

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT VIA

ZOOM:

Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., 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, Matthew Dudzic, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, Michael Tran, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT:

William W. Ashley, M.D., FAANS, Princess Sando, Allied Health Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Norris called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously approved the March 2, 2022, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATIVE, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Dudzic updated the Committee on the progression of the PA Modernization Bill during the 2022 legislative session. Mr. Dudzic stated that the bill was introduced and then withdrawn by its sponsors.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on February 23, 2022, the Board accepted all recommendations that the Committee made at its February 2, 2022 Committee meeting, concerning addendums for advanced duties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

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

- *Pain Management Procedures: Pain Pump Implant Reprogram/Adjustment Analysis*

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson the Committee unanimously voted to inform Ms. Leonard-Burns and Dr. Foo that the requested procedure is a core duty therefore does not need Board approval.

Carol Louise Smith, PA-C/Amita Jha, M.D., request to perform:

- *Advanced Psychopharmacological Treatment*
- *Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders*
- *Evaluation and Basic Pharmacologic Treatment of Patients*
- *Psychotherapy*
- *Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions*

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

NEW BUSINESS

Revised Advanced Procedures by Specialty List for Psychiatric Advanced Procedures

Dr. Robert Roca discussed with the Committee the need to request that the Board update the May 2018 *Revised Advanced Procedures By Specialty List for Psychiatric Advanced Procedures* for the purpose of eliminating redundancy, as well as ambiguity as it relates to the meaning of “behavioral therapy of psychiatric disorders”.

He specifically recommended eliminating “Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions and Behavioral Interventions” and “Evaluation and Basic Pharmacologic Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting” and replacing them with “Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation”. In addition, he suggested replacing “Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders” and “Psychotherapy” with “Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy” and “Supportive Psychotherapy”. He also suggested adding “Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) to the list of advanced procedures since it has been recently requested and approved several times.

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Dr. Capstack unanimously agreed with Dr. Roca's recommendations and voted to recommend that the Board update the Revised Advanced Duties by Specialty List for Psychiatry to reflect as follows for clarity:

1. *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
2. *Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy*
3. *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation*
4. *Supportive Psychotherapy*
5. *Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)*

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Ruth Z. Feldman, PA-C/Milan Joshi, M.D., request to perform:

- *Psychiatric Evaluations*
- *Follow-Up Medication Management*

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.

Trisha Santos Sol, PA-C/Robert Baxter Meek, III, M.D., request to perform:

- *Laryngoscopy*
- *Nasal Endoscopy*

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

Kalley Veit, PA-C/Maral Skelsey, M.D., request to perform:

- *Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions*
- *Intralesional Injections*

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

LaToya White, PA-C/Aruna S. Rao, M.D., request to perform:

- *Psychotherapy*
- *Supportive Behavioral Therapy for Psychiatric Disorders*

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.

WALK-INS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Jonathan Kwei Chiang, PA-C/ Brad Matthew Cogan, M.D., request to perform:

- *Nephrostomy Tube Change without Supervision*

On a motion made by Dr. Capstack and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve Mr. Chiang and Dr. Cogan's request as "Nephrostomy Tube Change".

Eva Shields, PA-C/Richard DeBoer, M.D., request to perform:

- *Femoral Central Venous Catheter Insertion*
- *Ultrasound-Guided Internal Jugular Central Venous Catheter Insertion*
- *Arterial Line Insertion*
- *Lumbar Puncture*

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

Jessica Lawler, PA-C/Shobha Sikka, M.D., request to perform:

- *Pelvic Floor Electrical Stimulation (E-Stim)*

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.

Meghan Pocius, PA-C/Robert S. Berger, M.D., request to perform:

- *Excision of Malignant Lesions*

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Wright reminded the Committee Members of the following:

1. Financial Disclosure Statements are due to be completed and submitted by April 30, 2022.
2. All Committee Members are required to complete a Termination Disclosure Statement at the end of their term.

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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Submitted by:

Signature on File
Rhonda Deanes – Lead Allied Health Analyst