



MEMORANDUM

TO: AzATA Members

FROM: AzATA Board of Directors

DATE: August 9, 2013

RE: Maricopa County Health Department Visit

Fellow Members,

As some of you may know, a few of our colleagues in Maricopa County have been visited again by Health Department officials. Similar to our experiences in 2004, the Health Department has brought up issues regarding how ATs perform the duties of their jobs.

As a Board, we want to provide our members with as many tools as possible in dealing with the health and safety of our facilities and patients. Bob Mercer of Waterboy Sports has been kind enough to provide us with educational information regarding their particular products. David Hayward and David Messman represented Gilbert Schools in their dealings with MCHD this past spring. With the assistance of their school district, their initial negative situation had a positive outcome. They have agreed to share their experience. Rick Ball, Esq., AzATA Executive Consultant, is also providing information regarding state statutes and how those affect the AT.

Although many of us reside outside of Maricopa County, or are in positions in which dealings with the Health Department are non-existent, this information could be helpful in proactive planning in the organization and administration of our daily duties.

The Board of Directors cannot provide you with step-by-step instructions because each incident has been, and will be different. Please do understand that this is not just an AT or school-specific issue. You need to involve your district officials, including the legal department if an issue is to arise.

Sincerely,

AzATA Board of Directors:

Michelle Gonzalez, David Messman, Joanne Scandura, Natasha Anderson, Kristin Miller,
Brandon Warner, Greg Keuter