

Lancaster-Lebanon Athletic Trainers' Association
November 14, 2011

Members Present: Colleen Bensinger, Megan Burger, Sheila Conley, Hank Fijalkowski, Jessica Hess, Kristin Kenworthy, Melissa Kilgore, Scott Kimbel, Steve Kramer, Lynnette Musser, Beth Newill, Lecia Orr, Kim Planck, Dan Quigley, Tracy Ross, Francesca Scalfaro, Chris Seldomridge, Todd Snyder, Jenn Wettig

1. Meeting called to order by Dan Quigley at 8:40 pm. On behalf of LLATA, he thanked CPRS for providing the speaker, food, and meeting space.
2. Quigs announced that the Pennsylvania Legislature is currently considering 10-12 bills that would affect athletic trainers.
 - a. Athletic training licensure passed the Senate and is now in the House.
 - b. Governor Corbett signed the Safety in Youth Sports Act ("Concussion Bill") today.
 - i. Beginning in July 2012, coaches must pass a test on knowledge of concussions before they may have any contact with athletes.
 - ii. Recommended baseline tests include Trail-Making A&B, SCAT, and ImPACT.
 - c. Equity in Interscholastic Sports Bill will require schools to disclose all resources provided for sports (facilities, time, funding, etc.). Boys' and girls' sports must be equal (same-sport comparison).
 - d. HB 1610 (Sudden Cardiac Arrest Bill) passed the House and is now in the Senate. PATS is remaining neutral on the topic. HB1610 simply substitutes "sudden cardiac arrest" for "concussion" in the Safety in Youth Sports Act.
 - e. Heat acclimatization guidelines are in process and will be similar to NCAA rules.
3. PATS is working on a sample policy for academic accommodations for student-athletes who have concussions. Ideally, the policy should address all students, not just athletes.
4. The 79-page NATA position statement on sudden death in sport will release in 6-8 weeks.
 - a. The Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee is concerned about the standard for using rectal temperatures in heat illness. While rectal temperatures are the most accurate, they are impractical for ATs working in high schools. The disconnect between the researchers and clinicians will potentially cause some ATs to fail to follow "best practice" and place them at risk for legal liability.
 - b. Quigs will forward LLATA members a sample "heat illness treatment authorization" that will preclude individual ATs from needing to take rectal temperatures. The statement should be included in the school's emergency action plan and the AT's standing orders. The AT, athletic director, principal, superintendent, and team physician should all sign the statement.
5. Chris Seldomridge recommended having a standard waiver form for parents to sign if they refuse treatment or ambulance transportation for their child.

6. Beth Newill provided a treasurer's report: the account total is \$795.16; \$200.00 is reserved for the LLATA Student Workshop.
7. Quigs noted upcoming events.
 - a. PATS in Lancaster in June 2012.
 - b. NATA in St. Louis in June 2012—housing registration is open now; meeting registration will open in March; NATA will be in Las Vegas in 2013.
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.