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Austin, TX – TSBDE's Blue Ribbon Panel Advisory Committee on Dental Sedation/Anesthesia Safety Holds First Meeting

The mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) 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.

At its August 22, 2016 hearing, the Sunset Advisory Commission directed the TSBDE to establish an independent five to 10-member blue ribbon panel to review de-identified data, including confidential investigative information, related to dental anesthesia deaths and mishaps over the last five years and to evaluate emergency protocols in order to make recommendations to the Legislature by the Sunset Commission's January 11, 2017 meeting. The TSBDE created the Blue Ribbon Panel Advisory Committee (BRP) on Dental Sedation/Anesthesia Safety and appointed six dentists to the committee at its August 31, 2016 meeting.

The BRP held its first meeting on September 15, 2016. At the meeting, the committee members discussed current TSBDE rules related to dental sedation and the anesthesia permitting process. Committee members discussed the direction given by the Sunset Advisory Commission to review de-identified data. The committee also discussed essential data needed to complete their analysis and report to the Legislature in January 2017. The committee members will begin to review the de-identified data in October. The next BRP meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on October 25, 2016.

Questions regarding the BRP can be directed to the Executive Director, Kelly Parker, at 512-463-6400 or kparker@tsbde.texas.gov.

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