

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING  
MINUTES**

**May 23, 2019**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Puglia, AT, Chair  
Deborah B. Corbatto, AT, Vice-Chair  
Sarah Whiteside, AT  
Jeffrey Roberts, MD  
Trilizsa Trent, Citizen

**MEMBER ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Director for Administration  
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Richard Grossman, Vectre Corporation  
Becky Bower-Lanier, VATA  
Chris Jones  
Tanner Howell, VATA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Puglia called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Mason called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 3, 2018**

Mr. Puglia moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Puglia moved to amend the agenda. He requested that “define a clinical position serving on the advisory board” be added for discussion. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Report of the 2019 General Assembly**

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the Report of the 2019 General Assembly and provided historical background on the bills that were of interest to the members.

Ms. Yeatts also provided a brief update on the status of the Board’s emergency regulations, APA regulatory actions, and future policy actions.

Both of these reports were for information only and did not require any action.

### **2. Legality of AT’s Possessing and Administering Naloxone**

Mr. Puglia opened the discussion as to whether or not athletic trainers could possess and administer naloxone. He asked Board staff if the answer was in the Code of Virginia.

Ms. Yeatts pointed to §54.1-3408(X), which states “pursuant to an oral, written, or standing order issued by a prescriber or a standing order issued by the Commissioner of health or designee authorizing the dispensing of naloxone or other antagonist used for overdose reversal in the absence of an oral or written order for a specific patient issued by a prescriber, and in accordance with the protocols developed by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health, a pharmacist may dispense naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal to a person who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life threatening opioid overdose”

Ms. Yeatts also pointed to §54.1-3408(F), which says “pursuant to an oral or written order standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, such as prescriber may authorize licensed athletic trainers to possess and administer topical corticosteroids, topical lidocaine, or other schedule VI topical drugs,; oxygen for use in emergency situations; and epinephrine for use in emergency cases of anaphylactic shock.”

Dr. Harp pointed to 54.1-3408(Y) as a way that athletic trainers might be able to be trained to possess and administer naloxone through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services REVIVE program.

After discussion, the best option for statutory assurance was thought to be to add naloxone to 54.1-3408(F).

### **3. AT Statutory Protection**

Ms. Whiteside stated that this was her last term on the Advisory Board and thanked the Board of Medicine for allowing her to serve.

Ms. Whiteside discussed her concerns with the language that performance training centers are utilizing in their description of services rendered, and that it is causing confusion for the public.

Dr. Harp brought to the attention of the members Code §54.1-2957 (A) that states:

“It shall be unlawful for any person to practice or to hold himself out as practicing as an athletic trainer unless she holds a license as an athletic trainer issued by the Board.” He also noted that unless they are holding themselves out as an AT or practicing athletic training, the Board has no jurisdiction. However, DHP is authorized to investigate any complaints regarding unlicensed practice of one of its regulated professions.

### **4. Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Secondary Schools**

Mr. Puglia stated that a question had been posed to him about using an AED Defibrillator at away games. This led to a discussion in which Dr. Roberts shared his knowledge about sudden death in athletes, the relevant statistics, screening, evaluation and treatment.

Dr. Harp referred the Advisory Board to a fact sheet for student athletes about sudden cardiac arrest that was developed by the Indiana Department of Education Sudden Cardiac Arrest Advisory Board.

### **5. BOC Disciplinary Reporting**

Ms. Opher addressed the e-mail from Shannon Fleming which provided information about the Disciplinary Action Exchange portal at the BOC.

The Board of Medicine has been reporting discipline to the BOC for many years. Ms. Opher said that she would ensure the Board’s disciplinary unit was aware of the electronic reporting capability.

### **6. Regulations Governing the Licensure of Athletic Trainers *(for reference only)***

**7. Defining a Clinical Position Serving on the Advisory Board**

Mr. Puglia asked for clarification of the requirements for the 3 AT's on the Advisory Board, specifically the "private sector" position. Discussion viewed "private sector" as non-governmental.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Mason informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,659 Athletic Trainers licensed with the Board of Medicine, 295 out of state and 4 that are inactive.

Ms. Opher also mentioned the appointments of the members ending on June 30, 2019.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 3, 2019 at 10 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 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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Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist