

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes May 17, 2023

ABME Members Present

Eric Law, M.D., AC Chairman
Beverly Jordan, M.D.

ABAT Members Present

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

Member Absent

James Robinson, M.D. (ABME)
Kyle Southall (ABAT)

Others Present

Keith Warren (ABAT)
Renee' Reames (ABAT)
Matt Hart (ABME--arrive at 6:45p.m.)
Sandi Kirkland (ABME)
Tonya Vice (ABME)
Kimi Buley (ABME--virtually joined later)

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 May 17, 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 5:26 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Law called for a review of the Advisory Council's April 19, 2023, meeting minutes. Mr. Lindsey recommended the minutes be modified to clarify that some of the emergency IV-related documents had been presented at a prior meeting.
MOTION: Dr. Floyd made the motion to approve the April meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindsey and unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

III. Old Business

A. Work Group Reports

1. Emergency IV Protocol – Mr. Lindsey presented, for the Advisory Councils' consideration, standards and protocols for athletic trainers (AT) to perform clinical skills related to intravenous (IV) access and IV fluid administration. He reviewed the recommended standards, which stated that an AT must meet the education and training requirements as outlined in the standards and protocols prior to performing IV access and IV fluid administration. Intraosseous infusions were prohibited. Also included were age restrictions for IV access and limit on the number of attempts for IV access. The proposed standards stated that an AT must notify the supervising physician as soon as possible upon performing IV access or IV fluid administration, but no more than one hour following the initial attempt for IV access for a person. Documentation

requirements were outlined and protocols for exercise-associated muscle cramps, exertional heat stroke and exertional sickling event were presented.

The members discussed the educational standards for ATs. In the absence of a standard academic curriculum to complete training and attaining a skill level satisfactory to the supervising physician, the members considered three (3) hours of initial structured instruction on techniques and hands-on in IV access and IV fluid administration (comprised on one hour hands-on and 2 hours instructional) on the protocol categories, along with information on risks and benefits and the training be attested by the AT's supervising physician. An attestation form would be created for ATs to request IV fluid administration approval and the Attestation would be signed by the AT and the supervising physician. The supervising physician must provide subsequent annual approval for the AT to perform IV access and IV fluid administration. Additional modifications to the standards and protocols were discussed.

MOTION: Dr. Floyd made the motion to amend the standards and protocols as discussed and to recommend approval to the Board of Athletic Trainers and the Board of Medical Examiners. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. Lindsey reported that he would amend the document and provide a copy to the Executive Director to circulate to the Advisory Committee members. The final copy will be presented to the Boards for approval.

2. Administering Medications to K-12 Grade School Program Students – Dr. Floyd reported that he had contacted the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) about ATs administering medications to K-12 grade school students as part of the ABN's Certified Medication Assistant program. He reviewed an email that he had sent to the ABN to follow up on his telephone conversation (copy available in Official Book of Minutes). Mr. Warren reported that he and Mr. Hart had been contacted by the ABN requesting additional information. Mr. Hart reported that he had provided ABN with the comparison of AT protocols. Mr. Warren reported that he would forward the inquiry to Dr. Floyd about the information ABN was requesting.

3. Occupational Protocols – Dr. Law reported that work was continuing in developing occupational protocols for the Advisory Council's consideration.

4. Request to Perform Dry Needling – Mr. Warren presented requests from 12 licensed athletic trainers to perform dry needling. The members reviewed the attestation forms and training certificates (list available in Official Book of Minutes). Mr. Warren reported that the attestation form would be modified to include the printed name of the physician. The AC requested that the documents be scanned and forwarded to the Advisory Council on a regular basis and the requests ratified at the next meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Floyd made the motion to approve the ATs' requests to perform Dry Needling as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindsey and unanimously approved by the members.

IV. Announcements and Other Business

A. Election of Advisory Council Chair (ABAT member)

Dr. Law nominated Mr. Lindsey as chair of the Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd. There were no other nominations from the floor and Mr. Lindsey was elected by acclamation.

B. ABAT Next Meeting

Dr. Law reported that the next meeting of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers was scheduled June 3, 2023, in conjunction with the Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association annual meeting and scheduled to be held at the Trussville Civic Center. Other meetings of the Board were scheduled for July 18th and September 12th.

C. Advisory Council Next Meeting

The members agreed to meet on July 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board of Athletic Trainers office in Montgomery.

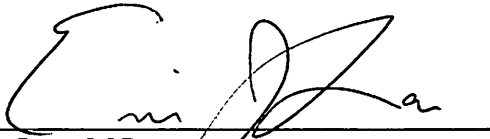
D. Other Business

The members discussed future business of the Advisory Council to include (1) development of protocols outlined in the ABAT statute: occupational setting, collegiate/professional league, secondary schools and clinics and hospitals, (2) suturing, (3) medication administration. The members acknowledged that the updated BOC standards protocol was already approved.

V. Adjournment:

MOTION: Mr. Lindsey 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Law, M.D.
Chair, Advisory Council

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