

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by the Chairman, Janet Tornelli-Mitchell, M.D. Committee members present were Elvira Pascua-Lim, M.D., Jose M. Benavides, M.D., and David E. Garza, D.O. Staff members present were Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel, Jerry Walker Garanfio, and Jane McFarland.

**Agenda item #2, Review, discussion and possible action regarding proposed committee report to the legislature of recommendations for establishment of a system of standardized credentials verification.** Ms. McFarland presented a draft of the committee report on recommendations for establishment of a system of standardized credentials verification. Dr. Benavides suggested that the committee consider naming the nonprofit entity "Texas Medical Credentials Verification". Stakeholder representatives present were invited to comment on the draft. Kay Peck of Bexar Credentials Verification, Inc. addressed the advantage of using language in the proposed legislation that is broad enough to allow for future changes in credentialing requirements. Janet Wilson, representing Texas Society for Medical Staff Services, questioned the inclusion of "malpractice insurance" in the list of elements to be verified because her experience in credentialing was that the insurance companies would not provide true verification of the information. It was agreed that changes to the list of verified elements would be considered at the October hearing. **Dr. Garza moved, and Dr. Benavides seconded, and the motion passed to accept the draft as presented with changes to make the language broader in regards to the elements to be collected and verified and directed staff to do any necessary editing.**

The committee discussed the schedule for a public hearing on the plan, **agenda item #4, discussion and possible action regarding implementation or revision of committee work plan and direction to staff. Dr. Pascua-Lim moved, and Dr. Garza seconded and the motion passed to hold a public hearing on the proposed plan at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2002.**

**Agenda item # 3 Review, discussion and possible action regarding proposal for development of legislation required for the development of a system of standardized credentials verification.** Ms. Shackelford discussed the legislative requirements to enact the recommended plan that were included in the draft report. **Dr. Benavides moved and Dr. Pascua-Lim seconded and the motion passed to direct staff to draft legislation consistent with the proposal.**

There being no further business, **the committee adjourned at 9:05 a.m.**