

## Executive Director's Report

*(Prepared January 3, 2013, for the January 10-11, 2013, Board meeting)*

**PERSONNEL:** Jennifer Huisman, Urbandale, joins the Board staff as an investigator on January 18, filling the vacancy caused by Ed Knapp's retirement. Since August 2010, Jennifer has worked for the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, most recently serving as a field auditor in the Investigations Division, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. She has worked for the state since 2003. She was selected from a pool of 19 candidates who are state employees. Teena Turnbaugh, Secretary 3, with the agency since 2006, retired at the end of 2012. A request to fill this vacancy has been filed.

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**LEGISLATIVE WATCH:** The first session of the 85th General Assembly begins January 14, 2013. The Board has is seeking and supporting amendments to Iowa Code Chapter 124 (prescriber use of the prescription monitoring program database and the sharing of PMP information with other states) and Iowa Code Chapter 148 (use of Alternate members, raising the civil penalty cap from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and allowing administrative law judges to hear some cases without the Board). There is likely to be legislation on several fronts regarding scope of practice issues that may directly or indirectly involve the Board. The Board of Nursing is seeking to eliminate provisions in state law requiring recognition of appropriateness of education and training by medicine before a nurse practitioner's scope of practice is expanded in some areas. Meanwhile, there is expected to be renewed efforts to establish licensure for naturopaths and direct-entry lay midwives.

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### **CALENDAR: January 10 through March 7**

#### **Hearings**

*(Updated 01/03/2013. Subject to change)*

**Michael C. Prescher, M.D.**, 2 p.m. Thursday, January 10

**Wendy Smoker, M.D.**, 8:30 a.m. Friday, January 25

**Jeffery Piccirillo, M.D.**, Thursday-Friday, February 14-15.

#### **Meetings**

**January 10-11** – Board meeting

**February 7** – Board teleconference meeting

**February 8** – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

**March 7-8** – Board meeting

#### **Office holiday closings**

**January 21, Monday** – Martin Luther King Day