



# Texas Medical Board

TELEMEDICINE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by the Chair, Karl W. Swann, M.D. Committee members present were: Michael Arambula, M.D.; Frank S. Denton; Margaret McNeese, M.D.; Allan Shulkin, M.D.; and Timothy Webb, J.D. Other board members present were; Julie Attebury; Paulette Southard; David Baucom; Manuel G. Guajardo, M.D.; John R. Guerra, D.O.; J. Scott Holliday, D.O.; Robert B. Simonson, D.O.; Wynne M. Snoots, M.D.; and George Willeford, III, M.D. Staff members present included Mari Robinson, J.D., Executive Director; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; Scott Freshour, General Counsel; Sarah Tuthill, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Tonie Knight, Licensure Manager; and Megan Goode, Government Affairs & Communications Manager.

**Agenda item #2, Report on the Telemedicine Stakeholder Group meeting regarding rules under Chapter 174 related to telemedicine.** Ms. Robinson gave a report of the Telemedicine Stakeholder group meeting regarding rules under Chapter 174 related to telemedicine. The stakeholder's primary focus was on behavioral health services provided by telemedicine. After discussion, **the committee directed staff to pursue rule changes to Chapter 174, Telemedicine related to behavioral health; additionally staff was directed to collaborate with the DEA and other agencies on this task; and lastly to provide a summary of how other states are addressing this issue.**

**Mr. Webb moved, Dr. McNeese seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:27a.m.**