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**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING
MINUTES**

June 7, 2018

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sara Whiteside, AT, Chair
Deborah B. Corbatto, AT, Vice-Chair
Michael Puglia, AT
Trilizsa Trent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey Roberts, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Colanitha Morton Opher, Board Administrator
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Scott Powers, VATA
Becky Bowers-Lanier, VATA.
Tanner, Howell, VUU
Ryland Richardson, Bon Secours Health System

CALL TO ORDER

Sara Whiteside called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Dr. Harp announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

ROLL CALL

Colanitha Opher called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Michael Puglia moved to amend the February minutes in regards to the discussion of dry needling. He said the minutes should acknowledge that dry needling is a topic that regulatory boards across the country are reviewing. Dry needling is an issue for multiple professions, and he wished to

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understand both sides of the argument as to whether dry needling is acupuncture or not. Is dry needling protected under law or is it a therapeutic modality that can be used by athletic trainers, MD's and physical therapists with the proper education and training?

Mr. Puglia would like to have these comments added to the February minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sara Whiteside moved to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding revising the definition of "Practice of Athletic Training- § 54. 1-2900

Deborah Corbatta led a discussion regarding revising the definition of Practice of Athletic Training in § 54. 1-2900, pointing out that the language needed to be changed for it was outdated. She said that the practice of athletic training had evolved over the years and now includes a domain covering other occupational injuries and conditions.

Dr. Harp suggested the following language:

"Practice of athletic training" means the prevention, recognition, evaluation, and treatment of injuries or conditions related to athletic, recreational or occupational activity that requires physical skill and utilizes strength, power, endurance, speed, flexibility, range of motion or agility immediately upon the onset of such injury or condition; and subsequent treatment and rehabilitation of such injuries or conditions under the direction of the patient's physician or under the direction of any doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry, while using heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, exercise or mechanical or other devices.

Deborah Corbatta moved to present this change to the Board of Medicine for approval. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. Dry Needling by Athletic Trainers

Elaine Yeatts started the discussion with the history of dry needling saying that it is not an entry level skill, that adoption of regulations would be required, and that such expansions of scope have been met with legal challenges in a number of states. The Advisory Board understood the issue and took no action.

3. Nurse Practitioner Law

Elaine Yeatts told the Advisory Board about the NP autonomous practice bill and how the emergency regulations are progressing.

4. Cannabidiol Oil and THC-A Oil

Elaine Yeatts provided a summary of the cannabis-based oils in Virginia, including the regulations and the new law this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Colanithia Opher informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,541 Athletic Trainers licensed with the Board of Medicine. 251 are out of state.

Ms. Opher asked Mike Puglia and Deborah Corbatta about their appointments; they have both been reappointed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 4, 2018 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Sara Whiteside, AT, Chair

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

Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist