

**DRAFT UNAPPROVED**

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING  
MINUTES**

**June 9, 2016**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, June 9, 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  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Matthew Gage, AT, President of VATA  
Becky Bowers-Lanier, VATA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Puglia called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum declared. Mr. Verry informed the Advisory Board that this was his last meeting. The Advisory Board will meet Mr. Verry's replacement at the next meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

Ms. Corbatta moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2016. The motion was seconded and carried.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Whiteside requested to amend the agenda to include a discussion on best practices for exertional heat illnesses. Ms. Corbatta moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Gage introduced himself to the Advisory Board. He thanked the members on behalf of VATA for the time the Advisory Board members have dedicated to protecting the public as well as overseeing the profession. Mr. Gage informed the Advisory Board that there may be an overhaul of the AT educational curriculum in the near future that will impact the role of athletic trainers and may require a change to the practice act.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Emergency Action Plans for After School Activities**

Mr. Puglia led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding Emergency Action Plans (EAP) and after school activities. Mr. Puglia explained that, currently, most schools do not have EAP's in place for after school activities, including sporting events at other schools. The Advisory Board stated that it would be beneficial to include athletic trainers and school nurses as part of the safety audit committee at each school required by Code Section 22.1-279.8. The Advisory Board asked VATA to provide guidance to athletic trainers regarding EAP's as well as petition to have changes made to Code Section 22.1-279.8 to include athletic trainers and school nurses on safety audit committees.

**2. School Safety Audits and Protocols**

Mr. Puglia led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding school safety audits and protocols. The Advisory Board noted that the audits and protocols document was published in June 2000. The Advisory Board also stated that current laws do not require schools to have access to an AED. The Advisory Board asked VATA to contact the Department of Education to discuss updating the school safety audits and protocols document to include the importance of AED's.

**3. New VHSL Regulations**

Mr. Puglia led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding new VHSL regulations. Ms. Corbato stated that “tournament certified trainer” is not a recognized title, and the language should be correct to reflect the actual titles held by athletic trainers. The Advisory Board also discussed the inclusion of fevers as a determinant for exclusion from play.

**4. Best Practices for Exertional Heat Illnesses**

Ms. Whiteside led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding best practices for exertional heat illnesses, and the necessity of core temperature evaluations. Ms. Whiteside informed the Advisory Board that measuring rectal temperature is the gold standard for core temperature evaluation. Additionally, NATA stated that failure to do so is not providing an appropriate standard of care and may negatively impact treatment for heat-related illnesses. The Advisory Board stated that proper education should be provided to athletes and their families early on in case the need arises to evaluate a heat-related illness.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,391 Athletic Trainers that hold an active license with the Board of Medicine, and 1 that holds an inactive license.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 6, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory board meeting was adjourned at 11:52 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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Alan Heaberlin, Licensing Supervisor