



## **TxAAPS recommendations to the Sunset Commission for the Texas Medical Board**

- **Replace the Informal Settlement Conference (ISC)** with a review panel. The panel would consist of an attorney and three expert witnesses. The attorney acts as a chair and has no vote. The plaintiff and defendant each choose an expert witness, and the third expert would be chosen by agreement between the experts of the plaintiff and defendant. The panel will give an opinion on whether the evidence supports the defendant as acting or failing to act within the standard of care. The opinion is non-binding but may be admitted in court. This process will create a fair, less expensive, balanced disciplinary system and will reduce costly unnecessary defensive medicine practices.
- Physicians under investigation by the board need to be given **due process** and allowed the opportunity at a hearing to cross-examine the person who filed a complaint against them. This right is a basic principle of the American justice system.