

FINAL APPROVED

ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING

Minutes

October 7, 2021

The Advisory Board on Athletic Trainer met on Thursday, October 7th, 2021 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Pawlowski, AT, Chair
Deborah Corbatto, AT

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trilizsa Trent, Vice-Chair
Michael Puglia, AT
Jeffrey Roberts, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Executive Director, Licensure
Colanthia Opher, Deputy Executive Director, Administration
Delores Cousins, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Rose Schmiege, Chair, VATA Government Affairs
Chris Jones, VATA President
Kimberly Hinton - William & Mary
Mark Hinton - University of Virginia
Ashley Doozan - University of Virginia

Call to Order

David Pawlowski called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp gave the emergency egress procedures.

Roll Call

Delores Cousins called the roll. A quorum was not established. Dr. Harp noted that even though there was no quorum present for meeting, members present could have a discussion on the items on the agenda but cannot take action on any of them.

Approval of Minutes

No vote was held to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting. This item was tabled until the next scheduled meeting on February 3, 2022.

Adoption of Agenda

There was no vote to adopt the agenda, as a quorum was not established.

Public Comment

Rose Schmieg, DHSc, provided an update on the curriculum of the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). She mentioned intravenous fluids and wound suturing as two new skill sets that are being taught in athletic training curricula.

Dr. Harp suggested that for these procedures to be included within the scope of practice for Athletic Trainers, there would need to be a legislative change in the Code of Virginia.

Mark Hinton spoke to members about the use of dry needling by athletic trainers. He stated that dry needling is a mechanical modality and, in his opinion, it is within the AT scope to use as a mechanical modality. Dr. Harp responded that “devices” are controlled by the Drug Control Act under the Board of Pharmacy. He suggested that the Virginia Athletic Trainers Association file a petition for rule-making with the Department of Health Professions and outline what the profession would want to see regulated.

New Business

1. 2021 Legislative Update and 2022 Proposals

Dr. Harp provided an update on legislative actions from the 2021 General Assembly that were of interest to members and mentioned 2022 legislative proposals.

2. BHP Study on Regulation of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers,

Dr. Harp presented an update on major findings of the Board of Health Professions (BHP's) study on the need to regulate diagnostic medical sonographers in Virginia. BHP did not recommend additional state regulation of medical sonographers.

3. Dry Needling

The discussion on this topic was captured in the Public Comment section above.

4. Review of Licensure Requirements

Michael Sobowale said this topic was placed on the Advisory Board's agenda at the request of the Credentials Committee for the Advisory Board to review the licensing requirements and application questions to determine if they can be further streamlined. The Credentials Committee met on September 20, 2021 to review and recommend which documents required in the licensing process should be primary-source verified, which ones may be submitted as copies, and those that are no longer be needed in the licensing process. The Credentials Committee will be making recommendations on how the licensing process for all professions could be streamlined. The Committee asked that any recommendation made by the Advisory Board be reported at its next meeting on November 8th.

There was not a quorum at this meeting to vote on how the application process for athletic training could be further streamlined. However, the consensus of the members present was as follows:

A license applicant should submit primary source verification of the following documents: A credential issued by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer, National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) self-query report, and one state license verification.

Copies of the following documents could be accepted: Other state license verifications, if submitted; a digitally-certified electronic copy of the NPDB report in lieu of a mailed report, and supporting documentation for any question answered 'Yes' on the application form that is deemed non-routine.

It is no longer necessary for applicants to submit a "Form B" employment verification.

5. Team Up for Sports Safety (TUFSS) Initiative

Dr. Harp mentioned that the TUFFS initiative is moving forward.

6. Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar

There was no vote on the proposed meeting dates for the Advisory Board on the 2022 Board calendar. The item was tabled until the next scheduled meeting on February 3, 2022.

7. Election of Officers

This item was tabled until the next scheduled meeting on February 3, 2022.

Announcements:

Delores Cousins gave a report on licensing statistics. There are 1,417 current active athletic trainers with 253 out-of-state. There have been 175 athletic trainers licensed this calendar year.

Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled meeting will be February 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Pawlowski adjourned the meeting @ 11:43 a.m.

David Pawlowski, AT, Chair

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

Delores Cousins, Licensing Specialist