

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**  
**Physician Assistant Advisory Committee**  
**4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**  
**Wednesday, July 5, 2023**  
**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, Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General, Madeline Del Greco, Health Policy Analyst, Julie Gaskins, Health Policy Paralegal, Rhonda Deanes, Lead PA Analyst, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst

**ABSENT:**

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Timothy Capstack, M.D., FACP, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst, Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Donita Hardee, Allied Health Analyst Assoc.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Cossis called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Ms. Norris and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously approved the June 7, 2023, Open Meeting Minutes.

**LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES**

Ms. Del Greco informed the Committee that Policy Staff is proceeding with the PA legislative proposal previously discussed with the Committee. The Policy Staff are meeting with stakeholders, including the Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants, and will continue to update the Committee as the process continues.

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Nothing to report

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Ms. Norris, former Committee Chair, informed the Committee that at its meeting on June 28, 2023, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its June 7, 2023, meeting concerning addendums for advanced duties.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Addendums for Advanced Duties**

*Lindsay T. Carrier, PA-C/Marc Hungerford, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Administer Joint Injections*
- *Joint Aspirations*
- *Closed Reduction of Dislocations*
- *Closed Reduction of Fractures*
- *Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections*
- *Removal of External and Percutaneous Fixation Devices*

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.

*Brent A. Tucker, PA-C/Charles F. Mess, Jr., M.D. request to perform:*

- *Arthrocentesis (Knee)*
- *Joint Injections (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.

### **WALK-INS**

*Alexandra Kristyna Briedis, PA-C/Elizabeth S. Kimmitt, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Laser/Light Therapy Procedures for Treatment of Pigmentation, Anti-Aging, Hair Reduction*

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Dunn, 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 written statement from Dr. Kimmitt that specifies what part of the body the requested laser procedures will be performed; and
2. A notation on the procedure log whether the Laser/Light Therapy was performed for treating pigmentation, anti-aging, or hair reduction.

*Sheila Gurudath Rao, PA-C/Louis Anthony Damiano, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Insertion of Ventriculostomies*
- *Analysis/Programming Ventriculo-Peritoneal Shunts*

On a motion made by Ms. Dr. Ashley seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board, noting that Analysis/Programming Ventriculo-Peritoneal Shunts is a "first-time approval".

*Michael Ronan, PA-C/Charles F. Mess, Jr., M.D., request to perform:*

- *Arthrocentesis – Knee*
- *Joint Injections – Knee*

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.

*Cassandra Lynn Rullman, PA-C/ Hyland Cronin, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Skin Excisions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck*
- *Excision and Repair of Malignant/Benign Lesions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck*
- *Excision and Repair of Malignant/Benign Lesions below the neck*

On a motion made by Ms. Norris and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve Ms. Rullman and Dr. Cronin to perform “Excision and Repair of Malignant/Benign Lesions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.”

### **CONVENE TO CLOSE**

Pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article section 3-305(b)(1) on a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Norris, the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee members present unanimously voted to close its meeting on July 5, 2023, at 4:25 p.m. to discuss the appointment of new committee members.

Submitted by:

*Signature on File*

Rhonda Deanes – Lead PA Analyst