

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
MBP Board Room, Room 100

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Natalie Orbach, PA-C, Chair, Timothy Capstack, M.D., Jennifer Norris, PA-C, George Sobieralski, PA-C, Brenda Baker, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Analyst, Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health Analyst, Shelley Taylor-Barnes, Allied Health Analyst, Tom Keech, Board Consultant, Sandi Van Horn, Health Policy Associate, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel

ABSENT: William W. Ashley, M.D.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Orbach called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Norris and seconded by Mr. Sobieralski, the Committee approved the November 7, 2018 Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Tom Keech, Board Consultant and Sandi Van Horn, Health Policy Associate

Mr. Keech presented a draft of proposed regulations to amend COMAR 10.32.23, 10.32.03 and 10.13.01 regarding PA dispensing of prescription drugs. Beginning October 1, 2018, Title 15 of the Health Occupations Article, allowed PAs, under certain circumstances, to dispense prescription drugs without a dispensing permit. Mr. Keech stated that PA dispensing is being considered an advanced duty and will require the PA and the primary supervising physician to meet certain requirements and submit an "Addendum for Physician Assistant Advanced Duty to Dispense Prescription Drugs" application to the Board. A copy of the application was provided to the Committee.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT - David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT - Natalie Orbach, PA-C, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Chair

Ms. Orbach reported the following:

- Dr. Walsh resigned from the Board and the Committee;
- At the December 19, 2018 Board meeting, the Board voted to approve all of the advanced duty addendums; and
- The next PA Workgroup meeting is scheduled for January, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Stephanie Berry, PA-C/ Alan Cohen, M.D. request to perform:

- *Shunt Taps*

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

Jennifer Kerr-Logan, PA-C/ Dawn LaPorte, M.D. request to perform:

- *Arthrocentesis*
- *Joint Injections*

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

Colin Rainey, PA-C/ Molly Price, M.D. request to perform

- *Botox injections migraine protocol*
- *Nerve Block (occipital, trigeminal) and trigger point injections for intractable migraine headaches and myalgias*

The Committee unanimously voted to table the addendum, pending receipt and review of the primary supervising physician's signature on the submitted procedure logs.

Syed Rasheed, PA-C/ Anthony Campbell, M.D. request to perform:

- *Nonfluoroscopic x-ray, procedure of the extremities, anterior, posterior and lateral, not including the head utilizing the mini c-arm*

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

Alex Schultz, PA-C/ Craig Bennett, M.D. request to perform:

- *Arthrocentesis of knee, hip, elbow, wrist, shoulder with and without ultrasound guidance*
- *Greater trochanteric bursal injections*
- *Intra-articular injections – knee, shoulder, hip, ankle, wrist and hand*
- *Tendon/tendon sheath injections*
- *Myofascial/trigger point injections with and without ultrasound guidance*
- *Perform diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound exams*
- *Surgery graft preparation of tendon*

On a motion made by Dr. Capstack and seconded by Mr. Sobieralski, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval to the Board of the following: Arthrocentesis of knee, hip, elbow, wrist, shoulder with and without ultrasound guidance, Greater trochanteric bursal injections, Intra-articular injections – knee, shoulder, hip, ankle, wrist and hand, Tendon/tendon sheath injections, and Myofascial/trigger point injections with and without ultrasound guidance. The Committee opined that performing diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound exams and surgery graft preparation of tendon are core duties under his duties as a surgical first assist.

Rebecca Sech, PA-C/ Louis Damiano, M.D. request to perform:

- *Central Line Insertion*
- *Thoracostomy Tube Insertion*

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

Ronald Spruill, Jr., PA-C/ Mark Chilton, M.D. request to perform:

- *Aspiration (knee, shoulder, CMC)*
- *Injection (Low Back, Finger, ERCB, CMC, Knee, Shoulder)*
- *Reduction/Block (Fingers, Ankle)*
- *Fractures (femur, fibula, metatarsal, tibial, humeros, radius)*

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

Kimberly Wachter, PA-C/ Syed Zaidi, M.D. request to perform:

- *Stress Testing including treadmill stress tests, pharmacologic stress tests using Lexiscan/Aderosine or Dobutamine per protocol, and preliminary EKG interpretation of stress test*

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

LaToya White, PA-C/ Aruna Rao, M.D. request to perform:

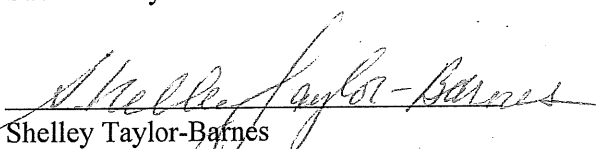
- *Implement plan of care developed by supervising physician*
- *Prescription refills for established patients*
- *Medication management appointments for established patients; diagnostic assessments; reviewing Labs*

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Mr. Sobieralski, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by:


Shelley Taylor-Barnes
Allied Health Analyst