

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR SCOPE OF PRACTICE ISSUES
February 2, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by the Chairman, Annette Ragette. Committee members present were Lawrence L. Anderson, M.D.; Jose M. Benavides, M.D.; David E. Garza, D.O.; Keith E. Miller, M.D.; Elvira Pascua-Lim, M.D. and Paulette B. Southard. The following staff were also present: Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Jerry T. Walker, M.P.H., Deputy Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Simpson, Assistant General Counsel, and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, Report on information from Resource Meeting regarding new administrative medicine license and enforcement regulation for physicians practicing as medical directors. Ms. Shackelford gave a report on the Resource Meeting re Administrative Medicine. The group provides input concerning the use and requirements for the new limited license for administrative medicine and the regulation of all licensed physicians making medical necessity decisions as part of their responsibilities as medical directors. It was noted that most participants at the meeting agreed that all medical directors seeking licensure in Texas should be required to demonstrate clinical competency and that the Texas Medical Board should have jurisdiction over medical directors as a matter of public safety. It was reported that one major concern of the health plan was the problem of recruiting medical directors to Texas who must meet the current standards for active practice of medicine. After discussion, the Board directed staff to schedule another Resource Meeting re Administrative Medicine the day before the April Board meetings to allow further input and development of rules. It was announced that all Board members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Agenda item #5, Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.