

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023  
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

**OPEN AGENDA MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT VIA  
ZOOM:**

Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D., Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT  
VIA ZOOM:**

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Lead PA Analyst, Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Donita Hardee, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Diane Duckett, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst

**ABSENT:**

Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, William W. Ashley, M.D., FAANS

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Dr. Kuruppu and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously approved the September 6, 2023, Open Agenda Meeting Minutes.

**LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES**

Nothing to report.

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Nothing to report

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Ms. Cossis informed the Committee that at its meeting on September 27, 2023, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its September 6, 2023, meeting concerning addendums for advanced duties.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Arden H. Smith, PA-C/Leonardo Vando, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
- *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.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Addendums for Advanced Duties

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

- *Arthrocentesis*

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

*Angela Anna DiFonzo, PA-C/ Kaiser A. Ahmad, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Insertion of A-Lines*
- *Insertion of Subclavian and IJ Central Venous Catheters*
- *Insertion of Central Venous Catheters, Femoral*
- *Placement of Thoracostomy Tubes*
- *Thoracentesis*
- *Paracentesis*
- *Lumbar Punctures*

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

*Miriam Noelle Dominguez, PA-C/Levan Antanelov, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Various Steroid Injections to Joints -- (e.g., Knee, Hip, Shoulder, and to bursae, e.g., Subacromial, Greater Trochanteric, to Piriformis)*

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

1. A written statement clarifying the specific joint locations where Ms. Dominguez will be injecting steroids.
2. A procedure log documenting Ms. Dominguez's performance of at least 3 to 5 "Steroid Injections" on each joint location listed in the addendum.

*Nicholas Adam Farace, PA-C/ Bradford David Winters, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Non-Tunneled Central and Arterial Line Insertions*

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.

*Elham Miraliakbari, PA-C/ Bruce D. Glassman M.D., request to perform:*

- *Botulinum Toxin (A/B) Injections*
- *Dermal Fillers/Collagen Injections*
- *Ablative & Non-Ablative Surgery*

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

*Amanda Nicole Rivera, PA-C/ Allison L. Fillar, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Arthrocentesis Knee*
- *Arthrocentesis Shoulder*
- *Greater Trochanteric Bursa Injection*

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

*Jeanne K. Sparks, PA-C/ Deborah A. Englert, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Swift Microwave Therapy for the Treatment of Warts*

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

## **WALK-INS**

*Kristy L. Lowenkron, PA-C/ Stephen M. Schenkel, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Limited Ultrasound: Early Pregnancy Diagnosis – Establish the presence or absence of a viable intrauterine pregnancy*

On a motion by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Dunn, 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. Rocca, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Submitted by:

*Signature on File*

Rhonda Deanes – Lead PA Analyst