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Austin, TX – Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Names 6 Dentists to Blue Ribbon Panel on Dental Sedation/Anesthesia Safety

The mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the public health and safety and promote high quality and safe dental care by providing enforcement, licensing, peer assistance, and related information services to licensees and their patients.

Today the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) proposed a new rule to create the Blue Ribbon Panel on Dental Sedation/Anesthesia Safety as directed by the Sunset Commission at their August 22, 2016 hearing. The purpose of the Blue Ribbon Panel is to serve as an advisory committee to review, study, and report to the Legislature and the Sunset Commission findings and recommendations on the use and misuse of sedation/anesthesia in dentistry. Specifically, the advisory committee will review de-identified data compiled during board investigations in fiscal years 2012 through 2016 involving patient mortalities and patient harm during or following dental treatment at which sedation/anesthesia was administered and evaluate the appropriate substance and application of emergency protocols related to the administration of sedation/anesthesia. The panel will be dissolved after presenting its final written report to the Sunset Commission on January 11, 2017. The Blue Ribbon Panel will begin working now and the new rule may go into effect as early as November.

The members of the TSBDE also appointed six dentists to the Blue Ribbon Panel today. The members of the panel are: Bryce Chandler, D.D.S., Reena Kuba, D.D.S., Ernest Luce, D.D.S., David Yu, D.D.S., Robert McNeill, D.D.S. and Ronald Redden D.D.S.

Bryce Chandler, D.D.S., of San Antonio, is a general dentist with a Level 2 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 2000. Reena Kuba, D.D.S., of Dallas, is a pediatric dentist with a Level 2 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 2004. Ernest Luce, D.D.S., of San Antonio, is a general dentist with Level 3 and portability anesthesia permits who has been licensed in Texas since 1985. David Yu, D.D.S., of Austin, is a periodontist with a Level 3 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 2000. Robert McNeill, D.D.S., of Dallas, is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with a Level 4 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 2004. Ronald Redden, D.D.S., of Kingwood, is a dental anesthesiologist with a Level 4 anesthesia permit who has been licensed in Texas since 1980.

The dentists appointed to the Blue Ribbon Panel have all served as members of the TSBDE's Dental Review Panel, which reviews case files for standard of care complaints. Members of the Dental Review Panel must have at least ten years of experience and hold an active Texas Dental License.

The TSBDE recently proposed another new rule requiring all dentists to maintain and annually update written policies and procedures for responding to emergency situations at its August 12, 2016 meeting.

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