09/13/2023
9.	Sophia Leonard-Burns, PA-C	Wai Leong-Foo, D.O.	1. Pain Management Procedures: Botox for Cervical Dystonia	Private Practice/Other	Approved on 09/23/2020
10.	Emily A. Maru, PA-C	Adam J.M. Kern, M.D.	1. Newborn Circumcision with GOMCO Clamp  <i>*Cystoscopy (Tabled by the PAAC. Not for Board Approval)</i>	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 06/13/2023
11.	Jennifer L. Morris, PA-C	Paul J. King, M.D.	1. Greater Trochanteric Bursa Injection 2. Intra-Articular Hip Injection under Ultrasound Guidance 3. Arthrocentesis	Private Practice/Other	Approved on 10/29/2014
12.	Rebecca S. Murphy, PA-C	Stephanie Dabulis, M.D.	1. Insert Thoracostomy Tube 2. Insert Central Venous Catheters 3. Perform Endotracheal Intubation 4. Perform Lumbar Puncture	Hospital	Acknowledged receipt on 07/29/2022

## Attachment 1

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Arthrocentesis</li> <li>6. Replacement of Gastrostomy Tube</li> <li>7. Closed Reduction of Fractures of Hand, Wrist, or Fingers</li> <li>8. Closed Reduction of Fractures of the Ankle, Toes, Elbow, and Forearm</li> <li>9. Dislocation Reduction techniques of the Mandible and Ankle</li> </ul>		
13.	Amanda Smith, PA-C	Kelvin K. Hong, M.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mediport Removal</li> <li>2. Nephrostomy Tube Exchange</li> <li>3. Tunneled Hemodialysis Catheter Placement and Removal</li> <li>4. Non-Tunneled Hemodialysis Placement and Removal</li> <li>5. PICC Placement and Removal</li> </ul>	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 09/23/2023
14.	Justin Thomas Zeitler, PA-C	Erica Patterson Gaertner, M.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Subacromial Shoulder Injections</li> </ul>	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 05/30/2023