



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Athletic Trainers Section
March 5, 2015
9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Aaron Galpert, AT
Brian Hartz, AT, PhD, Chair
Kimberly Peer, AT, EdD, Secretary
Susan Stevens, AT, EdD
Trevor Vessels, Public Member

Legal Counsel

Melissa Wilburn, AAG

Staff

Lisa Ratinaud, Enforcement Division Supervisor
Jeffrey Rosa, Executive Director

Members Absent

Jason Dapore, DO

Guest

Paul Miller, OATA

Call to Order

Brian Hartz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Action: Aaron Galpert moved that the minutes from the January 7, 2015, meeting be approved as submitted. Susan Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion of Law and Rule Changes

The Executive Director informed the Section that the public rules hearing will be held at the May 2015 Section meeting. The Section will clarify the differences regarding the Board of Certification requirements and the licensure requirements relative to evidenced based practice.

Administrative Reports

Licensure Applications

Action: Kimberly Peer moved that the Athletic Trainers Section ratify, as submitted, the athletic training licenses issued by examination, endorsement, and reinstatement by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board from January 7, 2015, through March 5, 2015, taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Aaron Galpert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Examination Applicants

Atterbury, Meghan
Foley, Mark
Gruel-Wright, Tonya
Kutz, Kristin
Napolitan, Nicholas
Whaley, Whitney

Carroll, Ashley
Fucci, Chantel
Homady, Amanda
Mikesell, Jay
Pacholewski, Elise
Zemites, Erica

Darling, Joshua
Gazdik, Kirk
Klaine, Christopher
Morrow, Abigayle
Steele, Samantha

Endorsement Applicants

Davie, Emily
Ingersoll, Christopher
Saeger, Caryn

Dimos, Stephanie
MacGregor, Jon

Grunkemeyer, Lynn
Osborne, Stephani

Reinstatement Applicants

Daniels, Jessica

Eaches, Justin

Tauber, Lauren

Continuing Education Approval

Brian Hartz reported that two continuing education applications were approved since the January 7, 2015 meeting.

Event Approval

There were zero event approval requests reviewed since the January 7, 2015 meeting.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Melissa Wilburn, AAG had no formal report for the Section.

Case Review Liaison Report

Brian Hartz reported that the Enforcement Division opened one new case and closed five cases since the January 7, 2015 meeting. There are two cases currently open.

Enforcement Actions

None

Old Business

OATA Presentation

The Section will focus the presentation on a FAQ type format to emphasize key topics. The main topics will include unlicensed personnel, scope of practice issues, and common enforcement questions.

New Business

International Athletic Training Students

The Executive Director presented information regarding a program where entry-level athletic training students from Ireland would complete a period of their clinical fieldwork in Ohio under the auspices of a CAATE accredited program. The Ohio program asked the Board if this would be permitted under the Ohio Athletic Training Practice Act.

Based on the discussion, the Section determined that the statute would not prohibit this from occurring. As a result, the Section directed the Executive Director to modify the language in rule 4755-46-02 to explicitly cover this situation.

BOC Regulatory Conference

The Board of Certification Regulatory Conference will be held on July 10-11, 2015 in Omaha, Nebraska. The Executive Director received notification regarding sending someone from the Board to the conference and it will be partially funded by the Board. The Board Members will inform the Executive Director of their availability to attend the conference.

Correspondence

1. **Holly Kozak, AT:** Ms. Kozak asked the Section if athletic trainers can work as a physician extender and take a verbal order from a physician to order x-rays. **Reply:** The Ohio Revised Code pertaining to athletic training does not specifically prohibit an athletic trainer from working as a physician extender in an emergency department. Therefore, the following questions should be asked to determine whether the required skills are within the athletic training scope of practice: A. Is the task represented in entry level education and practice? B. Has the practitioner had continuing education to adequately prepare them to perform the task? C. Does this task provide for safety and welfare of the client? This foundation should provide the framework for analyzing and determining if a task is within one's "personal" scope of athletic training practice. If the professional can provide supporting evidence that adequately addresses these areas, then the task is considered within that athletic trainer's scope of athletic training practice. We would also refer you to two documents that will assist you in determining entry-level education and athletic training practice. These documents include the *Role Delineation Study/Practice Analysis, Sixth Edition*, which identifies the essential knowledge and skills for an entry-level athletic trainer, published by the Board of Certification, Inc. and can be found at <http://bocatc.org/resources/role-delineation-study-practice-analysis> and *Athletic Training Education Competencies (5th Edition)*, which is published by the National Athletic Trainers Association and recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education

as the knowledge, skills and clinical abilities to be mastered by professional program students. It can be found at <http://www.nata.org/education/education-resources>. According to section 4755.60 (A) of the Revised Code, treatment consists of the techniques and procedures used in giving care in situations where assistance is required or requested. Such actions should be reasonable and prudent within the scope of practice of athletic training. All treatment should be rendered in accordance with any established protocol for the venue. Physician directives should be followed at all times. Permission to treat should be obtained. Athletic trainers should not attempt any treatment measure unfamiliar to them or outside the scope of athletic training practice. Some variance may be seen in treatment, depending upon educational background, facility or setting limitations, and patient response. These variances based upon advanced education or training must be identified within the standard operating procedures and reviewed and approved by the team physician or medical director as dictated below. Standard Operating Procedures: It is the professional responsibility of every athletic trainer to have written policies and procedures. Athletic trainers are encouraged to review current policies and procedures with their employers to determine if the existing policies are within the scope of athletic training practice. The Athletic Trainers Section has no guidelines with regards to policy and procedure content. However, the Athletic Trainers Section does advocate that all athletic trainers have written policies and procedures to guide the day-to-day operations of athletic training care. If no athletic training policies and procedures exist, please establish them and put them in writing. Standard operating policies and procedures should be reviewed and approved by a team physician or an organization's medical director. In the case of ordering x-rays, the physician needs to be the ordering party, though these orders could be carried out by the athletic trainer acting in accordance with the physician protocol or order. Verbal orders can be accepted from a physician by an athletic trainer. The challenge with verbal orders is the lack of written documentation from the physician. As such, these verbal orders must be fully documented in the athletic trainer's documentation for the patient, including all relevant information and the fact that it was a verbal order. It is also preferred that the physician also document the verbal order in his or her patient documentation.

Ohio Athletic Trainers Association (OATA)

The Section presentation will be conducted during the OATA Business meeting. The Section will solicit volunteers to work on the rule review process to help identify potential rule changes that are directly related to athletic training scope of practice.

Brian Hartz requested that the Section have a spot on the annual meeting program for certified and student programs each year.

The Section will include the following topics in the OATA Newsletter: scope of practice, technology summary, and highlight resources on the Board's website.

Open Forum

There were no items for open forum.

Items for the Next Meeting

- OATA Presentation
- Rules Hearing
- Retreat Planning
- Executive Director Evaluation

Items for Retreat 2015

Review Language for Foreign-Educated Applicants.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date of the Athletic Trainers Section is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no objection, Brian Hartz adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Moore

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