

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

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012
ROOM 108 & 109, Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**

PRESENT: Mark Dills, PA-C, Chairman, Richard Bittner, Esq., Consumer Member, Chimene Liburd, M.D., Anthony Raneri, M.D., Gigi Leon, PA-C, Matthias Goldstein, PA-C

TELECONFERENCE: Ahmed Nawaz, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Manager, Allied Health and Licensure, David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel, Robin Bailey, Public Policy Analyst, Felicia Jackson, Administrative Officer

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mark Dills, PA-C, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Dills and seconded by Ms. Leon, the minutes from the November 7, 2012 meeting were approved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Robin Bailey, Public Policy Analyst

Nothing to Report

BOARD COUNSEL – David Wagner, Esq.

Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums

Kelly Balestra, PA-C/Roberta Palestine, M.D., request to perform:

- Sclerotherapy injections for elimination of leg telangectasias (spider veins)

Eric Davison, PA-C/Stephen Schenkel, M.D., request to perform:

- Limited Ultrasound for Early Pregnancy Diagnosis

Tom Petry, PA-C/John Flowers, M.D., request to perform:

- Chest tube insertions

On a motion made by Dr. Raneri and seconded by Dr. Nawaz, the Committee unanimously voted to approve all of the above addendums.

Walk-In

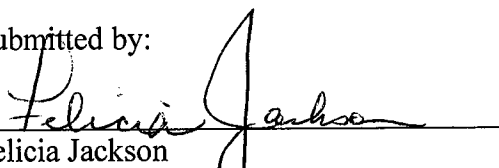
At the request of Ms. Heidi Callahan, PA-C, Ellen Douglas Smith asked the Committee if they would review and accept Ms. Callahan's social work credentials, education, training, and experience and recommend to the Board that she be allowed to practice psychotherapy as a Physician Assistant under the supervision of a Psychiatrist.

After reviewing the information Ms. Callahan submitted, the Committee requested that staff obtain answers to the following questions from her:

1. What does she define as the practice of psychotherapy? What are her duties?
2. What is the scope of practice of the physician who will serve as the primary supervising physician?
3. Is the practice restricted to in/out patient and at a federal facility?
4. What kind of training does she have in psychotherapy as a Clinical Social Worker?
5. What oversight will the psychiatrist have in the prescribing of psychotherapy drugs?
6. What training does she have in prescribing psychotherapy medications?

On a motion made by Dr. Nawaz and seconded by Dr. Raneri, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:33p.m.

Submitted by:


Felicia Jackson
Administrative Officer