



the Department of Health website, NIH and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Blake's presentation also touches on the difference of misinformation and disinformation and stressed that licenses utilize these and other resources as guidelines in the treatment of Covid-19. There was no action required concerning this agenda item. The third agenda item was to discuss and act regarding definitions of Covid-19 misinformation and disinformation. Ms. Baca-Chavez amended the policy to add definitions to include the authority on TCA 4-5-102(12)(B)(iii). The amended policy will be provided to Government Operations clarifying the definitions as requested. After review and discussion of the proposed amended policy, Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the amended policy for clarification purposes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christiansen. The motion passed. The fourth agenda item was to discuss and act regarding Public Chapter 328 licensure Rules 0880-02-.03 through 0880-02-.08. Ms. Baca-Chavez informed the Committee that Dr. Saunders completed many of the amendments before them for review. After review and discussion of the amendments presented by Ms. Baca-Chavez, Dr. Christiansen made a motion to approve the amendments made on pages 4 and 5. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellis. The motion passed. The fifth agenda item to discuss and act regarding Sexual Misconduct Policy. Dr. Loyd presented the draft proposal of the policy that he, Dr. Baron and Ms. Baca-Chavez worked together on for Ms. Baca-Chavez to draft. After discussion and review of the changes, Dr. Christiansen made a motion to approve the proposed policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellis. The motion passed. The sixth agenda item to discuss and act regarding out of state telehealth providers of buprenorphine. Dr. Loyd informed the Committee that an update has been made the buprenorphine Rules and guidelines and that there are at least eight (8) telehealth providers currently operating in Tennessee. Dr. Loyd provided some statistical information concerning the OBOT clinics violations to the Rules. After some discussion complaints would need to be filed to address the specific violations. There was no action taken concerning this agenda item by the Committee at this time. The seventh agenda item to discuss and act regarding Board participation at Professional Boundaries and Proper Prescribing courses. Dr. Blake presented this subject matter asking if it is feasible for the Board to investigate the subject matter of these type courses to ensure they meet the intent of the Board requiring licensees to attend. Ms. Baca-Chavez suggested that a Board member could attend a course on their own and report back to the full board. Or obtain information from providers by inviting them to the Board meeting to present an overview of the concerning course content. The eighth and final agenda item to discuss and act regarding three (3) Advisory Ruling requests. The first two requests were similar to several previously received requests. Dr. Deborah Gross, MD requested to have the ability to conduct the 30-day site visit electronically through Zoom. Since a remote site visit cannot occur through videoconference technology. Dr. Glenn Webb, MD requested clarification on where the clinical site visit must take place when both the supervising physician and the supervisee practice from home via telemedicine. Dr. Webb also asked if the site visit can be conducted by videoconferencing? The Committee was provided copies of previous requests and voted to remain consistent with previous responses. Ms. Baca-Chavez will present a proposed response to be presented to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Christiansen made a motion to follow the current rule and deny the request of both Dr. Gross and Dr. Webb. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellis. The motion passed. The third request from Dr. Thomas Higgins, MD previously submitted a request concerning an exemption from Rule 0880-2-.14(c) to allow prescribing of amphetamines for hypersomnia, in November which was granted. Dr. Higgins will be retiring in April and is now requesting the requested exemption previously granted to him be extended to the physician(s) that will takeover the care of his patients upon his retirement. Advisory Ruling requests only apply to the licensee submitting the request; therefore, the other physician(s) would be required to submit their own Advisory Ruling request. Ms.

Baca-Chavez informed copies of the previous response to Dr. Higgins and will present a proposed response to be presented to the full Board for consideration. Mr. Ellis made a motion to have the physician(s) taking over the care of his patients will need to submit their own Advisory Ruling request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christiansen. The motion passed. Having to public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.