

TEXAS PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT BOARD
Physician Assistant Owned Clinics Ad Hoc Committee
December 3, 2010

Chair Felix Koo, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Committee members present were David Baucom via phone, Teralea Jones, PA-C; Melinda McMichael, M.D.; Irvin E. Zeitler, Jr., D.O. and Edward W. Zwanziger, PA-C. Other board members present were Ron Bryce, M.D.; Anna Arredondo Chapman; Ron Bryce, M.D.; and Michael A. Mitchell, D.O. Mari Robinson, Executive Director, Jaime Garanfio, Director of Licensure; and Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel, and other staff were present.

Agenda Item #2, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding physician assistant owned clinics. Ms. Robinson outlined the issues, noting that current Texas laws and rules do not expressly prohibit physician assistants or APNs from owning clinics. However, questions have been asked regarding whether, if such clinics employ physicians, they are in violation of either corporate practice of medicine prohibitions or requirements pertaining to physician supervision and delegation. Accordingly, a proposed amendment to Physician Assistant Board Rule 185.16 was drafted, adding Subsection 185.16(e) to permit PAs to own health clinics and contract with physicians to provide supervision under certain circumstances. A stakeholder meeting was held earlier in 2010 to discuss this proposed rule.

After discussion, the board directed staff to gather additional information and to add the issue to the Texas Medical Board and Physician Assistant Board meeting agendas in February for further comments and input.

There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.