

**Board of Medical Legislation
Wednesday, February 15, 2006
6:30 pm HCMS Board Room**

A G E N D A

- I. Call to order: Walter Moore MD, Chair
- II. Information:
 - A. Federal
 - Medicare fee fix
 - Medicare SGR strategy per TMA
 - Texas to join other states over 'clawback' provisions in Part D
 - B. State
 - Expected Special Session on property tax relief
 - Sharp Commission's "Alternative Margins Tax" and Comptroller's revenue estimates
 - TMA Council on Legislation Subcommittee reports
 - * Physician Hospital Issues
 - * Managed Care/Insurance
 - * Scope of Practice
 - TEXPAC Primary 2006 Endorsements
- III. Action:
 - A. ML Board Goals for 2006
 - Review of Harris County members, Texas Legislature
 - Key Contacts and meeting planning
- IV. New Business
- V. Adjourn

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2006 Goal, Objective & Strategies

GOAL: ADVOCACY - Determine and advance the membership's position on the ethical, quality, scientific, educational, social and economic aspects of medicine.

Objective: Maintain close relationships with all elected officials from our community to ensure they are informed about physician and patient issues.

Strategies

- Through the Capitol Visitation Program, recruit and accompany physicians to educate legislators about physician/patient issues during Legislative Sessions.
- Meet regularly with elected officials when they are home from Austin or Washington, D.C.
- Maintain a paid lobbyist on staff to assist physicians with meetings with elected officials.
- Utilize expedient fax and e-mail distribution to alert physicians of important legislative issues.
- Maintain key contact list for area legislators.
- Prepare briefing materials to educate members about the issues.

Measure:

- Meet with every local state elected official during 2005.
- Develop key contact for every local state official.
- Develop and distribute briefing materials on at least three key issues.