

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes September 6, 2022

ABAT Members Present

R. T. Floyd, Ed.D.
Kyle Southall
Daniel Lindsey

ABME Members Present

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

Members Absent

Beverly Jordan, M.D.

Others Present

Keith Warren (ABAT)
Renee' Reames (ABAT)
Matt Hart (ABME)
Chris King (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 September 6, 2022. The meeting was held at the Briarwood Christian School at 6255 Cahaba Valley Road in Birmingham, Alabama. Keith Warren called member roll and announced a quorum was present. Dr. Eric Law, Advisory Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Law called for a review of the Advisory Council's August 21, 2022, meeting minutes. MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the August 21, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Southall seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

III. Old Business

A. Update on Notifications to Supervising Physicians regarding Maximum Supervision:

Mr. Warren presented a list of questions for supervising physicians to register and seek approval to supervise more than 15 Athletic Trainers (AT). After a lengthy conversation about the pre-registration process and information needed to pre-qualify a physician for the upcoming renewal period for ATs, the members agreed to notify the physicians about the pre-registration approval process and request they provide general information to the ABAT if they expected to exceed the maximum number of supervisees:

1. Do you anticipate supervising more than 15 Athletic Trainers?
2. Are you within 150 miles of each Athletic Trainer you supervise?
3. Please describe your educational preparation, experience and specialty.

An attestation was also added to the pre-registration form. Mr. Hart recommended that, upon receipt of the pre-approval form, Mr. Warren coordinate with the Board of Medical Examiners to acquire any additional information about the physician's qualifications, in advance of submitting the list of supervising physicians to the Advisory Council.

The members also discussed the information to be included on the individual applications completed by the supervising physician during the ATs renewal process.

MOTION: Mr. Southall made the motion to approve the pre-approval form as discussed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

B. Review of Dry Needling Documents:

Mr. Southall presented and reviewed the Dry Needling Attestation form for the Advisory Council's approval. The members discussed the educational requirements for Dry Needling certification. Dr. Robinson commented on defining Dry Needling vs. Acupuncture and proposed creating a definition of Dry Needling. Due to time constraints, the matter was deferred to the next Advisory Council meeting.

V. Announcements and Other Business

A. Dr. Law deferred the other agenda items, (1) BOC Practice Analysis and (2) Specialty Protocols, to the next meeting.

B. Next Meeting Date and Location

The members agreed to meet, in advance of the next scheduled meeting of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainer, to review and approval requests from supervising physicians, as discussed earlier in the meeting. Chairman Law announced that the next meeting of the Advisory Council would be held on September 25, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the ABAT office in Montgomery.

IV. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Southall made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd and was unanimously approved by the members. Chairman Law adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Law, M.D.
Chair, Advisory Council

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