

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
ATHLETIC TRAINER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Room 100**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Brian Perez, MS, ATC, Chair, Jeffrey Wright, PT, ATC, CSCS, Martin Sataloff, ATC, Loren C. Shipley, MS Ed, MA, ATC/LAT, Philip H. Omohundro, MD, Teri Metcalf McCambridge, MD., FAAP, CAQSM, John Wilckens, MD, Heather Weesner, OTR/L CLT, Anna Jeffers, Consumer Member, Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member

ABSENT: Cheryl Lee-Pow, DC

STAFF PRESENT: 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

STAFF ABSENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Perez called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Shipley and seconded by Dr. Wilckens, the Committee approved the September 8, 2020 Open Meeting Minutes.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Darin informed the Committee that at its September 21, 2020 meeting, the Board approved the removal of the Specialized Tasks that the Committee recommended for removal from the list of Board Approved Specialized Tasks.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Mr. Perez briefed the Committee on his presentation to the Board at the September 21, 2020 meeting, as it relates to the progression of the Athletic Trainers profession since having obtained initial licensure. He felt that his report provided a good description of where the athletic trainer profession has been and where it hopes to go. He stated that he informed the

Board that the 11 specialized tasks that the ATAC have requested to be removed from the Board Approved List were procedures that ATs are now taught during their educational program and are evaluated on didactically in a lab setting or a real-life setting.

Mr. Perez stated that the Board asked, “How is what ATs are learning now different from what ATs learned previously?” and “How does the Board know that ATs are proficient in providing care and performing tasks that are currently a part of the education today but was not a part of the past education curriculum?” Mr. Perez responded that as medical professionals, AT’s must complete continuing education that are standards of education at that time and that the courses are evidence based backed in science and data.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Specialized Task list

Mr. Perez requested that the Committee reevaluate the remaining tasks on the Board Approved Specialized Tasks list to determine whether any additional tasks should be removed. He indicated that the manual reduction of dislocations for Glenohumeral, Interphalangeal, and Patellofemoral are currently standards being taught in the athletic training educational programs.

Ms. Wright reminded the Committee that while the Committee can recommend the removal of specific specialized tasks from the list, the Board will make the final decision whether or not the task(s) will be removed.

After an in-depth discussion, the Committee determined that the three specialized tasks for manual reduction of dislocations should remain on the specialized tasks list. Ms. Darin reminded the Committee that the specialized tasks list consists of previously Board approved specialized tasks and that an athletic trainer must still request approval to perform these tasks by providing procedure logs documenting their competence in the performance of the procedures (tasks), verification of certifications and any additional documentation to support their request.

The Committee determined that “specialized tasks” needs to be defined. Mr. Perez volunteered to draft a definition.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Implementation and Guide to the CAATE 2020 Professional Standards

Mr. Perez informed the Committee after the discussion on the review of specialized task list, this topic would be a legislative issue. Ms. Darin agreed.

Request to add “specialized tasks” to E&T Protocol for Wendy Norris, ATC and Craig Bennett, MD, Supervising Physician

The Committee reviewed the request to add the following duties as specialized tasks to Ms. Norris’ existing E&T protocol with Dr. Craig Bennett:

- Storing of student-athletes prescribed medication in the athletic training facility
- Proper record keeping of stored medications, and
- Supervision and scheduling of student athletes for medication administration

The request noted that Ms. Norris was a Certified Medical Technician (CMT). The Committee determined that the requested tasks were not specialized tasks and that as a CMT, Ms. Norris would be able to perform the tasks under her CMT certification.

FURTHER NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Wilckens asked if the Committee should include COVID-19 testing language in the regulations now that sports are returning to play. Ms. Darin informed the Committee that the Governor passed an Executive Order (EO) allowing all health professionals to administer COVID-19 testing. She stated that when the EO ends the ability to administer COVID-19 will end for all healthcare professionals so there is no need to add the language to the regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Submitted by,

Linda Monroe

Allied Health Analyst