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**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING
MINUTES
May 6, 2003**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on May 6, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Pawlowski, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Pawlowski, Chair
Jon Almquist, Vice-Chair
Renee Cork
Patrick Loggans

MEMBERS ABSENT: Douglas Cutter, M.D.

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:

Approval of minutes of January 7, 2003

Jon Almquist moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

Adoption of agenda

Patrick Loggans moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of athletic trainers practicing short term and physical therapists practicing athletic training. Also, item #4 moved to the end of the agenda. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

Public comments of agenda items

No public comment

#1. Regulatory Chart

Ms. Yeatts explained the status of the Volunteer Practice regulations and their effect on Athletic Trainers.

#2 Review of legislation from the 2003 Session of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts presented highlights of changes in the law pursuant to actions of the 2003 General Assembly. HB 1441 will affect reporting requirements, change the standard for taking disciplinary action from gross negligence to simple negligence and create a confidential consent agreement. HB 1792 addresses defaults on educational loans. HB 1820 will eliminate posting of the licensee's address on-line. HB 2182 requires emergency contact information be collected for the Health Department. HB 1934 authorizes physical therapists to possess and administer controlled substances. Information was shared about use of certain schedule six topical drugs. Jon Almquist made a motion to recommend a legislative proposal for the 2004 General Assembly that would authorize certified athletic trainers to possess and administer certain topical controlled substances pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by a prescriber. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried. A second motion was made to include in the legislation language that would allow athletic trainers authorization to possess and administer epinephrine pursuant to a written order or standing protocol. The motion was seconded and carried.

#3. Discussion of 18 VAC 85-120-70 and possible NOIRA

Ms. Yeatts informed the Board that she has requested advice from Board Counsel regarding an amendment to the regulations to clarify that NATABOC certification is required for initial licensure without going through rule-making according to the Administrative Process Act, based on authority in code section **54.1-2957.4** which says successful passage of the certifying examination resulting in certification as an athletic trainer.

#4. Athletic Trainers practice short-term

Jon Almquist asked to revisit the issue of athletic trainers practicing short-term in Virginia. No action was taken. There was also discussion on a deadline date for action against non-certified athletic trainers who may be practicing unlawfully. It was decided that the deadline date would be set for September 1, 2003.

#5. Physical therapists practicing athletic training

Renee Cork expressed concern regarding the practice of athletic training by physical therapists. A motion was made by Jon Almquist to ask Board Counsel to review the laws for both professions and provide a summary for further discussion. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#6. Review of DHP orientation packet

Dr. Harp presented information to the Advisory Board members regarding orientation and addressed topics such as purpose of the Department of Health Professions,

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responsibilities of the Advisory Board to the full Board, disciplinary matters, FOIA and many other aspects of the Department as it relates to them. He provided written documents and informational pamphlets for their review and future reference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next scheduled meeting: September 9, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

David Pawlowski, Chair

William Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon
Recording Secretary