



# Texas Medical Board

## TELEMEDICINE COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by the Chair Karl W. Swann, M.D. Committee members present were Michael Arambula, M.D.; Frank Denton; Margaret McNeese, M.D.; Allan Shulkin, M.D.; Surendra K. Varma, M.D.; and Timothy Webb, J.D. Other board members present were Julie Attebury; Carlos Gallardo; J. Scott Holliday, D.O.; John R. Guerra, D.O.; and Robert B. Simonson, 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 Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code:**

- Chapter 174 Telemedicine, §174.11 On-Call Services;
- Chapter 177 Business Organizations  
New Subchapter E, Physician Call Coverage Medical Services §§177.18-177.20

Ms. Robinson gave an overview of the proposed amendments. After discussion, **Dr. Varma moved, Dr. Shulkin seconded, and the motion passed to approve the proposed amendments to §174.11 and 177.18-20 On-Call Medical Services and publish in the Texas Register for public comments.**

**Agenda item #3, Presentation.** A presentation on a telemedicine pilot program was present by Dr. Glenn Couchman and Justin Johnson with Baylor Scott and White. After discussion, the committee directed staff to research options for board review of telemedicine projects and programs.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.