

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Anthony Raneri, M.D., Chair, Lee Schwab, M.D., Thomas Walsh, M.D., Natalie Orbach, PA-C, George Sobieralski, PA-C, Jennifer Norris, PA-C, Brenda Baker, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Harrison, Allied Health Analyst, Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health Analyst, Shelley Taylor-Barnes, Allied Health Analyst, Cheryl Green, Licensure Analyst Associate, Rhonda Deans, Licensure Analyst Associate, David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel

STAFF ABSENT: Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Wynee E. Hawk, R.N., J.D., Manager, Policy and Legislation

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Raneri called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Orbach and seconded by Dr. Walsh, the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (Committee) approved the August 2, 2017 Open Meeting minutes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nothing to report

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums

Carter Andrews., PA-C/Jeffrey Gelfand, M.D. request to perform:

- *Trigger Finger Injection*
- *Subacromial Shoulder Injection*
- *DeQuervains Injection – 1st Dorsal Compartment Injection*
- *CMC Joint Injection*
- *Epicondylitis Injection*

On a motion made by Mr. Sobieralski and seconded by Dr. Walsh, the Committee unanimously voted to

recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Emily Angle, PA-C/Dean Meadows, M.D. request to perform:

- *Central Line Insertion*
- *Arterial Line Insertion*
- *Dialysis Catheter Insertion*
- *Endotracheal Intubation with glidescope*

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

Lisa Bechtel, PA-C/James Fitzpatrick, M.D. request to perform:

- *Joint Injections*
- *Joint Aspirations*
- *Closed Reduction of Dislocations*
- *Closed Reductions of Fractures*
- *Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections*

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

C. Lynne Dobrowolny, PA-C/Anees Ahsan, M.D. request to perform:

- *Stress Testing: exercise and pharmacological: including graded exercise testing, nuclear exercise, pharmacological stress nuclear and stress echocardiography*

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

Katie Hodges, PA-C/Benjamin Bernstein, M.D. request to perform:

- *Clear Lift (Pixel Q Switch)*
- *Collagen PIN micro-needling*
- *Photodynamic Therapy (PDT)*

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

Charles Lim, PA-C/Kelvin Hong, M.D. request to perform:

- *Thoracentesis*
- *Insertion of Central Venous Catheters*

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

Chelsea Rebholz, PA-C/Kelvin Hong, M.D. request to perform:

- *Insertion of Central Venous Catheters*

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

Karen J. Scott, PA-C/Tushar Sharma, M.D. request to perform:

- *Knee Joint Injections*
- *Shoulder Joint Injections*
- *Greater Trochanteric Bursa Injections*
- *Trigger Point Injections*
- *Occipital Nerve Blocks*

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

Jodie Stone, PA-C/Robert Klug, M.D. request to perform:

- *Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, anterior, posterior & lateral, not including the head utilizing the Mini C-Arm*

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

Jacob Yates, PA-C/Kelvin Hong, M.D. request to perform:

- *Insertion of Central Venous Catheters*

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

Walk-In Addendums

Ashley Holt, PA-C/Chang-Ching Lin, M.D. request to perform:

- *Botox for Chronic Migraine*
- *Occipital Nerve block for Occipital Neuralgia*

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

Jimmy T. Huynh, PA-C/Troy Brijbasi, M.D. request to perform:

- *Bone/Marrow Biopsy*
- *Arthrocentesis*

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

Ashley Reese, PA-C/Rishi Bhatnagar, M.D. request to perform:

- *Joint Injections – Shoulder & Knee*

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

Jennifer Rodriguez, PA-C/John Antoniadis, M.D. request to perform:

- *Arthrocentesis*
- *Fractures and dislocations, open and closed reductions of major injuries, including skeletal traction*
- *Manipulation of deformities of musculo-skeletal system*
- *Osteomyelitis and septic arthritis, drainage of*

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

Jessica Vogelsong, PA-C/David Buchalter, M.D. request to perform:

- *Joint Injections (Knee)*

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

Further New Business

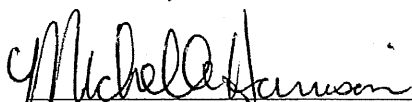
Dr. Walsh asked the Committee if they thought that prescribing medical cannabis should be considered a core duty for physician assistants (PA). The Committee stated that prescribing medication, diagnosing and establishing treatment plans are considered core duties, therefore it appears that prescribing medical cannabis would be a core duty.

Board Counsel stated there could be limitations on a PA's prescriptive authority as it relates to medical cannabis if the cannabis statutes are written to reference only physicians or includes other limiting language. It was noted that dispensing would not be done by PAs and that registration is required through the Office of Controlled Substances Administration to be a "Recommender" of medical cannabis. The Committee concluded that more research of cannabis statutes and regulations needs to be done before the Committee can continue further discussions on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dr. Walsh and seconded by Dr. Schwab, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Submitted by:



Michelle Harrison
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