

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
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, Timothy Capstack, M.D., FACP, 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, Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Analyst, James Scott, Allied Health Analyst, Princess Sando, Allied Health Analyst, Michael Tran, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst Associate

ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Norris called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously approved the February 3, 2021 Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION / REGULATIONS / POLICY UPDATES

Ms. Hawk informed the Committee that staff is working to update the regulations to incorporate the Sunset changes and that once the draft of COMAR 10.32.03 is completed it will be brought to them for review.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on February 24, 2021, the Board accepted all recommendations that the Committee made at its February 3, 2021, Committee meeting, concerning addendums for advanced duties.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Molly Collins, PA-C/Babar Shafiq, M.D., request to perform:

- *Arthrocentesis*
- *Closed Reduction of Vascularly Stable Fractures*
- *Closed Reduction of Vascularly Stable Dislocations*
- *Joint Injections*
- *Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections*

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

Austin Decker, PA-C/Stephen Schenkel, M.D., request to perform:

- *Limited OB Ultrasound – Early Pregnancy Diagnosis*

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

Warrita K. Howell, PA-C/Lisa G. Gordon, M.D., request to perform:

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

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to table its review of this addendum pending receipt and review of documentation of any/all continuing medical education (CME) or other education that Ms. Howell has completed specifically related to Behavioral Health.

Jairus Johnson, PA-C/Michael Fiocco, M.D., request to perform:

- *Endoscopic Open/Open Vein Harvest*
- *Endoscopic/Open Artery Harvest*
- *Intubation – Urgent/Emergent*
- *Chest Tube Insertion/Removal*
- *Placement/Removal of Dialysis Catheter*
- *Removal of Perm Cath's*
- *Removal of IABP*
- *Insertion of A-Lines (Femoral/Upper Extremity)*
- *Insertion of Central Lines (Subclavian, Internal Jugular, Femoral)*
- *Thoracentesis (w/wo Ultrasound)*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve all of the requested advanced duties, with the exception of "Placement of Dialysis Catheter". The Committee did not recommend approval of "Placement of Dialysis Catheter" because Mr. Johnson has not provided documented of having been granted hospital privileges to perform this duty, nor has he provided a procedure log documenting his successful performance of 10 – 20 of this duty under Dr. Fiocco's direct supervision.

Brooke Parks, PA-C/Scott London, M.D., request to perform:

- *Laryngoscopy/Flexible Fiberoptic Laryngoscopy*
- *Nasal Endoscopy and Nasopharyngoscopy*

On a motion made by Dr. Ashley and seconded by Dr. Roca the Committee unanimously voted to table its review of this addendum pending its receipt and review of a procedures log documenting Ms. Parks' performance of at least 10 – 25 of each of the following advanced duties: Flexible Fiberoptic Laryngoscopy and Nasopharyngoscopy.

David Peyser, PA-C/Stephen Schenkel, M.D., request to perform:

- *Limited OB Ultrasound – Early Pregnancy Diagnosis*

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

Suzanne Steele, PA-C/Robert Graw, M.D., request to perform:

- *Non-fluoroscopic x-ray, procedure of the extremities, anterior, posterior, and lateral, not including the head utilizing the mini c-arm*

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.

WALK-IN'S

No Walk-In's presented.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

Mrs. Wright reminded the Committee members that their Financial Disclosure Statements for the previous calendar year are to be completed and submitted by April 30, 2021. In addition, she reminded them that all Committee members are required to complete a Termination Disclosure Statement at the end of their term.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File with the Board
Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Analysis