OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215

PRESENT: Anthony Raneri, M.D., Chair, Lee Schwab, M.D., Ahmed Nawaz, M.D., Gigi Leon, PA-C George Sobieralski, PA-C, Natalie Orbach, PA-C, Brenda Baker, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Felicia Jackson, Allied Health Analyst, Ronald Sherrill, Allied Health Analyst, David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel, Wynee E. Hawk, R.N.J.D., Policy & Legislation, Sandy Van Horn, Health Policy Analyst

ABSENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Acting Deputy Director

GUEST: Gwendy McCoy, PA-C, Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Raneri called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Sobieralski and seconded by Ms. Leon, the open meeting minutes from the November 5, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Hawk introduced Sandy Van Horn, Health Policy Analyst to the Committee. She discussed House Bill 218 (Physician Assistants – Performance of X-Ray Duties) that pertains to a physician assistant’s usage of the Mini C-Arm X-Ray device, which was recently passed and signed by the Governor. This bill allows a physician assistant to operate a Mini C-Arm X-Ray device upon satisfying certain educational and training requirements.

Ms. Hawk informed the Committee about Dr. Devinder Singh’s, Board Chairman, concerns about physician assistants’ ineligibility to participate in the medical assistance program and not being reimbursed for their services. She stated that currently the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is not allowing physician assistants to participate in this program, but the Board is proposing legislative action to change the regulations and remedy this restriction. Ms. Hawk informed the Committee that they could contact her directly with any questions about issues she discussed.
She also updated the Committee about legislation the Board is introducing this session pertaining to criminal background checks. This action will be implemented in 2016 beginning with initial licensure applications followed by license renewals and will require both federal and state background checks for all medical providers regulated under the Board of Physicians. She mentioned also that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has initiated a new system called the “Rap Back System” which will eliminate subsequent follow-up investigations and will enable Board staff to identify unknown triggering events, such as arrests and convictions with automatic updates in real time. The Board will be required to pay a subscriber fee to receive continuous updates. These criminal background checks will be performed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and will not involve Board staff. The information obtained from the criminal background checks will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to the public.

**BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

Nothing to report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Addendums

The Committee reviewed the addendums below at its meeting on November 5, 2014. The Committee voted to table further review pending its receipt of answers to the following questions for each of the addendums.

Rebecca L. Hafer, PA-C/ Leslie S. Foster, M.D. request to perform:
- Joint Injections (knee, shoulder, greater trochanteric, bursa)
- Joint Aspirations
- Myofascial/Trigger Point Injections

The Committee requested that Dr. Foster provide the answer to the following question.
1. What are the specific “small” and “large” joints Ms. Hafer is injecting?

In his response to the Committee, Dr. Foster stated the Ms. Hafer would be injecting knee, shoulder, and greater trochanteric bursa joints.

On a motion made by Ms. Orbach and seconded by Mr. Sobieralski, the Committee felt that Dr. Foster adequately answered the question and voted unanimously to recommend its approval to the Board.

Karen D. Hershfeld, PA-C/Julie T. Hoang, M.D. request to perform:
- Joint Injections (shoulder, knee, greater trochanter, hip, bursa)
- Joint Aspirations
- Myofascial/Trigger Point Injections
The Committee requested that Dr. Hoang provide the answer to the following question.

1. What are the specific “small” and “large” joints Ms. Hershfeld is injecting?

In his response to the Committee, Dr. Hoang stated the Ms. Hershfeld would be injecting knee, shoulder, and greater trochanter bursa hip joints.

On a motion made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Dr. Schwab, the Committee felt that Dr. Hoang adequately answered the question and voted unanimously to recommend its approval to the Board.

Devin M. Nelson, PA-C/Carol Ann Huff, M.D. request to perform:

- Conscious Sedation

The Committee requested that Dr. Huff specify the following.

1. The medication used for sedation.
2. The kind of procedures for which Ms. Nelson is administering the sedation for.
3. Who is performing the underlying procedure?
4. The route of the administration of the sedation.

In his response to the Committee, Dr. Huff stated that Ms. Nelson would be doing the following.

1. Using fentanyl and versed for sedation.
2. The kinds of procedures being administered by Ms. Nelson using sedation are bone marrow aspiration, biopsies, and lumbar punctures.
3. Ms. Devin Nelson will be performing the procedure for which sedation is being given.
4. The route of the administration of the sedation is IV sedation.

The Committee felt that Dr. Huff did not adequately answered the questions and voted unanimously to table its approval of the addendum until Dr. Huff provides the answers to the following questions at the January 2015 PAAC meeting.

1. Has the physician assistant already been approved to perform bone marrow aspirations, biopsies, and lumbar punctures?
2. If the physician assistant is performing the procedure, who is doing the sedation?

Thomas J. Pasquarello, PA-C/Daniel J. Sullivan, D.O. request to perform:

- Joint Injections (knee, greater trochanter, shoulder and elbow)
- Joint Aspirations
- Myofascial/Trigger Point Injections

The Committee requested that Dr. Sullivan provide the answer to the following.

1. What are the specific “small” and “large” joints Mr. Pasquarello is injecting

In his response to the Committee, Dr. Sullivan stated the Mr. Pasquarello would be injecting knee, shoulder, greater trochanter, and elbow joints.
On a motion made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Dr. Nawaz, the Committee felt that Dr. Sullivan adequately answered the question and therefore unanimously voted to recommend its approval to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums

Michelle Batista-Olivieri, PA-C/Marc Weber, 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

Aziza Z. Hull, PA – C/Gary Blechman, M.D. request to perform:
  ● Endotracheal Intubations
  ● Placing Umbilical Catheters
  ● Lumbar Punctures
  ● Placing Central Lines
  ● Peripheral Arterial Line Insertion
  ● Placing Chest Tubes
  ● Thoracentesis

Lisa M. Lewis, PA-C/Brad H. Norman, M.D. request to perform:
  ● Circumcisions of male Newborn Infants

On a motion made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Ms. Orbach, the Committee in the absence of Dr. Schwab, who abstained from voting, voted on this addendum which was considered an exception and to recommend its approval to the Board.

Rossie G. Madjaroff, PA-C/Faith D. Esterson, M.D. request to perform:
  ● Neurotoxin Injection (Botox, Dysport, Xeomin) for Cosmetic Improvement and Hyperhidroso
  ● Fillers Injection (Voluma, Restylane, Juvederm, Perlane, sculptra) for Cosmetic Improvement

Chelsea V. Trees, PA-C/John L. Flowers, M.D. request to perform:
  ● Central Venous Catheter Insertion, IJ and Auxiliary Veins

WALK-IN ADDENDUM

Kristian J. Kunicky, PA-C/John H. Wilckens, M.D. request to perform:
  ● Joint Aspirations
  ● Joint Injections
On a motion made by Dr. Schwab and seconded by Dr. Nawaz, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of the four addendums listed under New Business and one addendum listed under Walk-In Addendum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Mr. Sobieralski, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Ronald Sherrill
Allied Health Analyst