

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair, Margaret C. McNeese, M.D. Committee members present were Patricia S. Blackwell, George Willeford III, M.D. and Irvin E. Zeitler, Jr., D.O.

Wynne M. Snoots, M.D., entered the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Agenda item 2 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action on requests for waivers of prescriptive delegation requirements.

The committee reviewed a request for waiver of prescriptive delegation requirements from Stephen Burns, M.D., for practice in a medically underserved area (MUA) in Paris, Texas. Dr. Burns requests an increase in the number of clinics a physician is allowed to supervise in a medically underserved area from three to four. Following discussion, **Dr. Willeford moved that the Standing Orders Committee recommend to the full board that Dr. Burns request for waiver be denied on the basis that Dr. Burns was unable to demonstrate sufficient benefit to patient care.** Dr. Willeford suggested Dr. Burns resubmit a waiver request application if he is able to demonstrate that he is the only available physician to supervise that clinic. **Dr. Zeitler seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda item 3 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action on requests for rehearing for waivers of prescriptive delegation requirements. There were none.

Agenda Item 4 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action relating to stakeholder input regarding delegation of prescriptive authority. Ms. Robinson reported on the stakeholder meeting convened relating to various issues regarding prescriptive delegation waiver requests. The stakeholder meeting did not result in guidelines to draft rules. The questions posed were: when a site qualifies as both a primary practice site and as a site serving a medically underserved area (MUA), which limitations should apply? Should there be a distance limitation on MUAs? There is a limit for alternate sites. Should there be a limit on the number of physician

assistants who can be delegated to at MUAs? There is no limit for APNs. Should there be a limit on the number of hours and clinics a physician can supervise that are alternate practice sites? There are limits now for MUAs but not alternate practice sites. The Committee directed staff to draft rules to present to stakeholders that will create consistency in the limitations for the various practice sites.

There being no further business, Dr. McNeese adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.