



Texas Medical Board

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS AND COMMUNICATION AD HOC COMMITTEE THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Chair, Wynne Snoots, M.D. Committee members present were Julie Attebury, Scott Holliday, D.O.; and W. Roy Smythe, M.D. Other board members present were Irvin Zeitler, Jr., D.O., Melinda McMichael, M.D., Paulette Southard, Michael Arambula, M.D.; David Baucom, Patricia Blackwell; John D. Ellis, Jr., J.D.; Carlos Gallardo; Margaret McNeese, M.D.; and Richard Rahr, Ph.D., P.A., Physician Assistant Board member. Staff members present included Mari Robinson, J.D., Executive Director; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; Scott Freshour, General Counsel; Tonie Knight, Licensure Manager; and Megan Goode, Public Information and Special Projects Manager.

Agenda item #2, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the use and charges for electronic medical records and communication.

The committee discussed possible ways to establish charges for electronic medical records. After discussion, the committee directed staff to contact medical practices of varying sizes to obtain information on costs associated with providing electronic medical records. The committee also directed staff to bring forth at the June meeting a drafted rule on fees allowed for providing electronic medical records and to further research the issues of ensuring that electronic medical records contain a meaningful/usable account of a physician's treatment of patients, and regulating the transmission of medical information through email and text messages.

There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.