

**MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
TELEDENTISTRY COMMITTEE**

Date: November 18, 2016

Location: Tennessee Department of Health
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville TN 37243

Members Present: Katherine N. Hall, DDS
Ernest J. DeWald DDS
Donald D. Henson, DDS

Staff Present: Jennifer Putnam, Assistant General Counsel
Sunny Heenan, Board Administrator

Dr. Katherine Hall called the meeting to order at 1:34pm.

Dr. Nadim Jubran was absent but emailed his section in prior to the meeting.

Dr. Gilchrist with TennCare addressed the board members with TennCare's concerns with teledentistry is that it is not equal to an in office visit with a licensed dentist. Also they feel the rules need to be clear on what teledentistry is and what it will entail. TennCare feels it lowers the standard of care and is just a tool and not something for dentists to be able to use to diagnose. TennCare will not reimburse for the cost of a teledentistry visit. They recommended to the board that certain codes not be covered such as, screenings, consults and diagnosis. Also record keeping rules need to be addressed in the teledentistry rules. The Committee addressed Dr. Gilchrist's concerns and informed him that teledentistry will not affect the supervision requirements currently instituted by statute.

The board members then went over the proposed definitions and rule section language for: dental interpretations, patient encounters, dentist-patient relationship, store-and-forward technology, teledentistry, supervision, dental records and informed consent when practicing teledentistry. The committee made changes to the proposed language and Ms. Putnam informed the committee that she would compile all the language into a rule format for review by the board to determine if additional changes need to be made before a rulemaking hearing.

ADJOURNMENT