

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
PUBLIC INFORMATION/PROFILE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the chair, Ms. Paulette Southard. Committee members present were Michael Arambula, M.D., Ms. Patricia Blackwell, Melinda McMichael, M.D., Keith Miller, M.D., and Irvin E. Zeitler Jr., D.O. Also present were staff members Jill Wiggins, Jennifer Kaufman and other board members and staff.

Agenda item #2, media update. Ms. Wiggins updated the committee on media activities since the last board meeting, including an article reporting on the previous days retreat in the *Austin American-Statesman* regarding Texas Watch's presentation to the Board. Mr. Timothy Turner asked the committee to consider contacting civic organizations in board members' communities to provide outreach and education about the Board. Ms. Wiggins will work with community and civic organizations to set up such a program.

Agenda item #3, Report in changes in the Profile layout: Ms. Wiggins reported that the proposed changes will be on the web site in the next few days and media and other interested parties will be notified of the changes.

Agenda item #4, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding rule review and proposed amendments to Chapter 199, **Public Information**, to include changes to 199.3 relating to Requests for Information and 199.4 relating to Charges for Copies of Public Records. Ms. Kaufman explained the rule review process and asked for other recommendations. Dr. Larry Anderson recommended the following change:

199.5. Notice of Ownership Interest in a Niche Hospital.

(a) A physician shall notify the Department of State Health Services of an ownership interest held by the physician in a any niche hospital as required by 162.052 of the Act.

Dr. Miller moved that the proposed rule review of Chapter 199, Public Information, and proposed changes be approved by the full board and posted on the Texas Register for review and comment. Dr. Zeitler seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Agenda item #5, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.