

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
PERFUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 2, 2015, 4:00 p.m., Conference Rm 100**

PRESENT: Keith Amberman, CCP, LP, Chad Wierschke, CCP, Tim Moretz, CCP, Jeffrey Swett, M.D., Murtaza Dawood, M.D., Theresa Lewis, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, David Finkler, Board Counsel, Mark Woodard, Policy Analyst, Phyllis Washington, Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT: Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst

GUESTS: Shelley Dulik-Brown, CCP, LP, Walter Reed Medical Center, William Nicotra, Brian McCormick, Brian Donahue, CCP, Holly Tannehill, CCP

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Amberman called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Mr. Amberman changed the order of the agenda to discuss Plasmapheresis prior to the definition of organ procurement and preservation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Wierscke and seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Committee approved the April 2, 2015 open meeting minutes with corrections.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Woodard provided updates on the status of three (3) Bills:

- House Bill 574 and Senate Bill 449 - Criminal Background History Record Check. This Bill passed, has been signed by the Governor and became effective July 1, 2015.
- House Bill 58 - Health Occupations Member of Boards and Advisory Committees. This Bill prevents concurrent services. This Bill passed and has been signed by the Governor.
- Senate Bill 198 and House Bill 580 - Healthcare Disparities Cultural and Linguistic Competency Health Literacy Recommended Courses. This Bill has been amended at the recommendation of several Boards. This Bill passed and has been signed by the Governor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Plasmapheresis

Mr. Amberman introduced Brian McCormick; Chief Perfusionist at the University of Maryland. Mr. Amberman informed the Committee that plasmapheresis is being conducted at the University of Maryland by the Perfusionist staff on transplant patients.

Mr. McCormick stated that after he looked at the guidelines, he wanted to make sure he and his staff were not practicing outside of the scope of practice of perfusion by performing plasmapheresis.

Ms. Smith asked if the Committee agreed that plasmapheresis was the practice of perfusion. The Committee agreed that this does fall under the scope of practice of perfusion.

Definition “Organ Procurement and Preservation”

The Executive Committee of the Board reviewed the proposed definition of organ procurement and preservation the Perfusion Advisory Committee submitted and asked them to modify the language to exempt ex vivo lung organ perfusion during an FDA trial.

The proposed definition stated:

“Organ procurement and preservation” means the use of extracorporeal circuitry to treat and/or manipulate nutrition and/or gas exchange in an effort to support and preserve organ viability.

Board staff’s proposed language:

“Organ procurement and preservation” means the use of extracorporeal circuitry to treat and/or manipulate nutrition and/or gas exchange in an effort to support and preserve organ viability, but not for ex vivo lung perfusion.

OR

“Organ procurement and preservation” means the use of extracorporeal circuitry to treat and/or manipulate nutrition and/or gas exchange in an effort to support and preserve organ viability, but not for ex vivo organ perfusion.

Mr. Amberman distributed a document that described the need to define organ procurement and preservation. The document described Lung Bioengineering’s attempt to remove organ procurement and preservation from the perfusion scope of practice during the 2014 legislative session. It also described the difference between Organ Procurement Organizations and perfusionists. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed not to define organ procurement

and preservation and remove it from the proposed regulations. They may consider submitting legislation to define it in statute.

NEW BUSINESS

CV's for Vacant Committee Positions

Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated §§ 10-501 et seq., on a motion made by Dr. Dawood and seconded by Mr. Wierschke, the Committee unanimously voted to close its meeting on July 2, 2015 at 5:12pm in room 100 for the purpose of complying with the Open Meetings Act State Government Article §10-508(A)(1) which requires discussion in closed session regarding potential disciplinary matters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Submitted by:

Linda Monroe

Allied Health Analyst