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**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING  
MINUTES**

**October 6, 2016**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Puglia, AT, Chair  
Sara Whiteside, AT, Vice-Chair  
Deborah Corbatto, AT  
Jeffrey Roberts, MD

**MEMBER ABSENT:** The Citizen Member seat is vacant

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director for Licensure  
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Matthew Gage, AT, President of VATA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Puglia called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2016**

Ms. Corbatto moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2016. The motion was seconded and carried.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Corbatta moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Delivery Methods of Epinephrine for Athletic Trainers.**

Mr. Puglia led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding the price increases for the EpiPen. Mr. Puglia explained that, currently, most schools use the EpiPen as well as EMS services but due to the cost increases, many of these organizations have decided to no longer obtain these devices. The Advisory Board discussed alternative means of epinephrine delivery including other brands of auto injectors as well as a standard needle, syringe and glass vial. The authority of athletic trainers to possess and administer epinephrine for anaphylactic shock in 54.1-3408(F) was reviewed as well as 54.1-3408(U). It was noted that for an athletic trainer to administer epinephrine by injection would require the direct and immediate supervision of a physician. No action was required.

**2. Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act.**

Mr. Puglia led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding US Senate and US House companion bills that “In General. –If a covered sports medicine professional provides covered medical services to an athlete, an athletic team, or a staff member of an athlete or athletic team in a secondary State, such services shall be deemed to have been provided in the primary State...” The Advisory Board briefly discussed the pros and cons of such legislation and noted that if these bills passed, new regulations for the practice athletic training in Virginia may be needed. No action was required.

**3. Concussion Safety Protocol.**

Ms. Corbatta provided the concussion protocol for George Mason University that she developed and was recently approved by the NCAA. No action was required.

**4. BOC Standards of Professional Practice.**

Mr. Puglia noted that he had recently come upon recently updated standards and is still reviewing them to determine if there were any changes from the previously published standards. It was

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noted by Dr. Harp that if an athletic trainer were to come before the Board for a disciplinary hearing, these new standards could play a role in determining if the standard of care in the case. No Action was required.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Mason informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,556 Athletic Trainers that hold an active license with the Board of Medicine, and 1 that holds an inactive license.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 2, 2017

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory board meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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Michael Puglia, AT, Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist