

## ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Minutes September 25, 2022

#### ABAT Members Present

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

#### ABME Members Present

Eric Law, M.D., AC Chairman  
James Robinson, M.D.  
Beverly Jordan, M.D. (virtual)

#### Others Present

Keith Warren (ABAT)  
Renee' Reames (ABAT)  
Matt Hart (ABME)

#### 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 September 25, 2022. The meeting was held at Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers' office in Montgomery, Alabama. Renee' Reames called member roll and announced a quorum was present. Dr. Eric Law, Advisory Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Law called for a review of the Advisory Council's September 6, 2022, meeting minutes. MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the September meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Southall 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, in advance of the upcoming renewal of licenses for ATs, to supervise more than 15 Athletic Trainers (AT), based on the Board's statute and Rule 140-X-8. The Advisory Committee reviewed the individual requests from 11 physicians and acknowledged verification of license by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

MOTION: Dr. Floyd made the motion to approve the request from the following physicians to supervise more than 15 Athletic Trainers in the upcoming AT licensure year: Drs. Irfan Asif, Edward Cain, Christopher Carter, Michael Ellerbusch, Clayton Lane, Troy Layton, Amit Momaya, Jose Ortega, James Robinson, Michael Ryan, and Chase Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and unanimously approved by the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council unanimously agreed to request additional information from Dr. Lawrence Lemak for the Council's further consideration.

**B. Review of Dry Needling Documents:**

Mr. Southall reviewed the revised Dry Needling Attestation form for the Advisory Council's approval. The Council members agreed to include the supervising physician's signature on the form, as it pertains to item 4 on the Attestation form which states "approval of supervising physician via the athletic trainers' licensure attestation is attained before the practice of Dry Needling is employed."

The members continued to discuss identifying the number of required training hours and whether to include a two-phased training requirement. Cost of the training was also a consideration in establishing requirements to be certified to perform Dry Needling. Maintenance of the certification through CE training versus performing a minimum number of procedures to document competency was discussed, e.g., minimum number procedures required and how to document/validate number of procedures performed.

The members discussed creating a written definition of Dry Needling and reviewed the definition approved by the Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiner (Rule 190-X-3-.03). The members discussed obtaining multiple examples of definitions, potentially from Dry Needling training course providers, to consider when creating a definition for Dry Needling. Mr. Southall and Dr. Law agreed to research this information and submit to Mr. Warren for dissemination to the Advisory Council members. Mr. Warren indicated that he would submit the information, upon receipt, to the Board attorney for comment.

The Advisory Council agreed to give further consideration to: 25 hours of training weighted by cost to attain, 25 procedures to maintain certification (competency) and defining Dry Needling.

**C. BOC Practice Analysis:**

A copy of the 2021 approved Licensed Athletic Trainer Protocol was distributed to the members. The Advisory Council members discussed revisions to the protocol to include BOC Practice Analysis, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, which is effective April 2023 for the BOC Athletic Trainer exam and January 2024 for the BOC recertification activities. Consideration was given by the members about not referencing in the protocols the practice of prescribing or ordering and other options were discussed, e.g., designing, implementing, advising, recommending, etc. Dr. Law tabled further discussion to the next meeting of the Advisory Council.

**D. Discussion of Specialty Protocols:**

Dr. Law tabled discussion of Specialty Protocols due to time constraints.

**IV. Announcements and Other Business**

**A. Future topics:**

The Advisory Council members identified future topics of the Advisory Council, such as emergency IVs, single dose over-the-counter administration and suturing.

**B. Next Meeting Date and Location**

The members agreed to meet in advance of the December meeting of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainer. Chairman Law announced that the next meeting of the Advisory

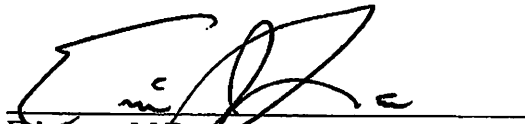
Council would be held on December 4, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the ABAT office in Montgomery.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and approval requests from supervising physicians as discussed earlier in the meeting (item III.A.), along with finalizing Dry Needling recommendations (item III.B.) and Practice Analysis (item III.C.).

V. Adjournment:

MOTION: Mr. Southall made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and was unanimously approved by the members. Chairman Law adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Law, M.D.  
Chair, Advisory Council

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