

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PUBLIC INFORMATION/PROFILE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by the chair, Ms. Paulette Southard. Committee members present were Larry Anderson, M.D., Ms. Patricia Blackwell, David Garza, D.O., Mr. Eddie Miles Jr., and John W. Pate Jr., M.D. Other board members present were Ms. Annette Raggette and Jos M. Benavides, M.D. Staff members present were Jill Wiggins and Robert Simpson.

Agenda item #2, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed changes to Chapter 199, **Public Information** to include new 199.5, Notice of Ownership Interest in a Niche Hospital regarding requirements of physicians to notify the Department of State Health Services of an ownership interest in a niche hospital. Mr. Simpson explained that the rule was required by SB 872 (79R). He presented the form for physicians to use to notify TDSHS. After a brief discussion, Dr. Garza moved to recommend that the rule be published for comment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Blackwell. **Motion carried.**

Agenda item #3, Media update: Ms. Wiggins updated the committee on media activities since the last board meeting.

Agenda item #4, Update on the customer outreach plan and new display: Ms. Wiggins presented the newly designed display that will be used for meetings such as Tex-Med and the TOMA annual meeting. She informed the committee that the display represents the final part of Phase II of the customer outreach plan, which also included the web site redesign and the redesign of the newsletter, and that requests for bids will be issued for Phase III, which will include a grassroots effort toward greater public awareness of TMB. Dr. Garza suggested investigating the possibility of web casting board meetings for medical students.

Agenda item #5, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.