

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, April 4, 2012  
ROOM 108 &109, Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**

**PRESENT:** Mark Dills, PA-C, Chairman, J. Lawrence Fitzpatrick, M.D., Cheryl  
Hendrix, PA-C, Secretary, Matthias Goldstein, PA-C., Richard Bittner,  
Esq., Consumer Member.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ellen Douglas Smith, Chief, Allied Health, Gwendolyn Joyner,  
Administrative Specialist, Karen Wulff, Public Policy Analyst, David  
Wagner, Esq.

**GUEST:** Gi Gi Leon, PA-C, Family Practice, Charles County

**ABSENT:** Chimene Liburd, M.D.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mark Dills, PA-C, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Ms. Hendrix and seconded by Mr. Goldstein, the minutes from  
March 7, 2012 meeting were approved.

On a motion made by Ms. Hendrix and seconded by Mr. Bittner, the amended January 2, 2012  
minutes were approved.

Ms. Hendrix informed the PAAC that this would be her last meeting on the Committee. She has  
accepted a position at Southeastern University in Orlando, Florida. Ms. Hendrix has recommended  
Gi Gi Leon, PA-C, to replace her as the PAAC Secretary. Ms. Leon is employed with Family  
Practice in Charles County.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** – Robin Bailey, Public Policy Analyst and Karen Wulff, Public Policy  
Analyst.

Ms. Bailey stated that there are three Bills pertaining to PAs and Allied Health:

Board Sunset Bill  
House Version – all inclusive, PAs, physicians and Allied Health  
Senate Bill –two separate versions

HB 584/SB479 – Health Occupations – Physician Assistants – Patient's Access to Supervising Physician – As originally drafted this bill removed the language that a doctor has to see a patient initially if the patient has a life threatening, chronic, degenerative, or disabling condition, added that a patient can see a doctor upon request, and removed the provision that a patient has to see a doctor within 5 visits or within 180 days, whichever occurs first. The bill as amended by the PA association left all doctor/PA/patient access/interaction under the direction of the physician as stated in the delegation agreement, and added language that the patient can always see the physician upon request. Effective date 10/01/2012.

HB634 Physician Assistants – Use of C-Arm Devices – This bill allows PA's to use the mini C-arm since they cannot currently use fluoroscopy as the law is currently written. The bill passed out of the House last week: it was sent to Senate Rules Committee and was not reported out to another Senate committee before the end of the Session.

HB824 – State Board of Physicians and Allied Health Advisory Committees – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation – The bill as originally drafted made a number of changes recommended by the legislative reviewers during the sunset review process. As amended this bill requires the governor to appoint the Board chair who will serve for a two year term. Effective date 6/1/2012.

**BOARD COUNSEL-** David Wagner, Esq.

Nothing to Report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Delegation Agreement Report**

### **Committee Member Vacancy:**

The Committee reviewed the following CV's for the Physician Surgeon member position vacancy

- a. Dale Buchbinder, M.D.  
Chairman, Department of Surgery  
Good Samaritan Hospital of Maryland, Inc.
- b. Frederic E. Eckhauser, M.D.  
Johns Hopkins Hospital  
Department of Surgery

- c. Gopal C. Kowdley, M.D.  
St. Agnes Hospital
- d. Jeffrey R. Lukish, M.D.  
Johns Hopkins University  
Department of Surgery
- e. Anthony J. Raneri, M.D.  
Director of Surgery  
Harbor Hospital Center

Ms. Wulff suggested rather than interview all of the candidates, the Committee should prepare questions for the candidates to answer, and select the candidates for interview based on their response to the questions.

Mr. Dills asked Ms. Smith to verify if the physicians are working or have ever worked with PAs in the past. He suggested scheduling the interviews for the next PAAC meeting, May 2, 2012. Mr. Bittner stated he will not be able to attend the next PAAC meeting. The Committee may not have quorum. Ms. Smith stated that there is a possibility that there may be a physician filling the Board member position.

### **Addendums**

Alissa Berliner, PA-C/Howard Robinson, M.D. request to perform:

- Intense Pulsed Light Laser
- Surgical Excision/Biopsy
- Simple/Intermediate/Complex Repairs
- Narrow-Band UVB Treatment

Peter Bruger, PA-C/Karmachandran Nair, M.D. request to perform:

- Trigger Point Injections
- Lumbar/Cervical Facet Blocks
- Arthrocentesis Joint Injections

Mr. Dills and Ms. Hendrix stated that Mr. Bruger needs to include a procedure log showing that he has received training with Arthrocentesis.

Benjamin Farkas, PA-C/Howard Robinson, M.D. request to perform:

- Intense Pulsed Light Laser, Erbium Yag Pixel Laser
- Surgical Excision/Biopsy
- Simple/Intermediate/Complex Repairs

Amy Gawler, PA-C/Roberta Palestine, M.D. request to perform:

- Dysport Injectabled Toxin for Reduction of Facial Wrinkles

Nathan Koller, PA\_C/John Flowers, M.D. request to perform:

- Internal Jugular and Subclavin/Axillary Central Line Placement

Mr. Dills stated that the language needs to be changed, it needs to be specified if any of the Central Lines Placement is for Vascular Access for dialysis.

Sofia Kulakowski, PA-C/Margaret O'Neill, M.D., request to perform:

- 5 – Fluororacil Injections
- Skin Excisions
- Laser Hair
- Botulinum Toxin Injections
- Dermal Filler Injections

Yael Schrieber, PA-C/Howard Hoffberg, M.D., request to perform:

- Myofascial Trigger Point Injections

John Vandever, PA-C/Myron Szczukowski, M.D., request to perform:

- Arthrocentesis
- Aspirations of Injections of Major Joint or Bursa

Jennifer Whitman, PA-C/Roberta Palestine, M.D., request to perform:

- Sclerotherapy Injections for elimination of Leg Telangectaisias (spider veins)

Gladys Wilkins, PA-C/Michael Hotchkiss, M.D., request to perform:

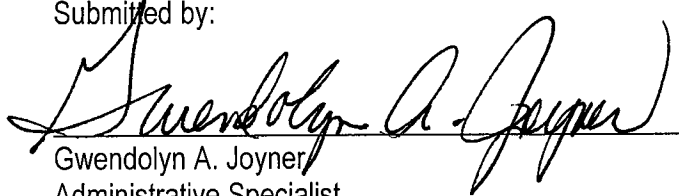
- Vulva Biopsies

On a motion made by Ms. Hendrix and seconded by Dr. Fitzpatrick the Committee voted to approve the addendums.

On a motion made by Ms. Hendrix and seconded by Mr. Goldstein, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

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Submitted by:



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Administrative Specialist