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**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
DECEMBER 19-20, 2013, BOARD MEETING**

OPEN MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Hoversten, D.O., Chair
Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Vice-Chair (Via Video Conference)
Michael Thompson, D.O., Secretary
Robert Bender, M.D.
Frank Bognanno
Julie Carmody, M.D.
Julie Perkins, M.D.
Allison Schoenfelder, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Clark
Ann Gales

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Bowden, Executive Director
Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs
John Olds, M.D., Medical Advisor
Russell Bardin, Chief Investigator
Aaron Kephart, Investigator
Brandi Allen, Investigator
Cathy McCullough, Investigator
David Schultz, Investigator
James Machamer, Investigator
Mary Knapp, Enforcement Monitor
Shantel Billington, Enforcement Monitor
Natalie Sipes, Secretary to the Executive Director
Kari Rolls, Administrative Assistant
Julie Bussanmas, Assistant Attorney General
September Lau, Assistant Attorney General

At 12:06 p.m., Greg Hoversten, D.O., Chair, called the meeting to order. A roll call was taken to establish a presence of a quorum of the Board.

At 12:06 p.m., on a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded Julie Carmody, M.D., all members present voted to meet in closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 21.5(1)(c), 21.5(1)(d) and 21.5(1)(f), to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent, whether to initiate licensee disciplinary proceedings and discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case. Robert Bender, M.D., Julie Carmody, M.D., Greg Hoversten, D.O., Julie Perkins, M.D., Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., Hamed Tewfik, M.D., and Michael Thompson, D.O., all voted aye in a roll call vote to approve the motion.

Frank Bognanno joined the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

At 4:16 p.m., the Board went to recess. The closed session resumed on Friday, December 20, 2013, at 9:06 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2013:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Hoversten, D.O., Chair
Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Vice-Chair (Via Video Conference)
Michael Thompson, D.O., Secretary
Frank Bognanno
Julie Carmody, M.D.
Ann Gales
Julie Perkins, M.D.
Allison Schoenfelder, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Bender, M.D.
Diane Clark
Ann Gales

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Bowden, Executive Director
Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs
John Olds, M.D., Medical Advisor
Russell Bardin, Chief Investigator
David Schultz, Investigator
Natalie Sipes, Secretary to Executive Director
Kari Rolls, Administrative Assistant
Julie Bussanmas, Assistant Attorney General
September Lau, Assistant Attorney General
Steve Ervin, IT Specialist

Closed session resumed at 9:06 a.m.

Frank Bognanno joined the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

At 9:57 a.m., while still in a closed session, all members present voted in favor of a motion by Hamed Tewfik, M.D., seconded by Julie Perkins, M.D., to meet in an open session. In open session, the Board took the following actions:

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Hamed Tewfik, M.D., all Board members present voted to **accept** the Screening Committee Report and its recommendations.

On a motion by Frank Bognanno, seconded by Julie Perkins, M.D., all Board members present voted to **accept** the Licensure Committee Report and its recommendations.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the Monitoring Committee Report and its recommendations.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement for David V. Gierlus, D.O., files 03-2009-313, 03-2009-600, 03-2011-424, 03-2012-370, 03-2012-594, 03-2012-601 and 03-2012-662.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement for Adrian D. Feinerman, M.D., file 02-2012-479.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement for Thomas R. Brandt, M.D., file 02-2005-410.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement for James R. Eelkema, M.D., file 02-2011-406.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement for Naeem U. Khan, M.D., file 02-2011-571.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement for Randy S. Lentz, M.D., file 02-2013-403.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement for Rashid Nayyar, M.D., file 02-2013-327.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement for Thomas J. Rodenberg, M.D., file 02-2008-417.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **accept** the combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement for Beth M. Winke, M.D., file 02-2013-328.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **grant** the State's motion to amend the Statement of Charges filed against Domenico Calcaterra, M.D., file 02-2011-077. Julie Bussanmas, AAG, and September Lau, AAG, recused.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **file Statement of Charges** against Malik E. Juweid, M.D., file 02-2011-097.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2012-712.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2012-348.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 03-2013-150.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2011-569.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2012-400.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 03-2012-438.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **file Statement of Charges** against William A. Stutts, D.O., file 03-2013-064.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2011-395.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 03-2010-166.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 03-2010-523.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 03-2012-460.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2010-211.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2010-293.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2010-452.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2011-479.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2010-337.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2008-449. Greg Hoversten, D.O., and Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., recused.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2010-488. Greg Hoversten, D.O., and Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., recused.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2012-257.

On a motion by Greg Hoversten, D.O., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2010-593.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2013-155 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 02-2012-063, **with no formal disciplinary action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 03-2012-687, **with no formal disciplinary action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 02-2010-332, **with no formal disciplinary action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 03-2012-265, **with no formal disciplinary action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 02-2011-452, **with no formal disciplinary action**. Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., recused.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 02-2011-727, **with no formal disciplinary action**. Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., recused.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 02-2011-662, **with no formal disciplinary action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 02-2012-591, **with no formal disciplinary action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 02-2009-596, **with no formal disciplinary action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 03-2010-489 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 03-2012-040 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 03-2012-144 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 03-2012-429. Julie Perkins, M.D., recused.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2013-460 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2013-461 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2013-388.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2012-694.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 03-2013-470 with **no formal action**.

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On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Julie Carmody, M.D., all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2010-399 with **no formal action**. Frank Bognanno recused.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2012-664.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 03-2012-095 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 03-2012-027 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 03-2012-432 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2012-193 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 03-2012-158 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2013-194.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2012-272 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2012-222 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2012-106.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 03-2013-330.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2010-381.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2012-699 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 01-2013-037, **with no formal disciplinary action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2007-116 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2011-245 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **leave open** file 02-2011-478.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **affirm** its original decision to **close** file 02-2010-645, **with no formal disciplinary action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2012-099 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2012-419 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2012-585 with **no formal action**.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2013-432 with **no formal action**. Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., recused.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2013-433 with **no formal action**. Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., recused.

On a motion by Julie Perkins, M.D., seconded by Frank Bognanno, all Board members present voted to **close** file 02-2013-070 with **no formal action**.

At 10:04 a.m., the Board went to recess.

Hearing on remand in the matter of the statement of charges against Amjad Butt, M.D., Respondent, File No. 02-08-154.

The hearing was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Administrative Law Judge Margaret LaMarche at the direction of the Board. Dr. Butt was represented by attorneys David L. Brown, Jay Grimes, and R. Ronald Pogge. The state was represented by Assistant Attorney General Meghan Gavin. The following members of the Board presided at the hearing on remand: Greg Hoversten, D.O., Chair; Hamed Tewfik, M.D.; Michael Thompson, D.O.; Julie Carmody, M.D.; Julie Perkins, M.D.; Allison Schoenfelder, M.D.; and Frank Bognanno. At the request of the respondent, the hearing was closed to the public.

DECEMBER 20, 2013 – OPEN SESSION/ PUBLIC MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Hoversten, D.O., Chair
Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Vice-Chair (Via Video Conference)
Michael Thompson, D.O., Secretary
Frank Bognanno
Julie Carmody, M.D.
Ann Gales
Julie Perkins, M.D.
Allison Schoenfelder, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Bender, M.D.
Diane Clark
Ann Gales

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Bowden, Executive Director
Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs
John Olds, M.D., Medical Advisor
Russell Bardin, Chief Investigator
David Schultz, Investigator
Natalie Sipes, Secretary to Executive Director
Amy VanMaanen, Director of Licensure
Julie Bussanmas, Assistant Attorney General
September Lau, Assistant Attorney General
Steve Ervin, IT Specialist

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:
Ashley Engelbrecht, Iowa Medical Society
Kevin Kruse, Iowa Society of Anesthesiologists
Leah McWilliams, Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association

Greg Hoversten, D.O., chair, called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. Dr. Hoversten noted a quorum of the Board was present. The following items were addressed:

Opportunity for Public Comment:

No members of the public addressed the Board.

Board Minutes for Consideration of Approval:

On a motion by Michael Thompson, D.O., and a second by Julie Perkins, M.D., the Board unanimously approved the following minutes as presented:

October 24-25, Board meeting (open & closed)

Executive Director's Report:

Mark Bowden provided the following updates:

- Board members are encouraged to attend the Federation of State Medical Board's annual meeting April 24-26, 2014, in Denver. Materials were distributed to the Board seeking FSMB nominations and appointments.
- Looking to fill the Director of Licensure position left vacant by Amy VanMaanen's assignment to the Iowa Physician's Health Program.
- The *Responsible Opioid Prescribing* CME will be expiring in May 2014. A press release will be sent to Iowa Medical Society and Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association to encourage physician's to use the book to secure their mandatory chronic pain training.

Administrative Rules for Consideration of Adoption:

Mark Bowden made note that ARC 0943C – Amend IAC 653 – Chapters 8, 9, and 10 to adjust various fees and ARC 0977C – Amend IAC 653 – Chapter 14 to update language of the Iowa Physician Health Committee and program will become effective on January 1, 2014.

Julie Bussanmas, Assistant Attorney General, provided an updated on the judicial review of the amendment to Chapter 13 which establishes standards of practice for physicians who perform medical abortions. The new rule was scheduled to become effective on November 6, 2013. On November 5, 2013, Karen Romano, a Polk County District Court judge, approved a request by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland to stay implementation of the new rule pending a judicial review of the rule, declaratory judgment and injunctive relief.

Ms. Bussanmas filed a partial motion to dismiss Board members who have been named in their individual capacities and also to have the court dismiss the extra claims in the lawsuit.

There has been a discovery request. Ms. Bussanmas will object to what she thinks is objectionable to get the discovery narrowed down appropriately. Ms. Bussanmas will need help from individual Board members to answer questions that only they as individual Board members would know the answer to.

2014 Legislation:

The second half of the 85th General Assembly convenes on January 13, 2014. The Board of Medicine's legislation from 2013, Senate File 379, is still alive and if approved would allow for more aggressive use of alternative members for hearing panels and use of an administrative law judge for certain non-medical cases. The legislation would also define how civil penalties are applied.

The legislation was approved by the Senate, but it was not taken up for consideration by the House State Government Committee. Mr. Bowden is talking with the Iowa State Bar Association and legislators to see what it will take to move the bill forward.

The Iowa Board of Nursing is looking to amend Chapters 147 and 152. The amendments add a definition of advanced registered nurse practitioners and remove the medical profession's involvement in decisions the Board of Nursing makes regarding scope of practice concerning those nurses.

Mr. Bowden briefed the Board on possible legislation that may be offered in the licensure and regulation of naturopathic practitioners. In 2012, legislation was proposed to have the Board of Medicine license and regulate naturopathic practitioners. There may be legislation in reaction to the Board's new rule on standards of practice for physicians who perform medical abortions.

The Board's January 23, 2014, public session will be held at the Statehouse. The idea is to have interaction with legislators during that time. Dr. Hoversten encouraged Board members to use the opportunity at the Statehouse to build rapport with their local legislators and answer any questions they may have on the Board's bill, Senate File 379.

Julie Bussanmas, Assistant Attorney General, noted that Board members can provide an explanation of the legislation and its merits. If Board members are engaged in actually lobbying - attempting to influence legislators on behalf of the agency - then they must be registered as lobbyists. Mr. Bowden is the agency's registered lobbyist and, at the direction of the Board, continues to lobby for passage of the legislation.

In addition to SF 379, the Board may have other legislation this session or in 2015.

Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs, explained to the Board that physician licenses that are allowed to go inactive stay in inactive status indefinitely, unless a reinstatement application and related fees are submitted. The Iowa Board takes follow-up disciplinary action against physicians who have licenses with a long-standing inactive status in Iowa and are disciplined in other states. Other states, in order to address the issue, have enacted laws and rules that if a license is inactive for a period of time, generally five years, then the license is terminated and the physician no longer has a license.

Mr. Nebel has been directed by the Executive Committee to draft an amendment to Iowa Code Chapter 148 that would terminate inactive licenses after five years. If enacted, the amendment would require a change in the Board's administrative rules.

Other topics to look at in 2014-15 include updating licensure of acupuncture to conform to national standards; maintenance of licensure, and telemedicine. The Board will consider administrative rules on telemedicine after the Federation of State Medical Boards issues a model policy in April.

Iowa Physician Health Program:

Deb Anglin, coordinator of the Iowa Physician Health Program, reported there were 77 participants in the program on December 1, 2013. There were 37 new participants in the program since January 1, 2013, and 40 discharges in the same period.

She also submitted a memo to the Board regarding the re-appointments of Ray Harre, M.D., Davenport, and Sasha Khosravi, D.O., Grimes, to the Iowa Physician Health Committee. Their terms expire December 31, 2013, and they are eligible for reappointment to a second three-year term on the committee.

On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., and a second by Frank Bognanno, the Board unanimously approved the reappointments of Drs. Harre and Khosravi.

Ms. Anglin will be presenting information about the Iowa Physician Health Program at the Midwinter Iowa Osteopathic Family Practice Conference on January 17, 2014.

Legal Update on Judicial Review of Board Cases and Related Cases:

Assistant Attorney General Julie Bussanmas briefed the Board on 7 cases under judicial review in state courts.

1. Mark Collison, M.D. – Awaiting a decision from the Iowa Court of Appeals.
2. Donna DeLouis, D.O. – The Board’s decision in this case was affirmed by the Iowa District Court and an appeal of this ruling is pending.
3. Robert Tobin, M.D. – Awaiting a decision from the Iowa Court of Appeals.
4. Fawad Zafar, M.D. – The Iowa Court of Appeals affirmed the Iowa District Court’s decision that Dr. Zafar did not timely appeal the Board’s decision.
5. Doe v. Board of Medicine – The Iowa District Court dismissed Doe’s request for judicial review and an appeal is pending.
6. Andrzej Szczepanek, M.D. – Board issued a decision finding Dr. Szczepanek did provide inappropriate care to three patients. Dr. Szczepanek has indicated he will not appeal the Board’s decision.
7. Amjad Butt, M.D. -- The Board today (December 20, 2013) held a hearing to review the sanctions imposed on Dr. Butt as directed by the Iowa Court of Appeals. A second case is on a stay at District court pending resolution of the case.

Licensure & Licensure Committee Report:

Interstate Compact for Medical Licensure – A task force of the Federation of State Medical Boards has been working on an interstate compact for medical licensure. Mr. Bowden is a member of the task force and distributed copies of draft legislation that would establish the compact. Mr. Bowden asked that Board members submit comments and suggested changes to him by January 15, 2014.

Maintenance of Licensure – Iowa is one of eleven states involved in a work group to evaluate how a maintenance of licensure (MOL) system would work. The next project will be to participate in a statewide survey to gauge Iowa physicians’ acceptability of such a system. Mr. Bowden is working with the Iowa Medical Society and Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association to promote physician participation in an online survey which will be conducted in February or March. Mr. Bowden noted that national discussion seems to confirm that the focus for a MOL system should be on gaining more information on the continuing education activities of physicians who are not Board certified. The Iowa Board of Medicine has not taken a position on establishing a formal MOL system.

Database – Amy VanMaanen, Director of Licensure, gave a brief presentation on the new database, which went live on November 17, 2013.

Licensure Committee Report – Chair Michael Thompson, D.O., reported the Licensure Committee granted 4 permanent licenses, reinstated 1 resident license, and will grant 1 permanent license after receiving a recommendation from the Iowa Physician Health Committee. The Licensure Committee also received a request from a physician to have birth year removed from the Board’s “Find a Physician” search site. The Committee recommended not making any changes to the information as it’s currently displayed.

Screening Committee Report:

Chair Julie Perkins, M.D., reported that the Screening Committee closed 23 cases, expunged 2 cases, affirmed 1 case and left 2 cases open.

Monitoring Committee Report:

Chair Hamed Tewfik, M.D., reported the Monitoring Committee reviewed 10 cases. They accepted 5, denied 2, and took no action on 3 cases.

Reports & Articles:

The following articles were shared with the Board.

Patients Get Access to Doctors' Notes Online in Milwaukee-Area First, by Guy Boulton, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, November 24, 2013

Why MDs abuse prescription drugs, by Deborah Brauser, medscape.com, December 9, 2013

2014 NPDB Guidebook (draft), Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Talking with Patients about Other Clinicians' Errors, New England Journal of Medicine, October 31, 2013

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Natalie Sipes, Secretary to the Executive Director, and Kari Rolls, Administrative Assistant.