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**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING  
MINUTES**

**June 8, 2017**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, June 8, 2017, 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

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Jeffrey Roberts, MD  
Trilizsa Trent, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst  
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director, Licensure  
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Matthew Gage, AT, President of VATA  
Scott Powers, VATA  
Becky Bowers-Lanier, VATA  
Hassan Shah, MD, VCU  
Srinivasa Punyala, VCU  
Tanner Howell, VATA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Puglia called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

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**ROLL CALL**

Denise Mason called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 6, 2016**

Mr. Puglia noted the last sentence of Section 1 under New Business had an error. The sentence was revised, and Ms. Whiteside moved to approve the amended minutes of October 6, 2016. The motion was seconded and passed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Whiteside requested an additional item for the agenda, an Item number 4 “Discussion of Notification of Expired Licenses.” Ms. Corbatta moved to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Athletic Trainers Who Work at Youth Sports Events**

Ms. Whiteside led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding a concern she has with Athletic Trainers providing proof of licensure when working at youth sports events. She questioned whether employers are requesting documentation of licensure from the Athletic Trainers prior to their practice at youth sports events. Ms. Whiteside explained that she cannot remember a time when she was asked to provide evidence of licensure as an Athletic Trainer. It was noted that it is the responsibility of the youth sports event promoters to obtain verification of licensure for each Athletic Trainer that will be practicing at the event.

No action was required.

**2. Cross-State Border Coverage**

Ms. Whiteside led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding cross-state border coverage in regards to Athletic Trainers practicing in other jurisdictions without being licensed in that jurisdiction. The law was reviewed regarding Virginia licensure not being required for athletic trainers who come to Virginia for an event in the employ of an out-of-state team or athlete. Licensure is required for out-of-state athletic trainers that come into Virginia to work an event when hired by the event staff rather than by a specific team or athlete.

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No action was required.

**3. Letter from David Ross, MD Regarding Reducing Risk from Subconcussions**

Dr. Harp discussed the letter from David Ross, MD regarding subconcussions. Dr. Harp said he suggested to Dr. Ross that he contact VATA to see if it was interested in getting the word out on the product he has developed to detect subconcussions. No action was required.

**4. Notification of Expired Licenses**

Ms. Whiteside asked the question “How is the licensee notified of that he/she has an expired license?” Mr. Heaberlin discussed the process that the Board uses to notify a licensee that it is time to renew. He said that, at this time, the Board does not notify licensees that his/her license has expired.

No action was required.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,496 Athletic Trainers that hold an active license with the Board of Medicine, and 1 that holds an inactive license. At this time, 224 of the current active licenses are out-of-state.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 5, 2017

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory board meeting was adjourned at 10:54 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