

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
FULL BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2016**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (“the Board”) met Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Devinder Singh, M.D, Chair
Carmen M. Contee, Secretary
Brenda G. Baker
Gary J. Della’Zanna, D.O.
Charles Gast
Suresh C. Gupta, M.D.
John R. Lilly, M.D.
Celeste M. Lombardi, M.D.
Mary G. Mussman, M.D.
Ahmed Nawaz, M.D.
Robert P. Roca, M.D.

Suresh K. Gupta, M.D., Vice Chair
Jonathan A. Lerner, PA-C, Secretary
Edward J. Brody
Jacqueline Brown
Alexis J. Carras, M.D.
Jacqueline Golden
Avril M. Houston, M.D.
Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.
Beryl J. Rosenstein
Priti K. Sood, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General; Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney General; David Finkler, Assistant Attorney General; David Wagner, Assistant Attorney General; Lisa Dorsey, Licensure Analyst; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Michelle Harrison, Allied Health Analyst; Wynne Hawk, Policy Analyst; Charles Hebron, Jr., Compliance Analyst Associate; Sandy Van Horn, Policy Analyst; Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health Analyst; Linda Monroe, Allied Health; Chima Obinna, IT Project Manager; Maureen Sammons, Intake Manager; Colette Satterfield, DCCR Administrative Support; Ronald Sherrill, Allied Health Analyst; Nicholas Smith, IT Support; Zachery Spivey, Compliance Analyst; Christine Triplett, IT Director; Mark Woodard, Policy Analyst; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor.

GUESTS: Anthony Raneri, MBP Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC); Deanna Najera, PA-C, GMA Carroll Hospital; Gwendy McCoy, PA-C, MAPA – President, Mercy Hospital; Ron Ginsberg, Northwest Hospital/Levindale; John Bode, Franklin Square / Saint Joseph, BWMC / GBMC Advanced Radiology; Clay Nuquist, CNMT, MDE-RHP, Chair, Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology and Radiologist Assistance Advisory Committee; Gary Fennel, PA-C, Washington Adventist Hospital; Susan Vicsan, PA-C, Medstar, Harbor Hospital; Michael Velaetiz, PA-C, Johns Hopkins Hospital/Franklin Square; Esther Cohen, President Maryland Association of Dermatology, PAS; Al Struck, PA-C, Express Care; Bauoyo Nkoryzo, Good Samaritan Hospital; Jennie Mcknown, Johns Hopkins Hospital; David Lichtman, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; Richard Rohrs, PA-C, Life Bridge Health; Tracey Cumberland, Greater Baltimore Medical Center; Suzanne Castner, Jai Medical Center; Eva Shields, Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center; Matthew Gordan, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Jon Gavella, Righttime Medical Care; Katherine Preser, PAC Express Care

Urgent Care; Eric Davison, PAC Express Care Urgent Care; Emily Kuick, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Maureen Cutting, PA-C MGSB – Medstar; Shevonne Echetalau, PAC Strobel Dermatology; Jayne Williams, PAC, Stroid Derm/ MADPA; Liana Bumbrey, SJMC/Bume Radiology; Randy Kimery, Jr., Towson CCBC Essex, PA Program, Dale Gomez, NIA; Mary Jo Bondy, MAPA/PAU/WIUB; Ronald Ginsberg, MD, Vice President of Medical Affairs, Northwest Hospital/Levindale Long Care Facility.

CALL TO ORDER

Devinder Singh, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants Presentation (MAPA)

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, introduced Dr. Ronald Ginsburg. Dr. Ginsberg is the Vice President of Medical Affairs at both Northwest Hospital & Levindale Long Care Facility, a former Physician Assistant Advisory Committee member, and he supervises physician assistants. The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants asked Dr. Ginsberg to address the Board on their behalf about some of the Board's processes and procedures concerning physician assistants.

Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) – Changes to MOLST Form

Dr. Singh introduced Dr. Richard L. Alcorta from Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. Dr. Alcorta's presentation included changes to the Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) form that requires a family member or two physician's signatures acknowledging that the form was presented to the patient.

*On a motion made by Dr. S. K. Gupta and seconded by Dr. Olszyk, the Board voted unanimously to **APPROVE** Dr. Alcorta's changes to MOLST form*

ACTION AGENDA:

Conceded Eminence Renewal for Mandeep Singh, M.D.

*On a motion made by Ms. Golden and seconded by Dr. Rosenstein, the Board voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the renewal of Dr. Singh's conceded eminence license.*

Physician Assistants Delegation Agreement Addendums for Advanced Duties

The Physician Assistant Advisory Committee reviewed the addendum requests along with the training and education and voted to recommend the following addendums to the Board for approval.

Brandon C. Redmond, PA-C/James Cecil Todd, M.D. request to perform:

- Interpretation of TEE

The Board had several questions about this procedure and *tabled* approval of this addendum until Board staff gathers more information on Interpretation of TEE from Mr. Redmond and Dr. Todd.

*On a motion made by Dr. Olszyk and seconded by Dr. Rosenstein, the Board voted unanimously to **TABLE** the above addendum request to perform advanced duties.*

Irene J. Breslaw, PA-C/Brent Fox, M.D. request to perform:

- Genicular Nerve Blocks

Irene J. Breslaw, PA-C/Brent, M.D. request to perform:

- Lumbar Medical Branch Blocks
- Genicular Nerve Blocks

Joyce M. Carson, PA-C/Michael A. Del Torto, M.D. request to perform:

- Xeomen/Botox Injections
- Laser Hair Removal
- Laser Skin Resurfacing
- Laser Vein Removal
- Treatment of Vascular Lesions
- Non-Ablative Laser for Skin Treatments
- Excision and Repair of Malignant Skin Lesions

Hannah L. Crosby, PA-C/Mitesh B. Kothari, M.D. request to perform:

- Insertion and Removal of Intra-Uterine Devices
- *Insertion and Removal of Nexplanon Contraceptive
- Endometrial Biopsy
- *Saline Sonography
- Cervical Colposcopy; including Endocervical and Cervical Biopsy

*Indicates procedures are not for consideration

Stacey B. Daffron, PA-C/Tariq A. Nayfeh, M.D. request to perform:

- Joint Injections and Joint Aspirations (Knee)
- *Joint Injections and Joint Aspirations (Hip)

*Indicates procedures are not for consideration

Victoria Lee Gargon, PA-C/Roy G. Brower, M.D. request to perform:

- Central Line Insertions - Adult: Above the diaphragm placement (Jugular or subclavian)
- Central Line Insertions – Adult: Below the diaphragm placement (femoral)

Victoria Lee Gargon, PA-C/Roy G. Brower, M.D. request to perform:

- Central Venous Catheter Placement (Shiley Dialysis Catheter)
- Arterial Line Insertion

Sarah Jones, PA-C/Karmachandran S. Nair, M.D. request to perform:

- Lumbar Medial Branch Blocks?
- Knee Joint Injections?
- Trigger Point Injections?

Jared D. Lancaster, PA-C/Roy J. Carls, M.D. request to perform:

- Supartz and Synuisc/Cortisone Injections (Knee and Shoulder)

Thao Phung Soper, PA-C/Zuzanna Chamrova, M.D. request to perform:

- IJ Central Venous Catheter Insertion
- IJ Central Venous Catheter Insertion w/Tunnel
- Lumbar Puncture
- Paracentesis
- Thoracentesis

Nathan C. Turner, PA-C/Wai Leong Foo, D.O. request to perform:

- Myofascia Trigger Point Injections
- Medium and Large Point Injections (Greater Trochanter-Bursa, Knee and Shoulder) with and without Ultrasound

Fei Xiao, PA-C/Mark M. Applefeld, M.D. request to perform:

- Stress Testing – Exercise
- Stress Testing – Pharmacological

*On a motion made by Dr. Rosenstein and seconded by Dr. Carras, the Board voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the above addendum requests to perform advanced duties.*

Athletic Trainers Athletic Trainer - Evaluation and Treatment Protocols

The Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee reviewed the evaluation and treatment protocols, determined that the athletic trainers meet the criteria established in statute, and voted to recommend approval to the Board.

Athletic Trainer	License No.	Supervising Physician	License Number
Kathleen Dufrene	A0000416	Mark Chilton, MD	D0033237
Tiphani Jackson	A0000834	Frank Dawson, MD	D0067299
Robert Livezey	A0000825	Vincent Rollo, MD	D0052235
Jennifer Miller	A0000832	Louis Ruland, III, MD	D0043565
Nicholas Pitruzzella	A0000399	Andrew Malinow, MD	D0028924
Brittany Wagner	A0000831	Daniel Redziniak, MD	D0067591

*On a motion made by Dr. Rosenstein and seconded by Mr. Gast, the Board voted 19 to 2 to **APPROVE** the Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols. Dr. Della Zanna and Dr. Lilly opposed the motion.*

Course List - For Board Approval

The Board reviewed a list of courses for inclusion on the Board-approved course list for respondents who have been disciplined and are mandated to complete a certain course(s).

*On a motion made by Dr. S.C. Gupta and seconded by Ms. Baker, the Board voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the revised Board-Approved Course List.*

Policy - Legislative Overview

Ms. Hawk provided the following overview of the 2016 legislation session:

- On March 29, 2016, the Maryland General Assembly approved a 42.3 billion dollar state budget.
- SB 217 repeals the 12% assessment that funded the Health Personnel Shortage Incentive

Grant Program. If successful, the bill will continue to fund the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program at a capped amount.

- HB 232 bill relates to improving the approval process for Athletic Trainer evaluation and treatment protocols.
- HB 185 prohibits the Board from establishing specific CME requirements for physicians as condition of renewing their licenses.
- HB 437, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) bill, requires practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled dangerous substances (CDS) to register with the PDMP prior to obtaining a new or renewal state CDS registration.
- SB 1020/HB 998 authorizes the Board to develop regulations for physician licensure reciprocity.
- HB 1278 authorizes the Board to discipline physicians who perform surgical procedures in offices or facilities that are not accredited.
- SB 806 establishes the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council.

All bills are moving towards passage.

Regulations – For Approval

Mr. Woodard reported on four of the following regulations:

Polysomnographic Technologists (COMAR 10.32.06)

.04C - Deletes an extension for initial licensure that has expired in statute and regulation.

.02 - Adds the definition of "Board eligible" to the definitions section to clarify the physician requirements for physicians who assess an applicant's core competencies.

.08 – Authorizes the Board to accept continuing education credits from the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT) or any other organization recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Board.

Athletic Trainers (COMAR 10.32.08)

.06A(2) - Requires Athletic Trainers to identify practice settings where they may practice on the Evaluation and Treatment protocol and to submit the address of their primary employer and their supervising physician.

Nuclear Medicine Technologists 10.32.10

.10(7)(a) - Revised to include passage of the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Board examination as another pathway to certification. (This examination was not developed at the time the initial regulations were adopted.)

Physician Licensure-Verification of Medical Records 10.32.01

.04B(1)(b) - Revised to accept program directors designee by removing program director and instead adding "authorized official" and permitting "electronic" as well as written statements.

*On a motion made by Dr. S. C. Gupta and seconded by Mr. Gast, the Board voted unanimously to **APPROVE** all four of the above regulations.*

Consumer Reports Reporting Overview

Ms. Van Horn informed the Board of a new report, titled "Seeking Doctor Information Online: A Survey and Ranking of State Medical and Osteopathic Board Websites in 2015," which was accessed via the Consumer Reports Website. The report shows that the Board's Website is ranked 17 out of 65 Websites that were reviewed for usability and content.

IT Update - Chris Triplett, IT Director

Ms. Triplett reported that IT:

- Developed a program that allows practitioners to print their licenses after they have renewed. This means that Board staff no longer has to print and mail licenses saving on postage, toner, and paying for preprinted licenses. The program also allows practitioners to print replacement license until their next renewal cycle.
- Integrated the naturopathic doctors into the existing database. IT also developed a program that will allow naturopathic doctors to pay for their initial application by using a credit card.
- Developed a program offering online electronic verifications. The online electronic verification service will greatly reduce the labor-intensive process of printing and mailing verifications to other state boards. Board staff currently processes approximately 5500 paper verifications per year. The Board will eventually phase out checks and only allow verifications by credit card.
- Hired a database programmer to assist with the integration for criminal history records check, which will begin in October for all licensees.
- Went through an audit. The audit revealed that some of the passwords needed to comply with the security enforcement to align with Department of Information Technology's (DoIT) recommendations.
- Completed an upgrade of all of the existing servers to a newer, more secure platform.

IT Project Update - Chima Obinna, Project Manager

Mr. Obinna reported that the IT project is in the procurement phase. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been submitted to DHMH procurement. Once the review of the RFP is completed it will be submitted to the DoIT for their review, and then to the Board of Public Works for their approval.

The Board has also begun the process of collaborating with other boards to determine if one solution/vendor can service the needs of all boards.

Ms. Triplett and Mr. Obinna attended the NIC presentation hosted by the Division of Drug Control. NIC is a vendor who provides eGovernment services for Federal, State and Local Government agencies. They provide digital government sites, services and secure payment processing.

At the end of the presentation, they determined that NIC would not satisfy the needs of the Board.

Open Meeting Minutes

*On a motion made by Dr. S.C. Gupta and seconded by Ms. Golden, the Board voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the February 10, 2016, and February 16, 2016 Panels A & B, open meeting minutes.*

BOARD VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: "Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(13)., on a motion made by Dr. Olszyk and seconded by Dr. S.C. Gupta, the Board unanimously voted to close its meeting on March 30, 2016 at 11:26 a.m., in room 100 for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters. Pursuant to Md. Health Occ. Ann., §14-411 (a) and (b), the Board is prohibited from disclosing any information contained in a proceeding record or file of the Board."

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:

There was one case presented to Full Board for charging and one for ratification. The Disciplinary Panels A & B, closed meeting minutes for February 10, 2016, were approved.

