



TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

AD HOC RETAIL CLINICS COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes August 29, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by the Chair, Pat Crocker, D.O. Committee members present were Melinda McMichael, M.D.; Roy Smythe, M.D.; Wynne Snoots, M.D.; and Paulette Southard. Timothy Webb was not present. Staff members present included Mari Robinson, J.D., Executive Director; Nancy Leshikar, General Counsel; Tonie Knight, Licensure Manager; and Megan Goode, Public Information and Special Projects Manager.

Agenda item #2, Dr. Crocker gave an overview of the purpose of the ad hoc committee, specifically to address whether the Board should develop special requirements related to prescription delegation waiver requests made by physicians that provide supervision and delegate prescription delegation to midlevels that are employed at retail clinics.

Dr. Snoots suggested that as the Board considers issues related to prescription delegation, it should take into account the shortage of family practitioners in Texas, and increased difficulties for patients in obtaining timely access to care.

Dr. Smythe pointed out that retail clinics have the potential to increase access to an ever-growing population of 18-40 year olds and raise Texas standing as it relates to the provision of health management services. Dr. Smythe suggested that any special requirements for retail clinics should provide for appropriate physician oversight and coordination of care through technology and communication among health care practitioners.

Dr. McMichael raised the point that any Board action taken should be with the goal of treating all waiver requests in a consistent manner.

Mari Robinson, provided additional background on the matter and noted that through her discussions with professional societies and Legislative staff, that it is likely legislation will be proposed as early as this November regarding prescription delegation requirements and collaborative practice.

After further discussion, the committee recommended that the Board defer any action pending possible legislation. In addition, the committee directed staff to research whether other states have laws related to continuity of care.

Agenda item #3, Adjourn. There being no additional agenda items the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.