



Executive Director's Report

(Prepared November 10, 2011, for the November 17-18, 2011, Board meeting)

PERSONNEL: Amanda Moore and Rachel Davis are transferring from the Iowa Department of Public Health to two vacancies in the Licensure Division. They will start November 28. The agency received 124 applications for the position of investigator. Interviews for finalists will begin later this month. Applications will be received through November 21 for the position case manager for the Iowa Physician Health Program.

REMODEL UPDATE: Work will begin November 21 to expand the size of the shared conference room to improve the set up/arrangement of tables for administrative case hearings and to provide more room for public seating at board meetings and hearings. This project is expected to be completed by January 23.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Governor Branstad on November 9 approved the Board's recommendation that former Board member Paul Thurlow, Dubuque, serve as an alternate member. Dale Holdiman, M.D., Sioux City, has resigned as an alternate. With these changes there are five physicians and two public members in the alternate pool.

DATABASE UPDATE: Testing will begin soon for the public portal, which is the web services portion of this project. The vendor will develop dashboard monitors to track various aspects of the agency's operations – licensure, enforcement, monitoring and regulatory issues. Go-live is expected in February or March.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES: The Governor's Office will be asking state agencies to step up their reviews of administrative rules to ensure that statutory goals are enacted as effectively and efficiently as possible to protect the health, safety and welfare of Iowans without imposing unnecessary burdens that reduce jobs and hurt job growth. The Board has a rolling review of rules, which complements the Governor's initiative.

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NOVEMBER-JANUARY CALENDAR

Hearings

(Updated 11/10/2011. Subject to settlements, delays or continuances.)

December 15, 8 a.m. – Vernon P. Varner, M.D.

January 12, 4 p.m. – Sukhdarshan S. Bedi, M.D.

January 13, noon – Thomas W. Fagg, D.O.

January 26, 8 a.m. – Mark. R. Collison, M.D.

January 26-27 – Tyson K. Cobb, M.D. (Starts at noon on January 26)

Meetings

November 17-18 – Board meeting

December 8 – Board teleconference

December 9 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

January 12-13 – Board meeting

Office Holiday Closings

November 24-25 – Thanksgiving

December 26 – Christmas

January 2 – New Year's



BOARD OF MEDICINE SCHEDULE - 2012

JANUARY

12-13 – Board meeting
26-27 – Reserved hearing dates

FEBRUARY

9 – Board teleconference
16-17 – Reserved hearing dates

MARCH

1-2 – Board meeting
15-16 – Reserved hearing dates
29 – Board teleconference

APRIL

5-6 – Reserved hearing dates
19-20 – Board meeting
26-28 – FSMB annual meeting (Houston)

MAY

9-10 – Reserved hearing dates
17 – Board teleconference

JUNE

7-8 – Board meeting
21-22 – Reserved hearing dates

JULY

12 – Board teleconference
26-27 – Board meeting (Council Bluffs)

AUGUST

16-17 – Reserved hearing dates
23 – Board teleconference

SEPTEMBER

6-7 – Reserved hearing dates
20-21 – Board meeting

OCTOBER

11-12 – Reserved hearing dates
18 – Board teleconference

NOVEMBER

1-2 – Reserved hearing dates
15-16 – Board meeting

DECEMBER

6-7 – Reserved hearing dates
13 – Board teleconference

JANUARY – 2013

10-11 – Board meeting