

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
ATHLETIC TRAINER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, December 8, 2020  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Room 100**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT VIA**

**ZOOM:** Brian Perez, ATC, Chair, Jeffrey Wright, PT, ATC, CSCS, Martin Sataloff, ATC, Loren Shipley, ATC, Teri Metcalf McCambridge, MD., FAAP, CAQSM, John Wilckens, MD, Anna Jeffers, Consumer Member, Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

**VIA ZOOM:** Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Stacey Darin, Esq., Board Counsel, Matthew Dudzic, Policy Analyst, Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst Associate

**ABSENT:** Philip Omohundro, M.D., Cheryl Lee Pow, DC, Heather Weesner, OTR/L CLT

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Perez called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Mr. Sataloff and seconded by Mr. Shipley, the Committee approved the October 13, 2020 Open Meeting Minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review – Early Intervention Specialist – Specialized Tasks**

The Committee reviewed the Early Intervention Specialist scope of practice from ATI Worksite Solutions to determine if the duties were considered part of an athletic trainer's scope of practice or considered specialized tasks requiring additional training. After a brief discussion the Committee determined that the duties were considered part of an athletic trainer's scope of practice and not considered specialized tasks.

**DISCUSSION**

**Recommended Revisions to Appendices C1 & C2 of the E&T Protocol**

Mr. Perez informed the Committee that he had a conversation with several athletic trainers (ATs) who stated that the instructions on Appendix C2 of the E&T Protocol are much clearer than the instructions on Appendix C1. The instructions on Appendix C1 do not include the statement requesting documentation of a minimum of (5) five procedures per assigned specialized task or a

written explanation why the (5) five procedures cannot be provided. Mr. Perez asked the Committee to recommend where to include the statement on Appendix C1.

### **Documentation required when requesting Specialized Tasks**

Mr. Perez requested that the Committee review the statement on Appendix C2, "List of Athletic Trainers Board-Approved Specialized Tasks", which reads "Documentation should also include a minimum of (5) five procedures per assigned specialized task or a written explanation why the (5) five procedures cannot be provided" and provide clarification as to what specific information the "written explanation" should include.

Dr. McCambridge stated that some of the tasks on the list do not require additional competencies, specialties and certifications, but are now considered part of the ATs scope of practice, which the AT may not have performed since the AT graduated from an AT educational program. She recommended not removing these procedures from the list but labeling them as "advanced practice procedures". Dr. McCambridge stated that by labeling the procedures as advance practice, the AT and the supervising physician would be required to have a conversation prior to the AT performing the procedure.

Ms. Darin reminded the Committee that "specialized task" is not defined in statute or regulations. She recommended that they consider reviewing the current definition, making any necessary changes, and move forward with adding the definition to the statute and /or regulation.

On a motion made by Mr. Shipley and seconded by Dr. McCambridge, the Committee voted to table both discussions until the January 2021 meeting. Mr. Perez asked the Committee to bring recommendations for proposed edits to Appendices C1, C2 and the definition of specialized tasks, as well as revisions to the list of specialized tasks highlighting the difference between specialized tasks and advanced practice procedures. He also requested that the Committee return with recommendations as to what specific information should be included in the written explanation that needs to be submitted with Appendix C1 when the documented five procedures cannot be provided.

### **ATAC 2021 Meeting Schedule**

A copy of the ATAC's 2021 meeting schedule was provided to the Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. McCargo-Redd and seconded by Mr. Wright, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 11:25 a.m.

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