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Subject: Telehealth Committee Update

The Telehealth Committee held its latest meeting on March 4, 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 creating a telehealth best practice document and discussed making further telehealth clarifications in law. These discussion items will be continued at the next meeting to be held on June 3rd.

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 (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).