

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
May 24, 2023**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, May 24, 2023 with the following members present **via conference call**:

Panel B

Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D., Acting Board Chair
Julie Caffrey, D.O.
Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member
Natalie Orbach, PA-C
Victor M. Plavner, M.D.
Carol E. Ritter, M.D.
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member

Panel A

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.
Mark D. Baganz, M.D.
Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.
Jon S. Frank, Consumer Member
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member
Ira Kornbluth, M.D.
Kevin Pereira, M.D.
Louise Phipps Senft, Consumer Member
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

ABSENT: Damean W.E. Freas, D.O., Board Chair; Chika Logie, M.D.

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

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: David
Finkler, Assistant Attorney General; Rachael Krane, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance
Manager; Zach Spivey, Probation Supervisor; Maxine Anderson, Compliance Analyst; Madeline
Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Matthew Dudzic, Policy Manager; Michael EID, Compliance
Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Julie Gaskins, Health Policy
Paralegal; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Marty
Teramani, Network Supervisor; Chris Triplett, IT Manager; Brooks Whigham, Compliance
Analyst

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director;
Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, Oriell Harris, Health Policy Analyst Associate;
Amanda Jackson, Compliance Analyst; Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health PA; Felicia Wright, Allied
Health Supervisor

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jennifer Norris, Chair, Physician Assistant
Advisory Committee (PAAC); Zakiyyah Holmes, Administrator, MDH Office of the Secretary
Boards and Commissions

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Wiesenberger, Acting Board Chair 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 physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in statute and regulations, and voted to recommend approval of the addendum to the Board.

*On a motion made by Dr. Pereira, and seconded by Ms. Orbach, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the aforementioned advanced duties on attachment 1.*

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.

*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 on attachment 2.*

Probation – Out-of-State Monitoring Language for Approval

Board staff presented Probation – Out-of-State Monitoring Language for Approval. The Board discussed the recommendations from the Board counsel’s proposed changes to the MPRP language for approval.

*On a motion made by Mr. Frank, and seconded by Dr. Scholz, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the Board counsel proposed changes to the MPRP requirement language for participants who move out of state and will be monitored by the new state’s program.*

Peer Review – For Discussion

Board staff presented Peer Review items for discussion. The Peer Review vendor Livanta, LLC requested permission to use Comprehend Medical (AI software) to review and test whether it would be a valuable tool for peer reviewers when navigating medical records. The Board decided to table this request for a demonstration presentation at a future meeting.

*On a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Dr. Scholz, the Board voted to unanimously **TABLE** the discussion for Peer Review vendor Livanta, LLC to present a demonstration at a future meeting.*

Requiring the UA and FCVS For Initial Physician Licensure for Approval

Ms. Farrelly explained to the Board the approval process for the Uniform Application (UA) and Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) for initial physician and initial physician assistant licensure as follows:

The Federation of State Medical Board created the UA, which every state uses. It's a general application for physicians and physician assistants. If anything is required state-specific, it's already integrated, and applicants are automatically directed to our website to finish the process. We would like to require this because it will benefit staff, and data is validated through the system rather than entering field by field to verify that physicians' information is correct. Once a physician or physician assistant fills out the information, it can be used for multiple states. If applicants want their information forwarded to another state, they can log back into UA and forward it to another state. This UA benefits both the Board and the applicant.

The FCVS begins when the physician applies with FCVS and independently primary sources each credential. For example, medical school, exam attempts, test scores, transcripts, post-graduate training, identity, foreign medical graduate (ECMFG) status, licensure status, and history across the country. National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) is also included in the FCVS, saving physicians and the Board time. Once we get through the FCVS, board staff will look for the following: criminal history checks and character and fitness questions such as arrest or discipline. It benefits both the physicians and staff to use this system. FCVS usage is close to 60% because most states require the utilization of this system now. FCVS is more economical now if applicants need to apply to multiple states. Ms. Farrelly has spoken to other Executive Directors, and they agree with using the FCVS because it makes the licensure process move quickly.

*On a motion made by Dr. Scholz, and seconded by Ms. Connerney, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to require initial physician applicants to use the FCVS and initial physician assistant applicants to use the UA, both effective July 1, 2023.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 26, 2023

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Dudzic provided the Board with an updated timeline regarding legislative proposals for the 2024 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly. Mr. Dudzic explained that pre-proposals for any legislative proposals were to be submitted to the Office of Governmental Affairs by June 2, 2023, and recommended that the Board submit pre-proposals for a refiling of general provisions and inspection of dispensing permits, both of which were submitted during the 2023 session and passed in the House, but ran out of time in the Senate. Mr. Dudzic also recommended submitting legislation to streamline the approval process for physician assistant delegation agreements containing advanced duties.

*On a motion made by Dr. Olszyk, and seconded by Mr. Frank, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the three legislative proposals.*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Farrelly mentioned that a Board member is required to serve on the PDMP Advisory Counsel. The PDMP meeting is held monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. If any Board member is interested, let her know.

BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT

Ms. Darin reported a win in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City in the case of Dora Logue, M.D. vs. Maryland State Board of Physicians, Case No. 24-C-22-004861.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2023
- NDFC Open Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2022
- Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2023

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

Submitted by,

Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.
Acting Board Chair



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Physicians

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Damean W.E. Freas, D.O., Chair

TO: The Board
 FROM: Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Lead Analyst
 DATE: May 24, 2023
 SUBJECT: Physician Assistant Delegation Agreement Addendums for Advanced Duties

This is to confirm that the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC) has reviewed the attached delegation agreement addendums and is recommending the following actions.

The Committee determined that the following physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in Health Occupations Article, §15-302, COMAR 10.32.03.06 Delegation Agreements – Approval, COMAR 10.32.09 Delegation of Cosmetic Procedures, and other criteria established by the Board.

Previously Board Approved Procedures RECOMMENDED for APPROVAL:

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
1. Brian J. Brooke, PA-C	Marc Graifer Dubin, M.D.	1. Nasal Endoscopy 2. Laryngoscopy	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 03/02/2022
2. Eileen Chai Lee, PA-C	Kanaiyalal J. Patel, M.D.	1. Laryngoscopy 2. Nasal Endoscopy	Private Practice/Other	Approved on 11/20/2019
3. Stefan T. Hannevig, PA-C	Kinjal Nayin Sheth, M.D.	1. Endotracheal Intubations	Hospital	Approved on 11/07/2017
4. Rachel Renee Holler, PA-C	James Robert Ficke, M.D.	1. Knee Joint Injections/Aspirations 2. Greater Trochanteric Bursa Injections	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 09/27/2022
5. Meghan D. Landymore, PA-C,	Barnett Mennen, M.D.	1. Microneedling 2. Broad Band Light (BBL) 3. HALO Laser Procedure	Private Practice/Other	Approved on 10/21/2020
6. Joshua A. May, PA-C	James R. Ficke, M.D.	1. Joint Injections (Hip, Knee, Shoulder) 2. Arthrocentesis (Hip, Knee, Shoulder) 3. Myofascial Trigger point Injections	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 07/01/2022

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7.	Cassandra Lynn Rullman, PA-C	Hyland Cronin, M.D.	<p>1. Intralesional Injections 2. Cryosurgery 3. Electrodesiccation & Curettage *4. Shave & Punch Excisions 5. Botox Injections 6. Fillers (Collagen Injections) 7. Lasers (Ablative and Non-Ablative Laser Surgery) 8. Chemical Peels 9. Microneedling *10. Shave & Punch Biopsies *11. Ear Piercing</p> <p>*Approve Ms. Rullman to perform all of the requested advanced duties with the exception of: *Shave & Punch Excisions, and *Shave & Punch Biopsies, and *Ear Piercing.</p> <p>Notify the PA and PSP that, *Shave & Punch Excision, and *Shave & Punch Biopsies are considered "core duties," and *Ear Piercing is not considered an advanced duty and, therefore, does not require approval.</p>	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 02/24/2023
8.	Arifa R. Sattar, PA-C	Savyasachi C. Thakkar, M.D.	<p>1. Arthrocentesis 2. Closed Reduction of Vascularly Stable fractures 3. Joint Injections</p>	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 11/14/2022

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9.	Janelle Shah, PA-C	Ehsan Abdeshashian, M.D.	1. Botox for Migraines	Private Practice/Other	Approved on 08/25/2021
10.	Thao Phung Soper, PA-C	Zuzana Charmova, M.D.	1. Chest Tube Insertions	Private Practice/Other	Approved on 12/10/2016
11.	Kyle J. Van Oostendorp, PA- C	Candace Dior Jordan, M.D.	1. Endotracheal Intubation 2. Ultrasound-Guided Internal Jugular Central Venous Catheter Insertion 3. Thoracostomy	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 04/15/2022
12.	Tiffany T. White, PA-C	Kanaiyalal J. Patel, M.D.	1. Nasal Endoscopy 2. Flexible Nasolaryngoscopy	Private Practice/Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 08/25/2021



Board of Physicians

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TO: The Board
 FROM: Board Staff
 DATE: May 24, 2023
 SUBJECT: Evaluation and Treatment Protocols

This is to confirm that Board Staff has reviewed the attached Evaluation and Treatment Protocols and determined that the following athletic trainers meet the criteria for Evaluation and Treatment Protocols established in Health Occupations Article, §14-5D-11 Supervision; Evaluation and Treatment Protocols and COMAR .10.32.08.06 Evaluation and Treatment Protocols.

Specialized tasks are not included in these protocols. Board staff is therefore recommending approval of the Evaluation and Treatment Protocols for the following athletic trainers:

Attachments: Evaluation and Treatment Protocols for the following athletic trainers;

Athletic Trainer	Supervising Physician
Victoria L. Alexander, ATC	Christina M. Morganti, M.D.
Alexis Morgan Chilton, ATC	Alexis Morgan Coslick, D.O.
Jennifer Robyn Goolsby, ATC	John H. Wilckens, M.D.
Stephanie Jaques Guzzo, ATC	Alexis Morgan Coslick, D.O.
Alyssa Frances Hammock, ATC	Erica P. Gaertner, M.D.
Paige Marie Hudson, ATC	Andrew M. Tucker, M.D.
Benjamin Kenneth Kelly, ATC	Crystal Ann Piras, D.O.
Christina Danielle Landrum, ATC	Yvette L. Rooks, M.D.
Sabra Nicole Metheney, ATC	Yvette L. Rooks, M.D.
Brandon Anthony Nelson, ATC	Vikram S. Sodhi, M.D.
Amanda Schindler Rotenberry, ATC	Lawrence J. Goren, M.D.
Riley Elizabeth Sanders, ATC	Sean Curtin, M.D.
Jillian Miranda Wilson, ATC	Chukwuemeka Nwodim, M.D.