

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS SUBCOMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICALS

DATE: February 4, 2016

LOCATIONS:

University of Nevada Reno
1664 N. Virginia Street
Mathewson/IGT Knowledge Center
Room #110
Reno, Nevada 89557

University of Nevada Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway
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Building B, Room 117
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

1. Meeting called to order by Kyle Wilson at 9:03 a.m.
Subcommittee Members Present: Shelly Germann, Tedd Girouard, Steve McCauley, Tiffney Touton, and Kyle Wilson.
Staff Present: Stacey Whittaker, NSBAT Executive Secretary and Colleen Platt, Legal Counsel.
2. **Public Comments.** No members of the public present.
3. **Review and discussion on authorizing Licensed Athletic Trainers while under the direction of a Physician, to possess and transport hypodermics, injectable pharmaceuticals, and prescription drugs; to possess, administer & dispense over the counter pharmaceuticals; to possess and administer emergency inhalers and epinephrine; and to provide iontophoresis or preparations through use of therapeutic ultrasound. Discussion to include making a recommendation to the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers to begin regulatory and/or statutory changes if necessary. (For possible action)**
Kyle Wilson provides the Subcommittee with an overview of the process that has taken place since the Subcommittee was formed in 2013. Originally the proposed language was intended to clarify the use of Over the Counter pharmaceuticals by Licensed Athletic Trainers. After discussions with the Pharmacy Board and further evaluation, the Subcommittee made recommendations to the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers. Steve McCauley asks if Stacey Whittaker could please review the original recommendation made by the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals in 2013. Stacey reviews the recommendations and informs the Subcommittee that these were essentially put on hold after being reviewed by Legal Counsel. The Board was advised that they did not have the statutory authority to amend NRS639.0125 (Pharmacy) and was cautioned against the liability that could be opened up. This led the former Chairman of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers (James Porter) to have further discussions with the Pharmacy Board regarding the proposed language and he came up with the draft language that is being presented today in Item #3.
Steve McCauley feels that this language was not the original intent of the Subcommittee and that far more discussion and review would need to take place before anything is submitted to the Legislature. Colleen Platt discusses the current protocol for Athletic Trainers working with their Physicians in regards to medications and prescriptions. She feels that the Board would meet a lot

of resistance if they try and define Athletic Trainers as a “Practitioner” in the Pharmacy Act. Colleen further advises the Subcommittee to focus on their chapter (NRS 640B) before proposing any changes to the Pharmacy Act. The Subcommittee asks Colleen if she feels that the current language under NRS 640B for Athletic Trainers that defines the scope of practice and guidelines for working under the direction of a physician, necessitates these proposed language changes regarding pharmaceuticals. Colleen feels that the current language under NRS 640B is sufficient. Steve McCauley agrees that the existing regulations and scope of practice go a long way in protecting the public.

Colleen recommends to the Subcommittee that rather than undertake proposed regulatory and/or statutory changes regarding pharmaceuticals, a better option may be to review the protocol between the Athletic Trainer and their overseeing Physician. Tedd Girouard states that in the current UNLV curriculum, the preparation of writing protocols is being instructed. Colleen advises the Subcommittee that if they feel it is necessary to flush out the protocol between the Athletic Trainer and the Physician then they can make that recommendation to the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers.

Steve McCauley motions to reject the proposed pharmaceutical language presented in Item #3. Tedd Girouard seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Steve McCauley motions to recommend to the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers that further work be conducted to better define the protocols and guidelines between the Athletic Trainer and their directing Physician.

Tedd Girouard seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

4. **Review and discuss on AB158 of the 2015 Legislative Session as it pertains to Licensed Athletic Trainers. (For possible action)** The Subcommittee discusses the passage of AB158 which occurred after the Subcommittee began working on the proposed pharmaceutical language in 2013. AB158 allows Nevada Licensed Athletic Trainers to administer auto-injectable epinephrine under certain parameters. The Subcommittee asks Colleen Platt if this Bill defines Athletic Trainers as “Providers of Healthcare”. Colleen clarifies that it does not, it specifically states in Section 5(b) that Provider of Healthcare means a physician, nurse or physician assistant registered or licensed in this State. Colleen further clarifies that this definition can vary in other statutory language and may need to be cleaned up. There are no further questions or comments.

5. **Future agenda items. (For possible action)** No action necessary, the Subcommittee does not anticipate a future meeting at this time.

6. **Discussion, possible decision on date of next Subcommittee meeting. (For possible action)** The Subcommittee does not need to schedule a future meeting until such time that it is requested by the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers.

7. **Public Comments.** No members of the public present.

8. **Meeting adjournment. (For possible action)** Steve McCauley motions to adjourn the meeting of the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals at 10:00 a.m., Tedd Girouard seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

***Minutes are subject to approval at next Subcommittee meeting.**