STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Acting Chair, Irvin E. Zeitler Jr., D.O. Committee members present were Patricia S. Blackwell, David Baucom, Margaret C. McNeese, M.D. (by telephone), 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 reviewed a request for waiver of prescriptive delegation requirements from Pilar Bescos, M.D., for an alternate practice site, a site that provides worksite health evaluations for companies in North Texas. Dr. Bescos requests an increase in the number of FTEs allowed at an alternate practice site to six, an increase of the distance requirement from 75 to 150 miles, and a waiver of site visits. Following discussion, Dr. Willeford moved that the Standing Orders Committee recommend to the full board that Dr. Bescos request for waiver be denied on the basis that the waiver is only needed if prescriptive authority is given, however, the description of proposed services should not require delegated prescriptive authority. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The committee reviewed a request for waiver of prescriptive delegation requirements from Haroon Patel, M.D., a pediatric urologist with primary practice in Corpus Christi, for an alternate practice site in Harlingen. Dr. Patel requests a waiver of the distance requirement to allow the alternate practice site in Harlingen. Following discussion, Ms. Blackwell moved that the Standing Orders Committee recommend to the full board that Dr. Patels request for waiver be approved. Dr. Snoots seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Agenda item 3 - Report on waivers acted upon by staff. There were none.

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

Agenda Item 5 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action relating to stakeholder input regarding delegation of prescriptive authority. Ms. Robinson reported on the stakeholder meeting convened relating to standing delegation orders for the performance of cosmetic procedures by licensed and unlicensed health care personnel. The Committee directed staff to draft rules to present to the Committee in November that will create guidelines limiting the administration of cosmetic drugs to licensed healthcare professionals, in line with rules existing in other states and consistent with current provisions of the Medical Practice Act and Board rules.

There being no further business, Dr. Zeitler adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.