

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
March 22, 2023**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, March 22, 2023 with the following members present **via conference call**:

Panel B

Damean W.E. Freas, D.O., Board Chair
Julie Caffrey, D.O.
Natalie Orbach, 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.
Mark D. Baganz, 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.
Louise Phipps Senft, Consumer Member
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

ABSENT: Julie Caffrey, D.O.; Mark D. Baganz, M.D.

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT: Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney, David Finkler, Assistant Attorney General

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Zach Spivey, Probation Supervisor; Maxine Anderson, Compliance Analyst; Michael Eid, Compliance Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Eric Jarkowski, Compliance Analyst Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Marty Teramani, Network Supervisor

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, PA; Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Matthew Dudzic, Policy Manager; Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jennifer Norris, Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Freas, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

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:

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Benjamin Farkas, PA-C	Jennifer Z. Cooper, M.D.	Swift Microwave Therapy for Treatment of Warts	Private Practice/Other	09/30/2015

Previously Board Approved Procedures RECOMMENDED for APPROVAL:

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Anne Michelle Archer, PA-C	Christian D. Cain, M.D.	1. Thoracostomy/Chest Tube Insertion 2. Non-Tunneled Central Vascular Access – Venous and Arterial Lines	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 8/21/22
Elizabeth Atkinson, PA-C	Kinjal Nayin Sheth, M.D.	1. Endotracheal Intubation	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 07/07/2022
Matthew Salvatore Correnti, PA-C	Yusuf Mohammed Azim, M.D.	1. Advanced Psychopharmacological Treatment 2. Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation 3. Supportive Psychotherapy <i>*Notify PA & PSP that “Basic Pharmacologic Treatment” is a core duty.</i>	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 06/06/2022
Billy F. Farmer, PA-C	Carolyn Jayne Howell, M.D.	1. Advanced Psychopharmacological Treatment 2. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy 3. Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation 4. Supportive Psychotherapy	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 03/02/2022

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Travis Fallon Gaskill, PA-C	James Brown, M.D.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergent Endotracheal Intubation 2. Arterial Cannulation (Radius/Femoral Approach) 3. Pulmonary Artery Catheterization by the same Central Venous Access) 4. Tube Thoracostomy 5. Endoscopic Vein Harvest 6. Open Vein Harvest 7. Endoscopic Radial Artery Harvest 8. Open Radial Artery Harvest 9. IABP Manipulation and Removal 10. Central Venous Access (Percutaneous Brachial, External Jugular, Subclavian or Femoral) 11. Restraint and Seclusion Order Writing 	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 06/29/2022
Maria E. Hawkins, PA-C	Barry Joseph Cohen, M.D.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neurotoxin Injections 2. Dermal Filler Injections 3. Quanta EVO Light 4V Laser 4. Microneedling 5. Chemical Peel 6. Kybella 	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 12/29/2022
Sarah E. Pope, PA-C	Kinjal Nayin Sheth, M.D.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Venous Catheter 	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 07/07/2022
Adam Robert Schmuckler, PA-C	Andrew Scott Mener, M.D.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bone Marrow Biopsy and Aspirate 	Hospital	05/27/2020
Adam Robert Schmuckler, PA-C	Mohit Narang, M.D.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bone Marrow Aspirations and Biopsies 	Private Practice/Other	05/27/2020

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Grace N. Schwartz, PA-C	Carolyn J. Howell, M.D.	1. Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions 2. Basic Pharmacologic Treatment 3. Psychotherapy 4. Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment 5. Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders <i>*Notify PA & PSP that "Basic Pharmacologic Treatment" is a core duty.</i>	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on March 2, 2022
Karen J. Scott, PA-C	Daniel P. Hexter, M.D.	1. Cosmetic Botox Injections	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 03/01/2023
Seth Alexander Vann, PA-C	Kerunne S. Ketogetswe, M.D.	1. Exercise and Pharmacological Stress Testing	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt 03/23/2022

*On a motion made by Ms. Orbach, and seconded by Dr. Scholz, 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.

Athletic Trainer	License Number	Supervising Physician	License Number
Brenna Allen, ATC	A01431	Kenneth Fine, MD	D57027
Sierra Hobbs, ATC	A01525	Kari Kindschi, MD	D71307
Gena Walters, ATC	A01524	Kenneth Fine, MD	D57027

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

PA Advanced Duty – For Discussion

The PA Advisory Committee received a question regarding whether Physician Assistants could perform vaginal deliveries as an advanced duty. The PA Advisory Committee recommended that it could be an advanced duty for uncomplicated vaginal deliveries with a supervising physician on site and subject to special education, experience, and training. The Board discussed what education, experience, and training might be necessary. Still, it tabled a vote on the recommendation until the Board received further information about the specific facts concerning the details of the requested advanced duty.

*On a motion made by Dr. Stitt, and seconded by Dr. Scholz, the Board voted to unanimously **TABLE** the PA Advanced Duty for Discussion until further information is available.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Dudzic informed the Board that the cross-over deadline of the legislative session had past, and updated the Board on the status of the Board's three legislative proposals and other pending legislation with potential Board impact. Mr. Dudzic also reviewed the timeline for the final weeks of the legislative session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Licensure by Reciprocity for physicians went live on March 10, 2023. The Reciprocity Agreement was signed on March 1, 2023, by VA, DC, and MD agreeing that our physician licensure qualifications are substantially similar. Once licensed in one jurisdiction, you can request a license in the two others through reciprocity. This eliminates the need for primary source credentials and is an expedited process.
2. The PDMP Advisory Committee needs a physician representative. Dr. Olszyk has served for six years, so please contact him for additional details.
3. The PA Compact was signed into law in Utah.
4. Dr. Ritter, Mr. Finkler, Mr. Duzdic, and I are participating in a Telehealth Workgroup at MHCC. It's been very positive so far, and we are looking at ways to improve licensure portability. One possible approach is to enact additional exceptions to licensure.

5. As the Board is aware, we have been working with FSMB to receive data in lieu of paper credentials. As part of that pilot project, FSMB will be providing the Uniform Application free of charge to new physician applicants for at least three months beginning on May 1st. The goal of this project, along with reciprocity and endorsement, is to reduce the administrative burden for applicants.
6. IMLCC Follow-up. We received notice that the IMLCC will be re-publishing the RFP for its multi-million dollar "enhanced physician portal" as a result of the concerns raised about the RFP process by the Board. However, the Executive Director and Executive Committee have rushed through a new "procurement procedure" without input from the Rules Committee or any Commissioners. The new procedure will degrade the RFP process even further than it already is. The EC approved that only it will do everything related to the RFP with even less transparency, no oversight, no Technology Committee involvement, and no checks or balances.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2023

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

Submitted by,

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