

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes February 8, 2023

ABME Members Present

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

Member Absent

Beverly Jordan, M.D. (ABME)

ABAT Members Present

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

Others Present

Keith Warren (ABAT)
Renee' Reames (ABAT)
Ms. Kimi Buley (ABME)
Karen Silas (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 February 8, 2023. 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 6:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Law called for a review of the Advisory Council's December 4, 2023 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the December meeting minutes with the correction to the minutes that electronic stimulation would not be included in the practice of Dry Needling and to remove reference to the 25 hours of training to maintain Dry Needling certification. Dr. Floyd seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

III. Old Business

A. Update on Physicians Requesting Maximum Supervision:

Mr. Warren reported that 39 physicians had requested prior approval to supervise more than the maximum fifteen (15) athletic trainers, in accordance with Rule 140-X-8.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the current list of supervising physicians requesting to supervise more than the maximum 15 athletic trainers. The motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd and unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

B. Update on Dry Needling:

Mr. Warren reported that the Athletic Trainers' Board had received inquiries about obtaining Board approval to practice Dry Needling and he indicated that one application had been received.

C. **Work Group Report – Emergency IV Guidelines**

Dr. Floyd presented a review of Emergency IV practices in surrounding states, along with a copy of the Declaratory Ruling by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, concerning the operation of certain wellness clinics offering to administer intravenous (“IV”) medications to persons for a fee. The members discussed obtaining a copy of the Advanced Paramedic protocols and authority for comparative content in creating protocols for athletic trainers. Following a lengthy discussion, the members agreed that more time was needed to review the IV documents. Chairman Law asked the members to provide, before the next Council meeting, recommendations to the Work Group to facilitate an outline of the ATs’ IV practice protocol.

IV. **Announcements and Other Business**

A. **Administration of Medications to High School Students:**

Dr. Robinson led discussion regarding athletic trainers being allowed to administer medication to high school students and recommended the Athletic Trainers’ Board appeal to the Nursing Licensing Board for ATs to perform limited medication administration. The members discussed the many scenarios that an AT was present at high school activities to assist in administering medications. Also discussed were the advanced training that ATs received for licensure as compared to the certified medication administrator (CMA) course under the Board of Nursing. The Council supported these efforts and asked Dr. Floyd to assist in creating an outline of the ATs training and qualifications, to be reviewed by the Council. Chairman Law indicated that this matter would be presented to the Athletic Trainers’ Board for consideration.

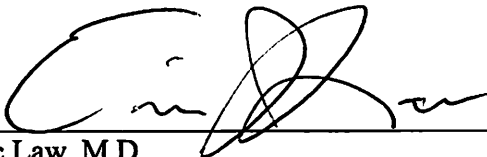
B. **Next Meeting Date and Location**

Following a review of the Athletic Trainers’ Board meeting schedule in February and June, Chairman Law announced that the next meeting of the Advisory Council would be held on April 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the ABAT office in Montgomery.

V. **Adjournment:**

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindsey and was unanimously approved by the members. Chairman Law adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Law, M.D.
Chair, Advisory Council

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