

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING
MINUTES
January 7, 2003**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on January 7, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Jon Almquist, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Almquist, Vice-Chair
Renee Cork
Douglas Cutter, M.D.
Patrick Loggans

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Pawlowski, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: William Harp, M.D. Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Regulatory Analyst
Nicole Gordon, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Judy Castleman, Government Relations

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2002 MEETING

Dr. Cutter moved to approve the minutes dated September 10, 2002 as amended. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Cutter moved to adopt the agenda with additions to include frequently asked questions, discussion on a Virginia resident practicing part-time in Virginia and if state certification required, questions regarding certification designation for the state of Virginia, and request for rule making. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment

UPDATE OF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Ms. Powers gave a count of 480 certified Athletic Trainers. 459 are current and active in-state, and 21 are current and active out-of-state.

LETTER REGARDING SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Ms. Powers drafted a letter for board counsel review. It was recommended by counsel to have the letter refer directly to Virginia law and regulations regarding practice.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2003 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A copy of House Bill 1441 was distributed. This House Bill deals with the disciplinary procedures with hospital reporting. It specifically states that “any hospital or nursing home that has not paid civil penalties assessed for failing to report disciplinary actions and certain disorders of health pursuant to § 54.1-2906 shall not be issued a license or certification or a renewal of such.”

Ms. Yeatts stated an addition to § 54.1-2400 would add a section dealing with a confidential consent agreement. A confidential consent agreement shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of § 54.1-2400.2. A confidential consent agreement shall include findings of fact and may include an admission or a finding of a violation. A confidential consent agreement shall not be considered either a notice or order of any health regulatory board, but it may be considered by a board in future disciplinary proceedings. A board shall enter into a confidential consent agreement with a practitioner involving a standard of care violation only once during any 10-year period.

Ms. Yeatts stated this bill would add § 54.1-2408.2. This section would impose a three-year minimum period for reinstatement after revocation. When the certificate, registration or license of any person certified, registered or licensed by one of the health regulatory boards has been revoked, the board may, after three years and upon the payment of a fee prescribed by the Board, consider an application for and grant a new certificate, registration or license in the same manner as the original certificates, registrations or licenses are granted.

BOARD MEMBERS ORIENTATION DATES

Tentative dates were discussed for orientation in February. Once confirmed, members will be notified.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Ms. Powers presented a draft of CE Q&A's for review and additional input.

VIRGINIA RESIDENT PRACTICING IN VIRGINIA

After a brief discussion, it was determined that state certification was required to practice athletic training part-time in Virginia.

CERTIFICATION DESIGNATION FOR THE STATE OF VIRGINIA

The board discussed use of practice designations. The law does not specify the use of designations for athletic trainers. Jon Almquist moved to request a rule change to **18 VAC 85-120-70** to say "An applicant for a certificate to practice as a certified athletic trainer shall submit to the board written evidence that the applicant has passed the NATABOC entry level examination for athletic trainers, and hold current NATABOC certification, or it's equivalent determined by the board." The motion was seconded discussed and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next scheduled meeting: May 6, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Jon Almquist, Vice-Chair

William Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon
Recording Secretary