

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
BOARD  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD  
Room 100  
April 28, 2021**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, April 28, 2021 with the following members present **via conference call**:

**Panel B**

Damean W.E. Freas, D.O., Board Chair  
Scott Berkowitz, M.D.  
Mark S. Dills, PA-C  
Victor M. Plavner, M.D.  
Carol E. Ritter, M.D.  
Scott R. Sauvageot, Consumer Member  
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member  
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.  
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member  
Matthew T. Wallace, M.D.  
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

**Panel A**

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.  
Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.  
Lisa Burgess, M.D.  
Jon S. Frank, Consumer Member  
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member  
Ira Kornbluth, M.D.  
Chika Logie, M.D.  
Kevin Pereira, M.D.  
Robert P. Roca, M.D.  
Louise Phipps Senft, Consumer Member  
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:**

Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney General; David Finkler, Assistant Attorney General; Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General; David Wagner, Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Zach Spivey, Compliance Analyst; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Marty Teramani, Network Supervisor; Brittany Winborne, Compliance Analyst Associate

**STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Wynee Hawk, Policy Legislative Manager; Sandi Van Horn, Health Policy Analyst; Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor

**GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Jennifer Norris, Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC); Geoffrey Neuner, Chair, RAD Tech Committee, Collin Francis, Athletic Trainer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Freas, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**HOUSEKEEPING RULES** – Dr. Freas asked the Board if there are any questions regarding the Housekeeping Rules and the members were fine with the rules.

**2020 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILINGS – Reminder** Dr. Freas mentioned the importance of completing this form to the Board members who did not comply. State Ethics Commission website. (<https://efds.ethics.maryland.gov>)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Physician Assistants Delegation Agreement Addendum for Advanced Duties**

The Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC) determined that the following physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in statute and regulations, and voted to recommend approval of the addendum to the Board.

**First Time Procedures RECOMMENDED for APPROVAL:**

| <b>Physician Assistant</b>   | <b>Supervising Physician</b> | <b>Requested Procedure(s)</b>  | <b>Practice Setting</b>                         | <b>Date of Approval of Core Duties DA</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Brooke Parks, PA-C           | Scott London, M.D.           | 1) Nasopharyngoscopy   | Private   | 1/29/2020                                 |
| Michael John Ritmiller, PA-C | Laura Lynn Giusto, M.D.      | 1) Cystoscopy with Intradetrusor Botox injection of the Bladder Wall | Hospital, Private, Ambulatory Surgical Facility | 1/27/2021                                 |

The Board approved the addendums below at its meeting today, April 28, 2021

| <b>Physician Assistant</b> | <b>Supervising Physician</b> | <b>Requested Procedure(s)</b>  | <b>Practice Setting</b> | <b>Date of Approval of Core Duties DA</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| Amber Brubaker, PA-C       | Sarah J. Marrone, M.D.       | 1) Closed Reduction of Fractures and Dislocations<br>2) Arthrocentesis   | Hospital                | 4/28/2021                                 |
| Stephen D. DeCarlo, PA-C   | Michael Fiocco, M.D.         | 1) Endoscopic/Open Vein Harvest<br>2) Endoscopic/Open Artery Harvest<br>3) Intubation – urgent/Emergent<br>4) Chest Tube – Insertion/Removal<br>5) Placement/Removal of Dialysis Catheter<br>6) Removal of Perm Cath’s<br>7) Removal of IABP<br>8) Insertion of A-Lines (Femoral/Upper Extremity)<br>9) Insertion of Central Lines (Subclavian, internal Juglar, Femoral)<br>10) Thoracentesis (w/wo Ultrasound) | Hospital                | 1/25/2017                                 |

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| Michael Eitelman, PA-C     | Scott R. DeBoer, M.D.        | 1) Ultrasound-Guided Internal Jugular Central Venous Catheter Insertion<br>2) Arterial Line Insertion  | Hospital                | 4/28/2021                                 |
| Kerri V. Ellinger, PA-C    | Melinda M. Munson, M.D.      | 1) Colposcopy with Endocervical Biopsy<br>2) Endocervical Biopsy or Endocervical Curettage<br>3) LARC Insertion and Removal (IUDs and Nexplanon)   | Private                 | 4/28/2021                                 |
| Jaime Gera, PA-C           | James C. Edwards, M.D.       | 1) Intra-Articular (Arthrocentesis) Knee Injections<br>2) Knee Joint Aspirations<br>3) Intra-Articular Shoulder Injections   | Private                 | 9/23/2020                                 |
| Jeuille Ottley-Sam, PA-C   | Judith Boyer-Patrick, M.D.   | 1) Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions (which is inclusive of Advanced Psychopharmacological Treat, Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders, Evaluation and Basic Pharmacologic Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric disorders in a Psychiatric Setting, and Psychotherapy)<br>2) Telehealth utilization for delivery of Psychiatric Care and Appointments | Private                 | 11/18/2020                                |
| Brooke Parks, PA-C         | Scott London, M.D.           | 1) Laryngoscopy/Flexible Fiberoptic Laryngoscopy<br>2) Nasal Endoscopy   | Private                 | 1/29/2020                                 |
| Kristin Lee Ridenour, PA-C | Scott R. DeBoer, M.D.        | 1) IJ Central Venous Catheter Insertion<br>2) Arterial Line Insertion  | Hospital                | 04/28/2021                                |

| Physician Assistant               | Supervising Physician  | Requested Procedure(s)   | Practice Setting | Date of Approval of Core Duties DA |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Henry G. Schneider, III, PA-C     | Scott R. DeBoer, M.D.  | 1) Lumbar Puncture<br>2) Orotracheal Intubation<br>3) Ultrasound-Guided Internal Jugular Central Venous Catheter Insertion<br>4) Arterial Catheter Placement (Arterial Line Insertion) | Hospital         | 3/24/2021                          |
| Steven Sweet, PA-C                | Zina Novak, M.D.       | 1) Joint injections<br>2) Joint Aspirations<br>3) Ultrasound-Guided Drain Placement  | Private          | 6/24/2009                          |
| Yvonne Tukei, PA-C                | Stanford Coleman, M.D. | 1) Non-fluoroscopic x-ray procedure of the extremities, anterior, posterior and lateral, not including the head utilizing the mini C-Arm   | Private          | 1/27/2021                          |
| Beth Ann Walsh, PA-C              | Harpal Khanuja, M.D.   | 1) Joint Injections of the Knee  | Private          | 8/26/2020                          |
| Molly E. Warnock, PA-C            | Laura Marquart, M.D.   | 1) Dermal Fillers  | Private          | 6/24/2020                          |
| Gladys Wilkins, PA-C              | Aryian L. Cooke, M.D.  | 1) Cervical Biopsy<br>2) Endocervical Biopsy<br>3) Intrauterine Device Removal/Insertion<br>4) Nexplanon Contraceptive Device Removal/Insertion<br>5) Hormone Pellet Insertion         | Private          | 12/18/2019                         |
| Kathleen M. Woodward-Conteh, PA-C | Milad Pooran, M.D.     | 1) Central Line Insertions   | Hospital         | 5/27/2020                          |
| Kathleen Woodward-Conteh, PA-C    | Stephen M. Sachs, M.D. | 1) Central Line Insertions   | Hospital         | 12/20/2017                         |

*On a motion made by Mr. Dills, and seconded by Ms. Turnipseed, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the aforementioned advanced duties.*

### **Athletic Trainers Evaluation and Treatment Protocols for Approval**

The Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee reviewed the Evaluation and Treatment Protocols, determined that the athletic trainers meet the criteria established in statute, and voted to recommend approval to the Board.

| <b>Athletic Trainer</b> | <b>License Number</b> | <b>Supervising Physician</b> | <b>License Number</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mayowa Aribisala ATC    | A0001372              | Frederick Lohr, MD           | D0028784              |
| Brian Biscoe, ATC       | A0000756              | Brian Shinkle, MD            | H0080651              |
| Kurrel Fabian, ATC      | A0001366              | Louis Kovacs, MD             | D0074315              |
| Nicole Kreimer, ATC     | A0001328              | Gary Sherman, MD             | D0058252              |
| Caitlin Lovend ATC      | A0000714              | Brian Shinkle, MD            | H0080651              |
| Adrienne Mendel, ATC    | A0001370              | Yvette Rooks, MD             | D0050588              |
| Lia Montgomery, ATC     | A0001056              | Andrew Tucker, MD            | D0050841              |
| Zachary Nahmias, ATC    | A0001369              | Kenneth Fine, MD             | D0057027              |
| Brittany Razo, ATC      | A0000914              | Yatin Patel, MD              | D0069160              |
| Latifah Tyler, ATC      | A0001151              | Brian Shinkle, MD            | H0080651              |

*On a motion made by Mr. Dills, and seconded by Ms. Turnipseed, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the aforementioned Athletic Trainers Evaluation and Treatment Protocols.*

### **Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocol for Specialized Task Request**

| <b>Athletic Trainer</b> | <b>License Number</b> | <b>Supervising Physician</b> | <b>License Number</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Collin Francis, ATL     | A0000550              | Andrew Tucker, M.D.          | D0050841              |

*On a motion made by Mr. Frank, and seconded by Mr. Dills, the Board voted to unanimously **DISAPPROVE** the aforementioned Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocol.*

### **ALLIED HEALTH COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS FOR APPROVAL**

#### **Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee (NMAC)**

- James Paul McComb

#### **Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee (RAD TECH)**

- Aaron T. Scott, MIS, CNMT, NMAA, FSNMMI-TS
- Bineyam Gebrewold, M.P.H., CNMT, R.T.(N), CT

*On a motion made by Dr. Plavner, and seconded by Ms. Turnipseed, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the appointments to the NMAC and RAD TECH.*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- March 24, 2021

*On a motion made by Mr. Sauvageot, and seconded by Dr. Wallace, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the full Board and closed minutes.*

## **POLICY/LEGISLATION**

### **Regulations**

#### **Petition for Declaratory Ruling – FYI**

As follow up to the Board's vote to deny a Petition for Declaratory Ruling in December, Ms. Hawk presented a response letter from the Petitioners as an FYI.

#### **Petition for Declaratory Ruling for Discussion and Approval**

A second Petition was presented on behalf of multiple cardiologists who are interested in providing cardiac Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging in their offices. PET imaging is not specifically enumerated in the self-referral law and the Board was requested to interpret the existing exemptions in HO § 1-302 (d)(4) to include PET imaging, and to allow cardiologists to utilize PET/CT equipment in the office.

*On a motion made by Mr. Dills, and seconded by Ms. Schaerr, the Board voted to unanimously **DENY** the request for a Declaratory Ruling as not within the authority of the Board to amend the MPRL to permit application or expansion of the exemption in these circumstances.*

#### **Updating COMAR 10.32.10 for Discussion and Approval**

Ms. Van Horn presented a draft of revisions for COMAR 10.32.10 as recommended by the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee. The draft includes numerous changes, including but not limited to updates related to legislation, the addition of two definitions, and revisions for clarity or for consistency. The next step would be to post the draft regulations on the Board's Website to invite informal comments.

*On a motion made by Mr. Dills, and seconded by Dr. Plavner, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to post the draft regulations on the website for informal comments.*

#### **Update – Physician Assistant Regulations – COMAR 10.32.03 for Discussion and Approval**

Ms. Hawk presented the draft physician assistant regulations for informal posting on the Board website.

*On a motion made by Mr. Dills, and seconded by Ms. Schaerr, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to post the updated regulations on the website for informal comments.*

## **OCSA Fund Transfer - Dispensing for Discussion**

Ms. Hawk also presented a follow up discussion related to the transfer of dispensing permit funds to OCSA and the concept of proposing legislation to address the ongoing issues with physician dispensing permit inspections.

*On a motion made by Dr. Plavner, and seconded by Mr. Dills, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to pursue a legislative proposal to transfer physician dispensing permit inspections from OCSA to the Board.*

## **Taskforce/Workgroup**

### **Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council Recruitment**

Ms. Van Horn presented recruitment matters for the NDFC. Four members are seeking reappointment. The NDFC chair is not seeking reappointment but communicated to the Board about staying on the NDFC until a replacement is determined. At this time, applicants are needed for two seats on the NDFC. For the pharmacist seat, the Board received a resume; however, the individual did not meet the requirement in statute.

Statute states that the NDFC is to include one “pharmacist who has a background in pharmacognosy” (and who practices in the State). There was discussion about reposting a recruitment notice on the Board’s Website and the possibility of waiving the pharmacognosy requirement for a pharmacist depending on the results of the next recruitment effort.

*On a motion made by Dr. Freas, and seconded by Ms. Schaerr, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to repost the regulations on the website for comments and consider waiving requirements until the next recruitment.*

### **Transplant Surgent**

Dr. Freas stated that he had a licensure issue to discuss with the Board. Dr. Freas received a request for a second renewal of a Limited License for Postgraduate Teaching (LLPT) from Dr. Georgios Vrakas, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Director, Kidney Transplant Program, University of Maryland Medical Center. The Board issued the LLPT on August 8, 2019, and renewed it on September 17, 2020. It will expire on September 30, 2021.

*On a motion made by Dr. Freas, and seconded by Dr. Boursiquot, the Board voted to grant a one-time extension to Dr. Vrakas due to the Covid-19 pandemic and State of Emergency.*

Staff will draft a letter for Dr. Freas's signature granting the extension. Therefore, Dr. Vrakas's current LLPT will expire on March 31, 2022. No further extensions will be granted.

### **OTHER BUSINESS – FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a. Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2021
- b. Radiation Therapists, Radiographers, Radiologist Assistants and Nuclear Medicine Technologists Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2021
- c. Naturopathic Doctors Committee Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2020

- d. Licensure of Practice of Medicine Committee Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2021
- e. Physician Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- f. Physician Assistant Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- g. Physician Assistant Delegation Agreement List
- h. Respiratory Care Practitioners Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- i. Radiation Therapists, Radiographers, Radiologist Assistants and Nuclear Medicine Technologists, Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- j. Athletic Trainers Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- k. Perfusionist Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- l. Polysomnographic Technologist Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- m. Naturopathic Doctors Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists

**ADJOURNMENT (The Board will adjourn to exercise its quasi-judicial and administrative functions.)**

Submitted by,

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Damean W. E. Freas, D.O.  
Board Chair