

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 10:00 a.m., Room 110

PRESENT: John Bielawski, ATC, Chair, Lori Bristow, ATC, John Michie, D.C., Karl Bailey, ATC, Valerie Cothran, M.D., Rick Peret, PT, Karen James, OT, Theresa Lewis, Consumer Member, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Noreen Rubin, Esq., Board Counsel, Michelle Wallace, Administrative Officer, Phyllis Washington, Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT: Andrew Tucker, M.D., Ellen Douglas Smith, Acting Deputy Director, Wynne Hawk, R.N., J.D., Policy and Legislation

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bielawski called the meeting to order at 10:17.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. James and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Committee approved the open meeting minutes of August 14, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Wynne Hawk, R.N., J.D., Policy and Legislation

- Two Disciplinary Panel System

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

There was nothing to report.

LICENSURE RENEWAL STATISTICS

Ms. Wallace stated that this item would be taken up at the next meeting.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT ARTICLE

Mr. Bielawski, Mr. Bailey and Ms. Bristow will work on an article for the Board's Spring 2014 newsletter. The article will be a two part series based on the recognition of concussions on the field (what the athletic trainer does to recognize concussions acutely) and return to play. They will bring the article to the Committee for review and recommendation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tactical Athletes - Mr. Bielawski reminded the Committee that this item has been discussed and placed on hold indefinitely. He gave background on previous discussions that were the result of an athletic trainer working with firefighters in Frederick, Maryland and whether or not working with tactical athletes is within the athletic trainer's scope of practice. Mr. Bielawski feels that this would be an appropriate group of athletes the Committee should look into adding to the athletic trainer's scope of practice. There is a greater recognition of the tactical athletes in terms of firefighters, law enforcement, military and other public servants. They meet the requirements of strength, stamina, flexibility and agility.

The Committee will contact other states to see if they have language that covers ATCs who work with tactical athletes. Mr. Bielawski will check with the National Athletic Trainers Association to see if they have worked on language. He will check with the Secretary to see if they can conduct a survey of membership to find out if ATCs are interested in working with tactical athletes.

NEW BUSINESS

Athletic Trainers Annual Report – Staff provided the annual report for the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee for FY 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013). The Board would like to schedule the Chair of each Advisory Committee to present the annual report to the Board.

Meeting with Dr. Andrea Mathias - Ms. Bristow stated that Pat Lamboni, Head Athletic Trainer for Salisbury, met with Dr. Mathias, Director of Health and Welfare for Worcester County. Dr. Mathias knows the athletic trainers competencies and laws. She expressed the following concerns:

- Does the supervising physician know what an athletic trainer can do and what their supervising agreement means? This issue was discussed and Dr. Mathias has a better understanding.
- There is concern as to whether or not an athletic trainer is using the supervising agreement appropriately.
- Dr. Mathias questioned whether or not the athletic trainer vetted the physician prior to having them become their supervising physician.
- They discussed the problem with the Board of Education dictating health policies related to concussions.

Dr. Mathias will write a letter about what it means to be a supervising physician. She will clarify the role of the supervising physician, as well as the relationship between the athletic trainer and physician. She will allow the Committee to review the letter before it is published in the Board's newsletter.

Mr. Bielawski stated that Mr. Lamboni talked about the confusion between acute care for a head trauma versus return to play.

Evaluation & Treatment Protocols - Ms. Bristow stated that she could not find an approved protocol for Isiah Coles, AT. Dr. Cothran also looked on the website for an employee which she could not find. Ms. Wallace informed the Committee that the website is going through a new phase with software and that she would check on Mr. Cole's protocol and get back to the Committee.

New Committee Member – The Committee has a vacant position for a physician who specializes in orthopedic medicine. The Committee discussed and nominated Benjamin Petre, M.D. to fill the position.

On a motion made by Ms. Bristow and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Committee voted for Benjamin Petre, M.D. to fill the vacant position.

Meeting Cancellation – The Committee expressed concern and disappointment that their last meeting was cancelled. Ms. Wallace stated that she would send out an email to the Committee for agenda items. If there is no response, she will continue to try to contact the Chair.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Peret, the Committee voted to adjourn at 11:25 a.m.

Submitted by,

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