



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Athletic Trainers Section
March 8, 2012
9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Jason Dapore, DO
Brian Hartz, AT, PhD, Chair
Vincent O'Brien, AT, Secretary

Staff

Lisa Ratinaud, Enforcement Division Supervisor
Jeffrey Rosa, Executive Director

Members Absent

Aaron Galpert, AT

Guests

Jeff Sczpanski, OATA

Legal Counsel

Yvonne Tertel, AAG

Call to Order

Brian Hartz, Section Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Action: Vincent O'Brien moved that the minutes from the January 11, 2012, meeting be approved as submitted. Jason Dapore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion of Law and Rule Changes

The Section discussed whether they should proceed with rules changes to replace the physician member with an athletic trainer member in the joint board legislation. The Section decided not to make the change at this time.

Administrative Reports

Licensure Applications

Action: Vincent O'Brien 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 11, 2012, through March 8, 2012, taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Jason Dapore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Examination Applicants

Beitman, Carolyn
Crawford, Christina
Gainer, Stacey
Kath, Kristopher
Whiteside, Allison

Blankenship, Jamie
Fishel, Marissa
Gerard, Eric
Shaheen, Alexander

Bromley, Caitlyn
Fisher, Jennifer
Huffman, Kristen
Tirey, Julie

Endorsement Applicants

Brown, Amy
McDonagh, Mary

Brown, Caitlin
Rockwell, Benjamin

Ford, Andrew

Reinstatement Applicants

Taylor, Ashley

Continuing Education Approval

Vincent O'Brien reported that, three continuing education applications were approved and one application was denied by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board from January 11, 2012, through March 8, 2012.

Event Approval

There was one event approval request approved since the January 11, 2012 Section meeting.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Yvonne Tertel, AAG, had no formal report for the Section.

Case Review Liaison Report

Lisa Ratinaud reported that the Enforcement Division opened one new case and closed one case since the January 11, 2012 meeting. There are four cases currently open. There are three active consent agreements being monitored.

Lisa Ratinaud presented the Enforcement Liaison recommendations on behalf of Aaron Galpert.

On behalf of Aaron Galpert, Lisa Ratinaud recommended that the Section accept the consent agreement for case AT-FY11-015 in lieu of going to a hearing. **Action:** Vincent O'Brien moved that the consent agreement for case AT-FY11-015 be accepted in lieu of going to a hearing. Jason Dapore seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Stacy Schuler, AT.

On behalf of Aaron Galpert, Lisa Ratinaud recommended that the Section issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case number AT-FY12-005 for failure to comply with the term of their consent agreement. **Action:** Vincent O'Brien moved that the Section issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case number AT-FY12-005 for failure to comply with the term of their consent agreement. Jason Dapore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence

1. **Trevor Bates:** Mr. Bates asked the Section if an athletic trainer can make a referral to another athletic trainer for services rendered to a visiting team athlete. **Reply:** Pursuant to section 4755.60 (A) of the Revised Code and rule 4755-42-02 of the Administrative Code, athletic trainers must practice upon the referral of an individual licensed in Ohio to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, chiropractic, dentistry, or physical therapy. Athletic trainers may not accept direct referrals from physician assistants or practitioners of the limited branches of medicine. There is no provision in the Ohio Athletic Training Practice Act that allows an athletic trainer to athletic trainer referral. Currently, an athletic trainer can provide continued care to an athlete with a referral for care. For example, an athletic trainer can delegate continued treatment to another athletic trainer provided that the originating athletic trainer has a valid physician order on file and sends a copy with the athlete so the athletic trainer providing care has a referral from an individual licensed in Ohio to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, chiropractic, dentistry, or physical therapy. In most cases, athletic trainers want to extend their standard operating procedure to another athletic trainer. This type of extension does not comply with the Ohio Athletic Training Practice Act. In accordance with section 4755.60 (A) of the Ohio 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. A progression of categories is listed as a guideline for your use. 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. A referral is not required for first aide and routine treatment. However, a referral is required for restorative treatment. **First Aid (no referral necessary)** - Basic, immediate care given on site to stabilize and prepare for evacuation and referral as needed. **Routine (no referral necessary)** - Maintenance and preventative measures commonly used by athletic trainers, such as pre-event warm-up and post-event cool-down procedures. The sole intent of treatments used is to maintain normal function during participation and daily living. For example, athletes sometimes request to be taped as a prophylactic measure or ritual for participation. Prophylactic taping is not care of an injury; it is a desire of the athlete, and does not call for the degree of skill in selection of taping method or application, as might be used by a licensed health care practitioner. **Restorative** - Patient specific instructions for use with a diagnosed injury or as prescribed by the referral source. **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)** - A protocol set forth by team physicians and athletic trainers for treatment or

various injuries prior to evaluation by a physician. Such procedures should be followed as outlined with timely referral. This protocol must be documented and on file in the setting where used. Athletic trainers may provide visiting teams, traveling without an athletic trainer or team physician, first aid/emergency care and routine care. An athletic trainer can make return to play decisions for visiting team athletes if there is no injury present. They should not provide restorative treatments or return an injured athlete or an athlete with a suspected injury to participation. The information contained in this response would also apply to the visiting team athletic trainer if the home team did not have an athletic trainer. Athletic injury means any injury sustained by an individual that affects the individual's participation or performance in sports, games, recreation, exercise, or other activity that requires physical strength, agility, flexibility, speed, stamina, or range of motion. If an athletic trainer practitioner determines that the athlete has an athletic injury, then the athlete should not be returned to play.

2. **Alex Rhinehart:** Mr. Rhinehart asked the Section for clarification on listing athletic trainer's credentials. **Reply:** The Athletic Trainers Section is working to educate athletic trainers in the correct credentials to use in professional signatures. Licensed athletic trainers in Ohio should use the credential "AT" following their name to indicate licensure. The credential "ATC" is a credential trademarked by Board of Certification to be used by individuals holding current BOC certification. Licensed athletic trainers should sign their name as Jane Smith, AT. The BOC prohibits individuals from adding "/L" after the "ATC" to indicate licensure. The Section does not specify the order in which you place your credentials.
3. **Jessica Mann:** Ms. Mann asked the Section questions regarding documenting patient histories, evaluations, and concussion screening and billing questions. **Reply:** Pursuant to section 4755.60 (A) of the Revised Code and rule 4755-42-02 of the Administrative Code, athletic trainers must practice upon the referral of an individual licensed in Ohio to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, chiropractic, dentistry, or physical therapy. Athletic trainers may not accept direct referrals from physician assistants or practitioners of the limited branches of medicine. Therefore, clinic-based athletic trainers may provide athletic training services if they receive a referral for athletic training evaluation and treatment. The prescription/referral must state that referral is for athletic training. Under an athletic training referral, the athletic trainer functions independently and is responsible for documentation. Pursuant to rule 4755-46-01 of the Administrative Code, unlicensed individuals functioning under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer may perform designated routine tasks related to the operation of athletic training provided that the supervising athletic trainer is on-site to supervise the delegated tasks. Under the Ohio Athletic Training Practice Act, a license athletic trainer can legally perform all of the athletic training activities identified in the Board of Certification's (BOC) *Role Delineation Study/Practice Analysis, 6th Edition*, provided that the athletic trainer has an appropriate referral and provided that the athletic trainer can document and demonstrate competence in the activities performed. It is also not within the jurisdiction of the Athletic Trainers Section to render billing advice.
4. **Jennifer Novak:** Ms. Novak asked the Section if athletic trainers treat a client using the activator method. **Reply:** There is nothing in the Ohio Athletic Trainers Practice Act that prohibits an athletic trainer from using an activator method as part of the athletic training plan of care. However, the athletic trainer must produce evidence of appropriate training and demonstrate knowledge and competency in administering the activator method prior to treating a client.

Old Business

Audience- Specific Presentation Update

This item was tabled until the strategic planning retreat meeting.

New Business

Retreat Planning

The Athletic Trainers Section retreat will be held on July 17, 2012. The Section identified the following topics for the retreat: Audience- Specific Presentations and review the athletic trainers practice act.

Ohio Athletic Trainers Association (OATA)

Jeff Sczpanski reported that OATA published information in their newsletter about how to find answers to questions in the Athletic Trainers Section minutes. Mr. Sczpanski further reported that OATA met with representative regarding HB143. OATA is working on developing resources to help explain the roles and responsibilities of athletic trainers and drafting standing operating procedures. Mr. Sczpanski provided draft document from OATA

regarding guidelines for making return to play decisions by an Ohio licensed athletic trainer. OATA would like to consider having this document endorsed jointly by the OATA and the Athletic Trainers Section.

Open Forum

The Section will moved the July 25, 2012 Athletic Trainers Section meeting to July 17, 2012. The meeting will begin at 8:30am.

Items for the Next Meeting

- Review Strategic Plan timelines
- Review Jurisprudence Exam

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Athletic Trainers Section will be Wednesday, May 9, 2012.

Adjournment

Action: Jason Dapore moved that the meeting be adjourned. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Moore

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