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**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING  
MINUTES**

**February 5, 2015**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Deborah Corbatto, AT  
Michael Puglia, AT  
Sara Whiteside, AT

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Cynthia Su, MD, Vice-Chair  
The Citizen Member seat is vacant

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy for Licensure  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Harp called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

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Ms. Corbatta moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2013. The motion was seconded and carried.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Whiteside moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Role and Responsibility of the Advisory Board**

Dr. Harp provided an overview of the Advisory Board's responsibilities. He explained that the advisory boards are working boards whose expertise is needed for the full Board to conduct its business. Among the Advisory Board's duties, members may be called upon to assist the full Board at its meetings, attend disciplinary and credentials committee informal conferences, develop the criteria for licensure and draft and approve regulations. No action was necessary.

**2. Review of Bylaws**

Dr. Harp reviewed the Bylaws with the Advisory Board. Ms. Whiteside moved to accept the bylaws as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

**3. Legislative Report**

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board of bills of interest from the 2015 session of the General Assembly. No action was required.

**4. High School Students Working Under Supervision of Certified Athletic Trainers**

Mr. Puglia presented to the Advisory Board and led a discussion about a National Athletic Trainers Association letter to secondary school athletic trainers. Mr. Puglia and Ms. Whiteside informed the Advisory Board that students at a high school level are being utilized to perform duties that are not within an athletic trainer's scope to delegate to high school students. The Advisory Board also discussed the difference between provisional licensure and temporary authorization. The Advisory Board suggested that Board staff send a letter to accredited programs in Virginia informing them that licensure must be obtained prior to working after graduation, and explain the difference between provisional licensure and temporary authorization. The Advisory Board discussed preparing a guidance document outlining how high school level students may be utilized to only perform non-discretionary procedures. Ms.

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Corbatta moved to propose to the Board of Medicine that the regulations provide a definition of “student athletic trainer” as someone who is enrolled in a Bachelor or Master’s degree program and to fast-track the regulatory change. The motion was seconded and carried.

**5. Election of Officers**

Ms. Whiteside moved to nominate Mr. Puglia to serve as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Puglia moved to nominate Ms. Whiteside to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. The candidates were elected by acclamation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1379 licensed Athletic Trainers in Virginia, and that 180 licenses were issued in 2014.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

June 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 11:35 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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Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist