

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes December 4, 2022

ABME Members Present

Eric Law, M.D., AC Chairman
James Robinson, M.D.

ABAT Members Present

R. T. Floyd, Ed.D.
Kyle Southall
Daniel Lindsey (virtual)

Member Absent

Beverly Jordan, M.D. (ABME)

Others Present

Keith Warren (ABAT)
Renee' Reames (ABAT)
Ms. Effie Hawthorne (ABME)
Ms. Kimi Buley (ABME)
Jean-Marie Sailors (ABAT)

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Advisory Council of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers (ABAT) and Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners (ABME) met on December 4, 2022. The meeting was held at Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers' office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Keith Warren called member roll and announced a quorum was present. Dr. Eric Law, Advisory Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. Warren introduced Ms. Jean-Marie Sailors, licensing assistant, who would be working with the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Law called for a review of the Advisory Council's September 25, 2022, meeting minutes. MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the September meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Lindsey seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

III. Old Business

A. Review and Approval of Supervising Physicians Regarding Maximum Supervision:

Mr. Warren presented a list of physicians who had requested approval to supervise more than 15 Athletic Trainers (ATs). He indicated that several notices had been sent to the 2022 supervising physicians about the changes in Rule 140-X-8 requirements limiting supervision to a maximum of 15 ATs. The Advisory Committee reviewed the individual requests from 11 physicians and consider supervision status of 9 additional physicians.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the request from the following physicians to supervise more than 15 Athletic Trainers in the upcoming AT licensure year and recommend approval by the Athletic Trainers Board and Board of Medical Examiners: Drs. Lawrence Lemak, Jay Umarvadia, Eric Law, Derek Woessner, Michael Goodlett, Emily Casey, Austin Worley, William Lawrence, Jack Moore, and Earl Stewart

and the following physician given conditional approval pending receipt of required information, unless a reason presented as cause to deny: Drs. Jim Walter, Michael Patterson, John Greco, Robert Agee, Dexter Walcott, Richardo Colberg, Bob McAlindon, Matthew Hale, John Harcourt, and Jonathan Jennings. The motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd and unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

Mr. Warren reported that follow-up communications would be sent to the conditionally approved physicians requesting additional information and the recommendations of the Advisory Council on this matter would be presented to the Athletic Trainers Board and the Board of Medical Examiners.

B. Review of Dry Needling Documents:

Mr. Southall presented the proposed definition of dry needling. The Board discussed the inclusion of electronic stimulation in training coursework and whether to keep the reference of therapeutic electrical currents in the definition of Dry Needling.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the proposed Dry Needling definition with the modification that the use of therapeutic electronic currents cannot be involved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd and unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

Chairman Law indicated that based on the discussion about electrical stimulation, the matter could be revisited as new data became available.

Mr. Southall also presented the revised Dry Needling Attestation Form, which included the signature of the supervising physician. Dry Needling requirements included for licensees:

- BOC approved training/courses (form)
- All regions of body training (form)
- 25 hours face-to-face training (form)
- Physician approval (form)
- Completion of 25 hours training to maintain certification.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the Attestation Form as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Southall and unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

Mr. Warren reported that the Dry Needling definition and Attestation Form would be presented to the Athletic Trainers Board and the Board of Medical Examiners for approval.

C. Discussion of Specialty Protocols:

Chairman Law presented the proposed changes to the Protocol based on the BOC Practice Analysis, 8th Edition. He reminded the members that the current Protocol had been approved in 2021 and recommended the approval of the updated proposed Protocol to become effective for the next renewal recycle.

MOTION: Dr. Floyd made the motion to recommend approval of the proposed Protocol to the joint Boards and the Protocol become effective for the next renewal cycle. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

IV. Announcements and Other Business

A. Athletic Trainers Scope of Practice – Other Considerations:

The members discussed emergency IVs in the scope of practice for Athletic Trainers. Regulating the practice of emergency IVs was discussed, e.g., required training, safety, risks, precedents in other states, limitations of local medical resources in areas of the State, etc. Chairman Law tabled the discussion to a future meeting.

Also discussed was the practice of suturing and the need for operational guidelines in various settings, e.g., industrial/occupational, etc. Chairman Law called for volunteers to serve on a committee to develop a list of considerations. Committee members included: Dr. Floyd, Mr. Lindsey and Dr. Law. The members discussed requesting a declaratory ruling from the Board of Medical Examiners about ATs involvement with IVs. Also discussed were ex-officio members to serve on work groups related to practice settings. Mr. Warren recommended that the Advisory Council members serving on the work group have all communications come through him (Executive Director) to minimize the appearance of business being conducted outside an official meeting.

B. Next Meeting Date and Location

Following discussion by the members about meeting in January 2023, Chairman Law announced that the next meeting of the Advisory Council would be held on February 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the ABAT office in Montgomery.

V. Adjournment:

MOTION: Mr. Lindsey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and was unanimously approved by the members. Chairman Law adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Law, M.D.
Chair, Advisory Council

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