

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Annette Raggette. Committee members present were Amanullah Khan, M.D.; and, Charles Oswald, M.D. Dr. Kalafut was present and was appointed as an acting committee member. Committee members Margaret C. McNeese, M.D. and Irvin E. Zeitler, Jr., D.O. joined the meeting shortly thereafter.

Agenda item #2, regarding discussion, recommendation, and possible action on requests for waivers of prescriptive delegation requirements.

The committee received a request for waiver of prescriptive delegation from Richard C. Johnston M.D. for modification of the chart review requirement to allow charts to be reviewed at the primary practice site and waiver of the site visit requirement. Following discussion, **Dr. Zeitler moved that the Standing Orders Committee recommend to the full board that Dr. Johnstons waiver request be denied.** This recommendation was based on Dr. Johnstons failure to prove that compliance would cause an undue burden without a corresponding benefit to patient care. **Dr. McNeese seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

The committee received a request for waiver of prescriptive delegation from Howard Mark Cohen, M.D. for modification of the chart review requirement to allow charts to be reviewed at the primary practice site and waiver of the site visit requirement. Following discussion, **Dr. McNeese moved that the Standing Orders Committee recommend to the full board that Dr. Cohens waiver request be denied.** This recommendation was based on the Committees concern regarding the need for the physician to be onsite for chronic pain management and chemical dependency issues. **Dr. Oswald seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda item 3 - regarding a report on waivers acted upon by staff. There were none.

Agenda item 4 - Report regarding updates to the Prescriptive Delegation Waiver

application form. Ms. Garanflo presented a draft with requested changes to the prescriptive delegation waiver request application for approval. The changes were made to clarify the factors the Committee takes into consideration when granting prescriptive delegation waivers. The Committee directed staff to adopt the updated application and post it on the website.

There being no further business, Ms. Ragette adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.