

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:52 a.m. by Chair, Margaret C. McNeese, M.D. Committee members present were Patricia S. Blackwell, David Baucom, Charles Oswalt, M.D., Wynne M. Snoots, M.D., and George Willeford III, M.D.

Agenda item 2 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action on requests for waivers of prescriptive delegation requirements

The Committee considered six requests for waivers from physicians affiliated with the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston. Following discussion, requests from Radoslaw Bukowski, M.D., for an alternate practice site in Dickinson, and from Kathleen Vincent, M.D., for a site serving a Medically Underserved Population (MUP) in Texas City, were withdrawn.

The Committee then considered the other four requests from UTMB. All four requestors are requesting modification of site visits to quarterly.

- Russell Snyder, M.D., for sites serving Medically Underserved Populations (MUP) in Beaumont and Orange
- Shannon Clark, M.D., for sites serving Medically Underserved Populations (MUP) in Conroe, New Caney, and Huntsville
- Gwyn Richardson, M.D., for a site serving a Medically Underserved Population (MUP) in McAllen
- George Saade, M.D., for a site serving a Medically Underserved Population (MUP) in Katy.

Dr. Willeford moved that the Standing Orders Committee recommend to the full board that all four physicians be granted waiver of prescriptive delegation requirements for site visits to one physical site every 6 to 8 weeks, with the remainder of the 10% requirement being met via telemedicine. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The committee reviewed a request for waiver of prescriptive delegation requirements from Vandana Kamat, M.D., for a site serving a Medically Underserved Population (MUP) in Kingsville. Dr. Kamat requests an increase in the number of clinics a physician may supervise. Following discussion, **Dr. Willeford moved to defer a determination on this application and obtain information on how the physicians hours are allocated between the clinics and what the scope of Dr. Kamats practice as an occupational medicine specialist is in this general purpose clinic. Further, Dr. Willeford moved that the Committee authorize the Chair to grant the waiver once the information is collected if she found it acceptable. No one seconded and the motion failed. Ms. Blackwell moved to defer a determination on this application and obtain information on how the physicians hours are allocated between the clinics and what the scope of Dr. Kamats practice as an occupational medicine specialist is in this general purpose clinic, then have the Committee review the information at the next Board meeting.. Dr. Willeford seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

The Committee directed staff to obtain stakeholder input regarding the addition of a limitation on the number of clinics and number of hours at all clinics that a physician may supervise in alternate practice sites, similar to the limitations in rule for sites serving medically underserved populations.

The committee reviewed a request for waiver of prescriptive delegation requirements from William Parsons, M.D., for a site serving a Medically Underserved Population (MUP) in Borger. Dr. Parsons requests modification of site visit requirements to quarterly and modification to allow electronic chart reviews. Following discussion, **Dr. Willeford moved that the Standing Orders Committee recommend to the full board that Dr. Parsons request for waiver be denied on the basis that the medical services are limited to employees of Conoco Phillips rather than the broader medically underserved population in Borger. Dr. Oswalt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda item 3 - Report on waivers acted upon by staff. - Ms. Garanflo reported on staff approval of a request for waiver of prescriptive delegation requirements from Jay Harvey, M.D. At the August 2010 Board meeting, Dr. Harvey requested a waiver of the site visit and chart review requirements for alternate practice sites for clinics in Grapevine and Fort Worth, and for a site

serving a medically underserved population in Tyler. The Committee recommended to the full board that Dr. Harvey's waiver request be deferred to find out if Dr. Harvey had the capability of being on site through telemedicine at least 10% of the time for all 3 clinics. If he did, the Executive Director was authorized to grant the waiver request under the condition that Dr. Harvey meet the 10% site visit requirement through telemedicine. Dr. Harvey confirmed he was able to meet the requirement and the Executive Director approved his request for waiver.

Agenda item 4 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action on requests for rehearing for waivers of prescriptive delegation requirements. There were none.

Agenda Item 5 Report on revisions to waiver request form Ms. Garanflo reported on revisions made to the prescriptive delegation waiver request application. The committee directed staff to revise the prescriptive delegation request form to include a section on telemedicine. In cases where a requestor proposes to meet some of the requirements via telemedicine, the committee would like a description of the telemedicine system in enough detail to understand the quality of the system, as well as a description of the method for recording and tracking patient encounters performed by telemedicine vs. on-site.

There being no further business, Dr. McNeese adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.