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Subject: Telehealth Committee Update

The Telehealth Committee held its last meeting on June 3, 2022. The purpose of the Committee is to determine if any of the Board's statutes and regulations related to the practice of telehealth by Board licensees, registrants, and trainees need to be updated or clarified.

During the last meeting the Committee members and stakeholders discussed the following:

- Holding a future stakeholder listening session related to telehealth to gain more information about urgent and emerging issues.
- The creation of a telehealth best practice document.
- Creating a temporary practice allowance in law for out-of-state licensees whose clients are visiting in California, or whose clients are transitioning to living here.
- Making further telehealth clarifications in law for trainee practicum.

A telehealth listening session is being planned scheduled for September. Staff is continuing to work on the other items discussed at the last meeting and will move these forward to committee and/or Board as appropriate.

Some proposed amendments that were previously developed by the Telehealth Committee are now moving forward as proposed legislation. These include the following:

- Amendments to permit supervision via videoconferencing in all settings (AB 1758, Aguiar-Curry).
- Amendments requiring applicants for licensure and current licensees to complete 3 hours of training or coursework in the provision of mental health services via telehealth, including law and ethics related to telehealth, as a one-time requirement (AB 1759, Aguiar-Curry).
- Clarifications that certain pre-licensees may provide services with clients via telehealth (AB 1759, Aguiar-Curry).

