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Subject: Telehealth Committee Update

The Telehealth Committee held its latest meeting on January 28, 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 allowable telehealth locations for pre-licensees. The Committee directed staff to begin drafting a guidance document regarding acceptable telehealth settings for pre-licensees. It also directed staff to draft specified clarifications in statute and regulations. The Committee will review both at its next meeting, set for March 4, 2022.

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

- Amendments to permit supervision via videoconferencing in all settings.
- 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.
- Clarifications that certain pre-licensees may provide services with clients via telehealth.