

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
ATHLETIC TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES - October 27, 2008**

A meeting of the Athletic Training Advisory Committee was held on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Sussex Conference room. The meeting began at 9:30 AM

COMMITTEE MEMBER PARTICIPANTS

Elisa Camillone, LAT; William Hyncik, LAT; Karen Manista, LAT; and J. Timothy Sensor, LAT.

ABSENT

William J. King, D.O.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Nancy Costello Miller, D.A.G.; Lisa Petrowski, Assistant to the Executive Director, Athletic Training Advisory Committee; and Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst

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OPEN MINUTES

I. Ratification of Minutes

A. June 23, 2008

A motion was made by Ms. Manista and seconded by Mr. Sensor to accept the June 23, 2008 Open Minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. New Business

**A. Letter from the Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey Inc.
RE: Athletic Trainers collaborating with Chiropractors**

Mr. Rehberg wrote the Committee and asked the following six questions: Can chiropractors serve as school or team physicians?; Can chiropractors serve as a supervising physician for an athletic trainer?; Can chiropractors treat and make return to play decisions for non-spine related orthopedic conditions?; Can chiropractors treat and make return to play decisions for medical conditions such as concussions?; If an athletic trainer is presented with a plan of care by a

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chiropractor for conditions to parts of the body other than the spine, is the athletic trainer permitted to follow the plan of care?; and What recourse does an athletic trainer have if they encounter a chiropractor who advises athletes to seek chiropractic care instead of athletic training services for conditions not related to the spine?

The Committee will advise Mr. Rehberg that there is nothing in the current statutes or regulations governing the practice of Athletic Training in the State of New Jersey that would prohibit a chiropractor from serving as a school or team physician but there may be other State statutes or regulations that are specific as to the physician that is acceptable or required for the position of a school or team physician. The Committee will also advise Mr. Rehberg that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.2 "Direction of a licensed physician means the designing and overseeing of a plan of care for the athlete by a physician licensed by the State of New Jersey (M.D., D.O., D.C., D.P.M.) within his or her scope of practice..." a chiropractor can serve as a supervising physician for an athletic trainer provided the designing and overseeing of the plan of care is within the chiropractor's scope of practice. The Committee will advise Mr. Rehberg that an athletic trainer may take direction from a licensed physician as long as the direction is within the physician's scope of practice which includes a return to play decision pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.2. The Committee will also advise Mr. Rehberg that an athletic trainer can follow a plan of care presented by a physician provided the plan of care is designed in accordance with the physician's scope of practice. The Committee will further advise Mr. Rehberg that an athletic trainer can submit a complaint to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners if they encounter a situation that maybe in violation of the chiropractor's scope of practice.

**B. Senate No. 2164 (Synopsis - Fitness Professionals Licensing Act)
Introduced October 6, 2008**

A motion was made by Mr. Sensor and seconded by Ms. Manista to advise the Division of Consumer Affairs legislative liaison that the Committee supports S-2164 as it would be in the best interest of consumers of New Jersey to ensure that the individuals in the field of fitness are qualified and proficient to provide fitness services to the consumers of New Jersey. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**C. Assembly No. 2933 (Synopsis - Dietitian/Nutritionist Licensing Act)
Introduced June 12, 2008**

A motion was made by Ms. Manista and seconded by Ms. Camillone to advise the Division of Consumer Affairs legislative liaison that the Committee does not have a comment at this time on A-2933 as it is currently written but would be interested in reviewing any modifications made to this bill. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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III. Old Business

**A. Committee Discussion with Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
RE: Regulations**

Assembly No. 3259, which revises the scope of practice of Athletic Training in New Jersey was enacted on January 8, 2008 and will take effect on the 90th day after enactment. Charles Manning, regulatory analyst, met with the Committee regarding additional language to the Committee's regulations.

IV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Sensor and seconded by Ms. Manista to adjourn the Open Meeting at 11:30 A.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.