

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

ROOM 108 & 109, Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215

PRESENT: Mark Dills, PA-C, Chairman, Anthony Raneri, M.D., Matthias Goldstein, PA-C, Gigi Leon, PA-C, Brenda Baker, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel, Felicia Jackson, Administrative Officer, Ronald Sherrill, Board Staff, Robin Bailey, Public Policy Analyst

ABSENT: Ahmed Nawaz, M.D.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mark Dills, PA-C, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. On a motion made by Dr. Raneri and seconded by Mr. Goldstein, the minutes from the June 5, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2. Robin Bailey, Public Policy Analyst, requested the Committee's review and vote on **COMAR 10.32.03**, which were required by HB 584 during the 2012 legislative session. These regulations address the number of times a patient being treated by a PA for certain conditions has to be seen by the supervising physician.

Board Staff reminded the Committee that as a result of this legislation, changes have been made to the Delegation Agreement For Core Duties" to include an "Attestation For Access to Supervising Physician" that must be signed by the Physician Assistant and Primary Supervising Physician. Mark Dills, Chair, recommended that a letter be sent to Medical Staff Offices that employ a lot of physician assistants, notifying them of the new Delegation Agreement For Core Duties. Ms. Bailey recommended that notification of the same be put in the "Allied Health Corner" of the next MBP Newsletter.

Ms. Bailey asked if the Committee had any ideas or suggestions on what the course, required by this year's legislative session (HB 218) to operate the Mini C-ARM, should include? The Committee could not define any specifics at this time. However, Dr. Raneri stated that there should be a safety piece required. Mark Dills, Chair, volunteered to do

some research to see what's currently being done to authorize Physician Assistants to use the Mini C-Arm.

On a motion made by Mr. Goldstein and seconded by Dr. Raneri, the Committee unanimously voted to approve COMAR 10.32.03 as drafted.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

3. Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS

4. Addendums

Laura Korpon, PA-C/Stephen Cattaneo, M.D. request to perform:

- *Bronchoscopy*

Kathleen Woodward, PA-C/William T. Su, M.D. request to perform:

- *Central Line Insertions*

Kristen Davis, PA-C/Tariq Nayfeh, M.D. request to perform:

- *Joint Injections*
- *Aspirations*

5. Walk-In Addendums

Jyoti Bijpuria, PA-C/Michael Rubinstein, M.D. request to perform:

- *Stress Testing – exercise & pharmacologic*

Adam Lawrence, PA-C/David Dalury, M.D., request to perform:

- *Intra-Joint Injections*

On a motion made by Dr. Raneri and seconded by Ms. Baker, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the addendums to the Board, with the following recommendations:

1. In reference to Laura Korpon, PA-C/Stephen Cattaneo, M.D. request to perform Bronchoscopy, specify that the requested procedure be done for therapeutic

purposes primarily. If done for diagnostic purposes, the procedures must be videoed for mandatory review by the physician.

2. In reference to Kathleen Woodward, PA-C/William T. Su, M.D. request to perform: Central Line Insertions, request copy of approval letter from Meritus Medical Center confirming that she has been approved by the hospital to perform central line placements/insertions.
6. **Inquiry** – Do physician assistants in Maryland have the authority to order prescription drugs or devices from a wholesaler?

On a motion made by Dr. Raneri and seconded by Matthias Goldstein, PA-C, the committee, with advice of David Wagner, Board Counsel, unanimously voted to direct Board staff to refer inquiry to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy for response.

7. **Inquiry** – Can a physician assistant cover the hospital during the night (when hospitalists are not in-house) and admit patients prior to discussing the admission with the supervising physician?

The Committee unanimously agreed that the answer to the question is, “Yes, as long as the delegation agreement indicates that supervision is not on site but done otherwise.”

8. **Inquiry** – Will a physician assistant be able to supervise and interpret an exercise and stress test or will the supervising physician have to interpret the test?

The Committee unanimously agreed that the response should indicate that the Physician Assistant can perform and/or supervise an exercise and stress test but the interpretation must be done by the cardiologist (supervising physician).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. Joseph Silberfarb, PA-C’s answer to Committee’s question – “What procedures are you performing that require the use of fluoroscopic guidance?”

The Committee reviewed Mr. Silberfarb’s answer sent via email on June 7, 2013 and still were not clear as to exactly what procedures he’s performing that require the use of fluoroscopic guidance. Therefore, Matthias Goldstein, PA-C, indicated that he would contact Mr. Silberfarb directly to see if he could get an answer to the Committee’s question.

10. Matthias Goldstein, PA-C’s reported findings on what “Cystoscopy” means as an advanced duty.

The Committee reviewed a copy of Mr. Goldstein's email dated June 6, 2013, in which he states that per his conversation with Larry Waskow, PA-C, Chesapeake Urology, PAs at Chesapeake Urology uses "Cystoscopy" as a tool to assist with catheter placement and defining anatomy, not as a diagnostic study. Mr. Goldstein concluded that any cysto procedure requires advanced duty approval and any diagnostic cysto requires a video record for physician review.

11. Discussion on inquiry from a physician assistant concerning whether or not she can add her home as a second practice location to her current delegation agreement.

The Committee indicated that they are not familiar with the practice model that the PA is requesting and therefore instructed staff to request that the PA and her supervising physician appear before them to explain exactly what is being requested and to answer any questions they may have.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Leon and seconded by Ms. Baker, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Felicia Jackson
Administrative Officer