

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, January 3, 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, 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, Madelyn DelGreco, Health Policy Analyst Assoc., Rhonda Deanes, Lead PA Analyst, Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Donita Hardee, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Margaret Jury, Lead Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT:

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D., Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst, Diane Duckett, Allied Health Analyst Assoc.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Cossis called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Norris and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously approved the December 6, 2023, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Ms. DelGreco informed the Committee that the Board is moving forward with the General Provisions Bill and the PA Bill, which removes administrative barriers to PA practice. She also informed them that the legislative session begins on January 10, 2024 and the hearing on the PA bill will possibly be held in late January/early February.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Cossis informed the Committee that at its meeting on December 20, 2023, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its December 6, 2023, meeting concerning addendums for advanced duties.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Nicole Casale, PA-C/Sridhar Durbhakula, M.D., request to perform:

- *Joint Injections – Shoulder*
- *Joint Injections – Knee*
- *Joint Aspirations – Knee*

On a motion made by Ms. Norris and seconded by Dr. Roca, 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:

- *Greater Trochanteric Bursa Injection*

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

Sophia Leonard-Burns, PA-C/ Wai Leong-Foo, D.O., request to perform:

- *Pain Management Procedures: Botox for Cervical Dystonia*

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.

Emily A. Maru, PA-C/Adam J.M. Kern, M.D., request to perform;

- *Newborn Circumcision*
- *Cystoscopy**

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve Dr. Kern and Ms. Maru to perform “Newborn Circumcision.” On a motion made by Ms. Norris and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee voted to table its recommendation concerning Dr. Kern and Ms. Maru’s request to perform “Cystoscopy” pending its receipt and review of the following from Dr. Kern:

1. A written statement specifying whether Ms. Maru will be performing the cystoscopies on pediatric and adult patients. If Ms. Maru performs the procedure on pediatric and adult patients, provide a procedure log documenting her performance of at least ten (10) pediatric cystoscopies **and** at least ten (10) adult cystoscopies performed under Dr. Kern’s direct supervision.
2. A written statement from Dr. Kern, on his official letterhead and over his original signature, requesting that the Board add “Alternate Supervising Physician” to the delegation agreement between him and Ms. Maru as an additional method of supervision.

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

- *Mediport Removal*

- *Nephrostomy Tube Exchange*
- *Tunneled Hemodialysis Catheter Placement and Removal*
- *Non-Tunneled Hemodialysis Catheter Placement and Removal*
- *PICC Placement 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.

Justin Thomas Zeitler, PA-C/ Erica Patterson Gaertner, M.D. request to perform:

- *Subacromial Shoulder Injections*

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.

WALK-INS

Jennifer W. Aponte, PA-C/Samuel Hahn, M.D., request to perform:

- *Neuromodulator Injections*
- *Dermal Fillers*
- *Microneedling*
- *Broad Band Light*
- *HALO Light Therapy*

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.

Morgan Bensinger, PA-C/Teresa K. Muns, D.O., request to perform:

- *Lumbar Punctures*

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.

Ellyssa Brady Chinnaswamy, PA-C/ Julius K. Oni, M.D., request to perform:

- *Knee Joint Injection without Ultrasound Guidance*

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.

Devon Fisk, PA-C/ Teresa K. Muns, D.O., request to perform:

- *Closed Reduction of Fractures and Dislocations*

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.

Kelly Flamand, PA-C/ Teresa K. Muns, D.O., request to perform:

- *Closed Reduction of Fractures and Dislocations*

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.

Meghan D. Landymore, PA-C/Samuel Hahn, M.D., request to perform:

- *Neuromodulator Injections*
- *Dermal Fillers*
- *Microneedling*
- *Broad Band Light*
- *HALO Light Therapy*

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.

Jennifer L. Morris, PA-C/Paul J. King, M.D., request to perform;

- *Greater Trochanteric Bursa Injection*
- *Intra-Articular Hip Injection under Ultrasound Guidance*
- *Arthrocentesis*

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.

Rebecca S. Murphy, PA-C/Stephanie Dabulis, M.D. request to perform;

- *Insert Thoracostomy Tube*
- *Insert Central Venous Catheters*
- *Perform Endotracheal Intubation*
- *Perform Lumbar Puncture*
- *Arthrocentesis*
- *Replacement of Gastrostomy Tube*
- *Closed Reduction of Fractures of Hand, Wrist, or Fingers*
- *Closed Reduction of Fractures of the Ankle, Toes, Elbow and Forearm*
- *Dislocation Reduction Techniques of the Mandible and Ankle*

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.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rhonda Deanes

Rhonda Deanes – Lead PA Analyst