

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
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, Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Donita Hardee, Allied Health Analyst Assoc., Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT:

William W. Ashley, M.D., FAANS

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Norris called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Cossis and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously approved the February 1, 2023, Open Meeting Minutes with the clarification that the inquiry regarding PAs performing vaginal deliveries "in-house" meant that the supervising physician will be required to be "on-site."

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Tran informed the Committee that:

1. **General Provisions Bill** is scheduled to be heard on March 8, 2023. No temporary licenses will need to be issued to military applicants as long as the license is issued within 12-15 days of receipt of the application.
2. **PA Parity Bill;** - The Board plans to provide a Letter of Support with Amendments.
3. **PA Modernization Act Bill** – The Board plans to provide a Letter of Support with Amendments. The amendments will primarily recommend that the Delegation Agreement for Core Duties become a "Collaborative Registration."

BOARD COUNSEL

Mr. Finkler reminded Committee members that when testifying at hearings during the legislative session, they may not represent themselves as members of the Committee or the Board unless the Board gives them the approval to represent themselves as such. However, they may testify as a private citizen or a Physician Assistant.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on February 22, 2023, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its February 1, 2023 meeting, concerning addendums for advanced duties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Addendum for Advanced Duties

Anne Michelle Archer, PA-C/Christian D. Cain, M.D., request to perform:

- *Thoracostomy/Chest Tube Insertion*
- *Non-Tunneled Central Vascular Access – Venous and Arterial Lines*

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

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Elizabeth Atkinson, PA-C/Kinjal Nayin Sheth, M.D., request to perform:

- *Endotracheal Intubation*

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.

Matthew Salvatore Correnti, PA-C/Yusuf Mohammed Azim, M.D. request to perform:

- *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
- *Basic Pharmacologic Treatment*
- *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation*
- *Supportive Psychotherapy*

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 with the clarification that “Basic Pharmacologic Treatment” is considered a “core duty” and does not require Board approval.

Billy F. Farmer, PA-C/Carolyn Jayne Howell, M.D., request to perform:

- *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
- *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy*
- *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation*
- *Supportive Psychotherapy*

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

Travis Fallon Gaskill, PA-C/James M. Brown, M.D., request to perform:

- *Emergent Endotracheal Intubation*
- *Arterial Cannulation (Radial/Femoral Approach)*
- *Pulmonary Artery Catheterization by the same Central Venous Access*
- *Tube Thoracostomy*
- *Endoscopic Vein Harvest*
- *Open Vein Harvest*
- *Endoscopic Radial Artery Harvest*
- *Open Radial Artery Harvest*
- *IABP Manipulation and Removal*
- *Central Venous Access (Percutaneous Brachial, External Jugular, Subclavian, or Femoral Vein)*
- *Restraint and Seclusion Order Writing*

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

Sarah E. Pope, PA-C/Kinjal Nayin Sheth, M.D., request to perform:

- *Central Venous Catheter Insertion*

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

Grace N. Schwartz, PA-C/Carolyn Jayne Howell, M.D., request to perform:

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

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board with the clarification that "Basic Pharmacologic Treatment" is considered a "core duty" and does not require Board approval.

Arden Haley Smith, PA-C/Bao M. Vo, D.O., request to perform:

- *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
- *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy*
- *Supportive Psychotherapy*
- *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation*

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to table its ruling on this addendum pending its receipt and review of the following:

- Verification of Ms. Smith's completion of continuing medical education (CME) relevant to each of the advanced duties they are requesting the Board's approval for her to perform.

Seth Alexander Vann, PA-C/Kerunne S. Ketlogetswe, M.D., request to perform:

- *Exercise and Pharmacological Stress Testing*

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

WALK-INS

Benjamin M. Farkas, PA-C/Jennifer Z. Cooper, M.D., request to perform:

- *Swift Microwave Therapy for Treatment of Warts*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this first-time requested advanced duty to the Board.

Adam Robert Schmuckler, PA-C/Andrew Scott Mener, M.D., request to perform:

- *Bone Marrow Aspirations and Biopsies*

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.

Adam Robert Schmuckler, PA-C/Andrew Scott Mener, M.D., request to perform:

- *Bone Marrow Biopsy and Aspirate*

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

Adam Robert Schmuckler, PA-C/Mohit Narang, M.D., request to perform:

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Adam Robert Schmuckler, PA-C/Mohit Narang, M.D., request to perform:

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Maria E. Hawkins, PA-C/Barry Joseph Cohen, M.D., request to perform:

- *Neurotoxins Injections*
- *Dermal Filler injections*
- *Quanta EVO 4V Laser*
- *Microneedling*
- *Chemical Peel*
- *Kybella*

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

Karen J. Scott, PA-C/Daniel P. Hexter, M.D., request to perform:

- *Cosmetic Botox Injections*

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.

Allied Health Committee Members

Ms. Wright reminded the committee members that their Financial Disclosure Statements for the 2022 year must be completed and submitted by April 30, 2023. She also reminded them that all committee members must complete and submit a Termination Disclosure Statement at the end of their term.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4: 34 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Rhonda Deanes – Lead Allied Health Analyst