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MICHIGAN BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS

FEBRUARY 20, 2020 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Athletic Trainers met on February 20, 2020, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Christina Eyers, EdD, AT, ATC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Christina Eyers, EdD, AT, ATC, Chairperson
Michael Braid, MEd, AT, ATC
Michael Kolinski, D.O.
Lisa R. Kravitz, Public Member
Morgan McCaul, Public Member
Megan Snow, MA, AT, ATC
Felix M. Valbuena, Jr, MD
James K. Winkler, Jr., AT, ATC

Members Absent: Thye L. Fischman, Public Member
Daniel K. Tinkey, AT, ATC

Staff Present: Dawn Gage, Manager, Licensing Division
Dena Marks, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Kiran Parag, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

Eyers initiated introductions of Board Members and Department staff.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Valbuena, seconded by Kolinski, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Winkler, seconded by Kravitz, to approve the minutes from May 16, 2019, meeting as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

MiPLUS DISCUSSION

Gage introduced herself to the Board. She informed the Board that the Department will be switching to a new licensing platform called MiPLUS. The new platform will process license applications and update the online license verification system. Gage provided an overview of MiPLUS and discussed what to expect during and after the transition.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Presentation

Eyers presented Resolutions to Phillip Adler, PhD; Mary Fineis, MBA, CPC, CPDS; Jeremy Marra, MS, AT, ATC; and Patrick Wykes, MA, AT, ATC, CSCS, honoring the time they spent on the Michigan Board of Athletic Trainers.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Marks ran the Election for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Eyers, seconded by Kravitz, to elect Winkler as the Vice Chairperson.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Braid, Kolinski, Kravitz, McCaul, Snow, Valbuena,
Winkler, Eyers
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Committee Assignments

Eyers made the following committee assignments:

Board Review Panel

Eyers
Winkler
Tinkey

Disciplinary Subcommittee

Kravitz – Public Chairperson
McCaul – Public
Valbuena – Professional
Braid – Professional
Snow – Professional
Fischman – Public Alternate
Kolinski – Professional Alternate

Rules

Winkler
Snow
Braid
Tinkey
Eyers

HPRC Appointment

Marks stated that Paul Schmidt, MS, AT, ATC, PT, is eligible for re-appointment as the Board of Athletic Trainers, Health Professional Recovery Committee representative.

MOTION by Kolinski, seconded by Braid, to re-appoint Paul Schmidt, MS, AT, ATC, PT, as the Board of Athletic Trainers, Health Professional Recovery Committee representative.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Braid, Kolinski, Kravitz, McCaul, Snow, Valbuena,
Winkler, Eyers
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Marks provided an overview of the Health Professional Recovery Program and Committee.

HPRP Annual Report

Marks presented the HPRP Executive Summary: October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Marks informed the Board that the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) needs two public members. Candidates may reach out to the Department.

Rules Discussion

Marks stated that the Athletic Trainers rules were promulgated on November 19, 2019. Legislation was then passed on January 27, 2020, regarding continuing education.

MOTION by Braid, seconded by Winkler, to open the rules.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Braid, Kolinski, Kravitz, McCaul, Snow, Valbuena,
 Winkler, Eysers
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Eysers asked Marks if she could shed some light on the relation of Physical Therapy rules and Athletic Trainers rules. Marks read the definition of "Practice of athletic training" from the statute which outlines the scope of practice for athletic trainers.

Eysers stated that the responsibility of the Board is to protect the public. If anyone reaches out to a Board member, they should refer the individual to the Department. She stated that Athletic Trainers Board members cannot answer for other professions, such as physical therapy.

Chair Report

Eysers stated that she has loved her time on the Board and is encouraged to see the new faces that will take her place.

Eysers read a "Thank you" email from Mary Fineis.

Winkler has been named to the Board of Certification (BOC) for the Athletic Trainer, Advisory Panel as the Michigan representative. Winkler stated that BOC is looking into what is happening at the state level and determining where they can assist. Their primary area of interest is disciplinary actions.

Department Update

Marks announced that Debra Gagliardi has been named the Director of the Bureau of Professional Licensing.

Marks stated that the Bureau will hold the next Board Member Training on February 27, 2020. All Board members are welcome to attend.

Wysack announced that the travel reimbursement rate had changed from .58 cents per mile to .575 cents per mile.

Wysack gave an overview of the Nondisclosure of Confidential Personal Information Acknowledgement form regarding Egress. She asked that the form be signed and provided to the Department.

Wysack stated that she needed to collect all ID badges. This was a decision made by department leadership due to security concerns in the building. Future access to meetings will require an escort.

Wysack reminded the Board to check the new state email address regularly as it is now the source of communication with the Department. The email address cannot be synced with a cell phone but still may be accessed on a cell phone using the web link.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Parker with the Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society spoke regarding possible revisions to the rules clarifying what is needed to allow athletic trainers to treat patients in the outpatient rehabilitation setting in accordance with the athletic trainers practice act. He also asked that the Board promulgate rules in compliance with Public Act 19 of 2020 and remove all references to "first aid."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Valbuena, seconded by Kolinski, to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

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Minutes approved by Board on: May 21, 2020

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