

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
ATHLETIC TRAINERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Room 110

PRESENT: John Bielawski, ATC, Chair, Lori Bristow, ATC, John Michie, D.C., Karen James, OT, Benjamin Petre, M.D., Benita Wilson, Consumer Member, Theresa Lewis, Consumer Member, Karl Bailey, ATC, Andrew Tucker, M.D., Valerie Cothran, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Acting Deputy Director, David Finkler, Board Counsel, Wynee Hawk, RN, JD

ABSENT: Rick Peret, PT

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bielawski called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. James and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee approved the open meeting minutes of April 8, 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

April 30, 2014 Board Presentation – John Bielawski, Chair, ATC

Mr. Bielawski updated the Committee about the presentation to the Board on April 30, 2014, regarding the education of athletic trainers, concussion management and return to play. Kelly Fiala, Phd, ATC, Assistant Dean/Instructor for Salisbury State University Athletic Trainer Program, made a presentation to the Board about the educational preparation for the athletic trainee student.

Mr. Bielawski stated that Dr. Andrea Mathias, Board Chair, talked about the need for athletic trainers at secondary schools in Maryland. She indicated that she and the Board would support the Committee recommendations that there be an athletic trainer at secondary schools. Mr. Bailey put together a reference book for the Board containing information from the Maryland Athletic Trainers Association's website, qualifications of a supervising physician, details of the athletic trainer's licensure act and management of sport concussion. Ms. Bristow stated that the Board wants to know what the Committee considers specialized tasks. They asked that the Committee compile a list of specialized tasks.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Hawk distributed a legislative summary which included a corrective bill to clean up the physician's licensure law which passed in 2013, a corrective bill to clean up the perfusionists statute and a bill for the Board to regulate naturopaths. The summary also included the passage of HB 427 Sudden Cardiac Awareness Act from the Board of Education. The Board of Education will provide education to coaches and others related to sudden cardiac events. House Bill 812 concerning Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and middle school sudden cardiac awareness act also passed. This bill requires all the middle schools to meet the current requirements of the high school AED defibrillator Program developed by each local Board of Education. Each middle school will be required to have an AED on site and someone who is trained to use the AED present at events. Ms. Hawk will provide a copy of the bills for the Committee if they are interested.

NEW BUSINESS

Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee – Roles and Responsibility to Maryland Board of Physicians

Board staff distributed a charter that Dr. Mathias developed for the ATAC to follow.

Defining Specialized Tasks

The Board would like the Committee to define specialized tasks. Mr. Bielawski, Ms. Bristow and Mr. Bailey will put together a list of specialized tasks and bring it back to the Committee for review.

Ms. Smith explained to the Committee that the Board wants to know how they determine a specialized task. For instance, core duties for physician assistants (PAs) are duties that they learn while in training. An advanced procedure is learned after the PA has graduated i.e. lumbar punctures and nasal endoscopy. The Board will be looking for a definition.

Evaluation and Treatment Protocol Approvals

The Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the following evaluation and treatment protocols.

On a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. James, the Committee recommended approval of the evaluation and treatment protocol for Richard Bancells, ATC.

On a motion made by Ms. Bristow and Dr. Tucker, the Committee recommended approval of the evaluation and treatment protocol for Brian Ebel, ATC.

On a motion made by Ms. Bristow and seconded by Ms. Lewis, the Committee recommended approval of the evaluation and treatment protocol for Gary Horsmon, ATC.

On a motion made by Ms. Bristow and seconded by Dr. Petre, the Committee recommended approval of the evaluation and treatment protocol for Donald Neidig, II, ATC.

On a motion made by Dr. Tucker and seconded by Ms. Bristow, the Committee recommended approval of the evaluation and treatment protocol for Danielle Ulekowski, ATC

Specialized Tasks – Eric Hansen, ATC

The Committee reviewed the evaluation and treatment protocol for Eric Hansen, ATC and the request to perform specialized tasks. The Committee determined that administering baseline impact testing under the supervision of the supervising physician is not considered a specialized task. It is part of the athletic trainer's neurocognitive testing which is part of their scope of practice. However, Dr. Tucker expressed concern about an athletic trainer signing off on post concussive evaluations without the knowledge of the team physician.

Ms. Smith stated that Board staff would include in the approval letter that post concussive evaluations has to be done in conjunction with the physician.

Nomination for Chair

Mr. Bielawski's term as Committee chair has expired. Ms. Bristow volunteered to fill the position of Committee Chair and the Committee unanimously elected her Chair.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Submitted by,

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