

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
WORK GROUP FOR THE AD HOC ON TELEMEDICINE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Department of Health Professions

Richmond, VA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened at 10:04 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin O'Connor, MD, Chair
Lori Conklin, MD
Siobhan Dunnivant, MD
Karen Rheuban, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Jennifer Deschenes, JD, Deputy Director, Discipline
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager
Erin Barrett, JD, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Cummings, MSV
Richard Grossman, Vectre/Sentara
Tamara Broadnax, MCVMC
Jerry Canaan, JD, HDJN
Claudia Tucker, Teladoc
Kyon Hood, Teladoc
Michael Thomas, Teladoc
Dawn N. Perez-Slanski
Maggie Krantz – McCandlish Holton

ROLL CALL

EMERGENCY EGRESS INSTRUCTIONS

Dr. O'Connor provided the emergency egress instructions.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Dunnivant moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kyon Hood, MD spoke in favor of telemedicine and asked the Work Group to be neutral to the medical technology and not to impede access to care.

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Dr. O'Connor thanked those that had provided written and verbal comment, the stakeholders, the members of the Ad Hoc Committee and Board staff, for their valuable input.

Dr. O'Connor stated that there has been unprecedented transparency throughout the development of the guidance document, and every suggestion regarding the language and intent was taken into consideration. He noted that while attempting to give the treating physician latitude, to remain provider neutral, and to set reasonable expectations for the patient, the document represents the best effort to strike a balance between safety and access.

The Work Group acknowledged the existence of HB2063 and SB1227 relating to the provision of health care through telemedicine services. It discussed that the guidance document should be presented to the Full Board in February and could be updated if the bills pass the General Assembly. The Work Group also agreed that this a living document and will evolve as telemedicine and technology advance. Dr. O'Connor stated that what will not change is the mission of the Board – "that is to do all we can to ensure that the patients of the Commonwealth have safe access to quality health care."

Dr. Conklin moved to recommend to the Full Board the adoption of the Telemedicine Guidance Document. The motion was seconded. Dr. O'Connor asked if the Work Group had any revisions, and there were none. The motion to recommend adoption by the Board carried unanimously.

Adjournment - With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Kevin O'Connor, MD
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Colanthia M. Opher
Recording Secretary