

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**  
**Physician Assistant Advisory Committee**  
**4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 2020**  
**MBP Board Room, Room 100**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT VIA**  
**ZOOM:**

Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., William W. Ashley, M.D., FAANS, Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT**  
**VIA ZOOM:**

Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Wynee Hawk, Manager, Policy & Legislation, Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Analyst, James Scott, Allied Health Analyst, Princess Sando, Allied Health Analyst, Michael Tran, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst Associate

**ABSENT:**

Timothy Capstack, M.D., FACP, Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Norris called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously approved the October 7, 2020 Open Meeting Minutes.

**LEGISLATION / REGULATIONS / POLICY UPDATES**

PA Statute Revisions – Ms. Hawk and Mr. Finkler updated the PAAC on the status of the most recent draft of the proposed revisions to the physician assistant statute. They informed the Committee that they shared the proposal with the Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants but have not yet received feedback.

**BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Ms. Norris informed the Committee that at its meeting on October 21, 2020, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its October 7, 2020 Committee meeting, concerning addendums for advanced duties.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Addendums for Advanced Duties**

*Sriram Balu, PA-C/Michael C. Banks, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Insertion of Non-Tunneled Central Venous Lines (Internal Jugular, Femoral, Subclavian)*
- *Insertion of Arterial Lines (Radial, Brachial, Femoral)*

*On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.*

*Andrew Bathe, PA-C/Imran Siddiqi, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Placement of Arterial Lines*
- *Placement of Central Venous Catheters*

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

*Janice Bediako-Smith, PA-C/Kevin Scruggs, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Closed Reduction of Dislocations*

*On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.*

*Erin E. Bernhard, PA-C/Kevin Scruggs, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Closed Reduction of Fractures and Dislocations*

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

*Melanie N. Betz, PA-C/Kevin Scruggs, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Closed Reduction of Fractures and Dislocations*

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

*Adam Bosley, PA-C/Harpal S. Khanuja, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Closed Reductions - Distal Radius*

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

*Amanda Boyer, PA-C/Stephen M. Schenkel, M. D. request to perform:*

- *Limited OB Ultrasound-Early Pregnancy Diagnosis*
- *Renal Ultrasound*

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

*Jason Robert Brody, PA-C/Nithin Krishna, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Evaluation and Basic Pharmacological Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting*
- *Advanced Pharmacological Treatment*
- *Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders*
- *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy*
- *Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TABLED)*
- *Psychotherapy*
- *Telepsychiatry: The use of Audio-Visual Technology for Appointments (TABLED)*

*On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board. Item #5 Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation and item #7 Telepsychiatry have been "TABLED" Dr. Roca requested approval be granted upon the Board's receipt and review of additional information and training documentation for the PA.*

*Amber Brubaker, PA-C/Kevin Scruggs, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Closed Reduction of Dislocations*
- *Arthrocentesis*

*On a motion made by Dr. Ashley and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.*

*Madelaine Claire Bustos, PA-C/Ann B. Burke, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Central Line Insertion*
- *Dialysis Catheter Insertion*
- *Tube Thoracostomy Placement*

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

*Alden S. Chang, PA-C/Sriram R. Padmanabhan, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Stress Testing*

*On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.*

*Amy Curran, PA-C/Hugo E. Benalcazar, M. D. request to perform:*

- *Sacroiliac Joint Injections*

*On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Ashley, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.*

*Kamal M. Dhanjani, PA-C/Michael C. Banks, M. D. request to perform:*

- *Central Line Insertion*
- *Arterial Line Insertion*

*On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.*

*Lincoln Dover, PA-C/Robert Klug, M.D. request to perform:*

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

*On a motion made by Dr. Ashley and seconded by Ms. Cosis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.*

*Jonathan Fausey, PA-C/Scott Gelman, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Musculoskeletal Joint Injections*

*On a motion made by Dr. Ashley and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board. Committee is approving procedure as "Joint Injections-Knee". It is the recommendation of the Committee that if the PSP would like approval of the hip, shoulder & foot, a procedure log documenting at least 2 more of each procedure pending receipt and review of procedure logs needs to be submitted to the Committee.*

*Heather M. Gerken, PA-C/Kevin Scruggs, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Closed Reduction of Dislocations*

*On a motion made by Ms. Cosis and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.*

*Jamiel S. Hafiz, PA-C/Nicholas J. Tannous, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Joint Injections (hand, wrist, elbow, shoulder, hip, knee, ankle, foot)*  
*Myofascial Injections to include trigger point, tendon sheath, and ligament sheath injections)*
- *Mini c-arm use for injection guidance/confirmation*

*On a motion made by Ms. Cosis and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board." It is the recommendation of the Committee that if the PSP would like approval of "Limited use of mini c-arm for x-ray (tap only) confirmation of joint placement of needle into joints (not including the head)" pending receipt and review of additional documentation and proof of training and education. PA needs to show more than 4-5 hours of personalized training.*

*Rachael E. Haugen, PA-C/Harpal S. Khanuja, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Closed Reductions - Distal Radius and Ankle*
- *Knee Aspirations*

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

*Jordan L. Kestler, PA-C/Leo C. Rotello, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Central Line Insertions*
- *Arterial Line Insertions*

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

*Ernestine Lakner, PA-C/Fatima Hussein, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Non-fluoroscopic x-ray, procedures of the extremities, anterior, posterior and lateral, not including the head utilizing the mini c-arm*

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

*Hadji M. Malacas, PA C/Kevin Scruggs, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Closed Reduction of Fractures and Dislocations*

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

*Khajae Newell, PA-C/Stanford Coleman, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Non-fluoroscopic x-ray, procedures of the extremities, anterior, posterior and lateral, not including the head utilizing the mini c-arm*

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

*James O. Perry, PA-C/Nathan Yokel, M. D. request to perform:*

- *Arthrocentesis of the knee with ultrasound guidance*

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

*Corinne R. Ponzi, PA-C/Janak A. Vidyarthi, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Occipital Nerve Block*

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

*Youna Raminfar, PA-C/Stanford Coleman, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Non-fluoroscopic X-ray. procedures of the extremities, anterior, posterior and lateral, not including the head utilizing the mini c-arm*

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

*Archana Sangha, PA-C/Mark J. Jaffe, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Filler Injections for Cosmetic Improvement*
- *Botox Injections and Excisions with repair for dysplastic nevi, basal cell carcinomas and squamous cell carcinomas on non-facial body areas for lesions less than or equal to 2.5 cm*

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

*Nikita Shah, PA-C/Stephen Schenkel, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Limited OB Ultrasound*

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

*Suzanne I. Shelling, PA-C/Jason R. Dittrich, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Lumbar Punctures*
- *Arthrocentesis*

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

*Sanjeev Singh, PA-C/Fatima Hussein, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Non-fluoroscopic x-ray, procedures of the extremities, anterior, posterior and lateral, not including the head utilizing the mini c-arm*

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

*Thao P. Soper, PA-C/Zuzana Chamrova, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Nephrostomy Tube Exchange/Replacement*
- *Gastrostomy Tube Exchange/Replacement*

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

### **WALK-IN ADDENDUMS**

*Chloe Horvath, PA-C/John F. Marra, M.D., request to perform:*

- *Stress Testing – Exercise and Pharmacologic*

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

*Terri Pryor, PA-C/Lawrence Greenwood, M.D. request to perform:*

- *Evaluation and Basic Pharmacologic Treatment of patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting.*

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Cossis, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on file with the Board

Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Analyst