

Advisory Board on Athletic Training

Virginia Board of Medicine

October 5, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Advisory Board on Athletic Trainers

Board of Medicine
October 5, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Richmond, Virginia

Call to Order – Michael Puglia, AT

Emergency Egress Procedures - Alan Heaberlin

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Roll Call – Denise Mason

Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2017

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Adoption of the Agenda

Public Comment on Agenda Items (15 minutes)

New Business

1. Report of 2017 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference
Deborah Corbatta, AT

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2. Approval of 2018 Meeting Calendar
Michael Puglia, AT

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3. Discussion of Student Exemption and License Applicant Status
Dr. Harp

4. Election of Officers
Michael Puglia, AT

Announcements

Next meeting date: February 1, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

**PERIMETER CENTER CONFERENCE CENTER
EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF BOARD AND TRAINING ROOMS
(Script to be read at the beginning of each meeting.)**

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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.

Michael Puglia, AT, Chair

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

Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

Heaberlin, Alan (DHP)

From: Deborah B Corbato <dcorbatt@gmu.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Harp, William L. (DHP)
Cc: Heaberlin, Alan (DHP)
Subject: 2017 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference
Attachments: 2017_State_Regulatory_Conference(1).pdf; Day 1_Session 2_McKune_Rusty.pdf; Day 1_Session 2_Schlabach_Gretchen.pdf; Day 1_Session 3_Atkinson_Dale.pdf; Day 1_Session 4_Pippin Orwig_Janet.pdf; Day 1_Session 4_Puenta_Jim.pdf; Day 1_Session 4_Rosa_Jeff.pdf; Day 1_Session_5_Fandel_Denise.pdf; Day 2_Session 7_Ryan_Tom.pdf; Day 2_Session 9_Bronoske_Bruce.pdf; Day 2_Session 9_Pappas_Nick.pdf; Day 2_Session 9_Searls_Greg.pdf; Day 2_Session 10_Reed_Brad__Fleming_Shannon.pdf

Dr. Harp,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 2017 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, July 14-15 and represent the Commonwealth of Virginia. I am attaching presentations from the conference for your records. I wanted to convey a few points of interest that were highlighted at the conference.

- 1) As athletic training educational standards (through CAATE, the educational branch of the profession) are changing dramatically (much more rigorous and comprehensive) in order to meet demand, states are looking at their practice acts to make sure they are current with actual practice in the state. Many states are modifying language to remove the word athlete or athletic as AT's are working in many non-traditional settings that include "occupational athletes" in addition to the traditional sport settings.
- 2) States are modifying language that describes the relationship with physicians. The word supervision that is many practice acts is open to much interpretation. States vary in the use of language regarding supervision. Because of the nature of the AT practice, many are moving from defining supervision as oversight to the word collaboration.
- 3) States are looking at their licensing procedures to ensure they are consistent with current technology and best practices in the profession. There is a central repository now built to check credentialing as well as report infractions/sanctions against athletic trainers. This may allow for us to look at temporary credentialing in a new way. States that have a heavy military population with military spouses looking to work, are particularly interested in having a system that allows them to work immediately when they get to their new base. In addition, there is some early discussion on having a compact between states that would allow for practice in multiple states (similar to nurses or psychologists).
- 3) There is a large push from the NATA (National Athletic Trainers Association) to stress the legal, ethical and regulatory (LER) duties within the scope of practice of a certified athletic trainer. I had the chance to ask the question regarding athletic trainers indicating that they are unaware of licensing requirements from various jurisdictions, and was surprised to learn that Virginia is not alone in dealing with this issue. It is for reasons like this, that the educators and trade association are highlighting LER issues within the profession, particularly with young graduates. A suggestion was made that educating the consumers is as important as educating the athletic trainer population. We can make this suggestion to the VATA.
- 4) There was a discussion with attorneys present regarding a case in NC (FTC vs NC Dental) in which board members may have been held liable with a failure to protect the boards mission and could be held PERSONALLY liable. Some states are now looking at indemnification insurance to protect board members

from this type of issue. I would like some information on how Virginia might be working to protect the Boards and their members from this type of action against public servants.

5) There were several discussions about making sure your board has a clear mission to protect the public health and safety. Some boards have extensive strategic plans, etc. There was also a clear call to separate the trade side from the regulatory side, and athletic trainers sitting on regulatory boards need to be extremely conscious of avoiding a conflict of interest in matters of promoting the profession.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in this conference. I recommend that we send someone annually to review the latest in regulatory practices in Athletic Training. I would be happy to have a more extensive discussion about the issues raised at this conference at the next Athletic Training Advisory Board Meeting.

Sincerely,
Deborah B. Corbatto

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Virginia Board of Medicine

2018 Board Meeting Dates

Full Board Meetings

February 15-17, 2018	DHP/Richmond, VA	Board Rooms TBA
June 14-16, 2018	DHP/Richmond, VA	Board Rooms TBA
October 18-20, 2018	DHP/Richmond, VA	Board Rooms TBA

Times for the above meetings are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meetings

April 13, 2018	DHP/Richmond, VA	Board Rooms TBA
August 3, 2018	DHP/Richmond, VA	Board Rooms TBA
December 7, 2018	DHP/Richmond, VA	Board Rooms TBA

Times for the above meetings are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Legislative Committee Meetings

January 19, 2018	DHP/Richmond, VA	Board Rooms TBA
May 18, 2018	DHP/Richmond, VA	Board Rooms TBA
September 7, 2018	DHP/Richmond, VA	Board Rooms TBA

Times for the above meetings are 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Credentials Committee Meetings

January 24, 2018	February 28, 2018	March 21, 2018
April 25, 2018	May 30, 2018	June 27, 2018
July 25, 2018	August 22, 2018	September 26, 2018
October 24, 2018	November 14, 2018	December (TBA), 2018

Times for the Credentials Committee meetings - TBA

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Advisory Board on:

Behavioral Analysts			10:00 a.m.
January 29	June 4	October 1	
Genetic Counseling			1:00 p.m.
January 29	June 4	October 1	
Occupational Therapy			10:00 a.m.
January 30	June 5	October 2	
Respiratory Care			1:00 p.m.
January 30	June 5	October 2	
Acupuncture			10:00 a.m.
January 31	June 6	October 3	
Radiological Technology			1:00 p.m.
January 31	June 6	October 3	
Athletic Training			10:00 a.m.
February 1	June 7	October 4	
Physician Assistants			1:00 p.m.
February 1	June 7	October 4	
Midwifery			10:00 a.m.
February 2	June 8	October 5	
Polysomnographic Technology			1:00 p.m.
February 2	June 8	October 5	

Joint Boards of Medicine and Nursing

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