



Texas Medical Board

TELEMEDICINE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the Michael Arambula, M.D. Committee members present were Margaret McNeese, M.D.; Allan Shulkin, M.D.; Surendra K. Varma, M.D.; Timothy Webb, J.D. Karl W. Swann, M.D., Chair and Frank S. Denton were not present. Other board members present were Julie Attebury; John D. Ellis, Jr., J.D.; Carlos Gallardo; Surendra K. Varma, M.D.; and John R. Guerra, D.O. Staff members present included Mari Robinson, J.D., Executive Director; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; Scott Freshour, General Counsel; and Megan Goode, Governmental Affairs & Public Information Manager; and other staff members.

Agenda item #2 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding proposed amendments and rule review to Chapter 174. Ms. Robinson gave a brief statement about the procedural background and history regarding Rule §174.11. On-call Services in the 22 Texas Administrative Code. Ms. Robinson reported the discussion and issues raised during the stakeholder meeting. There was some discussion about striking through Rule 174.11 or putting a new reference to the new proposed rule pertaining to “on-call” services which could be relocated to chapter 177. Drafts of proposed rules 177.18, 177.19 and 177.20 were presented to the committee.

After discussion, **Mr. Webb moved, Dr. Varma seconded, to publish the drafts of §177.18-§177.20 as presented and approved, and publication of a reference to 177.18-177.20 in chapter §174.11. Chapter §174.11 will also be amended to indicate that it has been transferred §177.18-177.20. The motion carried.**

Agenda item #3, Adjourn. Mr. Webb moved, Dr. Varma seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn at 2:20 p.m.