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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
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January 28, 1988

The Honorable Robert Carr, Chairman  
Senate Committee on State Government  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Senator Carr:

The Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners submits the following annual report pursuant to the provisions of Section 258A.4(2) of the 1987 Code of Iowa. The report relates to Board activities during calendar year 1987.

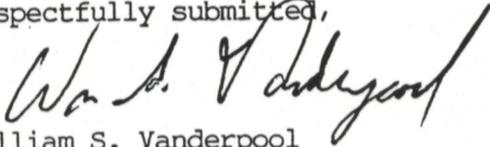
- A. The following administrative rules relating to the duties of the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners were adopted.
  1. 470-135.108(1) Rule increased the fees to take the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) to coincide with and reflect the increase in cost incurred by the Board from the Federation of State Medical Boards beginning with the June 1987 administration of the exam. The rule maintains the current percentage of administrative fee beyond the actual cost of the FLEX and Components I and II individually. This rule became effective on March 18, 1987.
  2. 470-135.105(1), 135.108(2), 135.108(3), 135.110 Rules adjust certain fees to meet the costs of sustaining the Board and the actual costs of licensing. Iowa Code section 147.80 mandates that sufficient income be maintained to cover expenses of the Board. The present income is below the projected cost of operation. The rules also make certain technical amendments relative to reinstatement of a lapsed license and for the renewal of a resident physician's license. These rules became effective on October 28, 1987.
- B. The Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners received and opened investigations into a total of 569 complaints during calendar year 1987. Included in the total are 281 cases related to professional liability (malpractice) claims referred through the office of the Iowa Insurance Commissioner, and 75 cases which were initiated at the Board's own motion.
- C. There were no disciplinary actions taken by the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners during calendar year 1987 as the direct result of peer review committee action alone. Registered peer review committees were utilized by the Board however, to review and evaluate medical records, investigative reports and similar material, and to submit reports and recommendations to the Board relating to the committees findings.

- D. The Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners reviewed a total of 340 professional liability (malpractice) claims during calendar year 1987.
- E. The Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners commenced 26 formal disciplinary actions before the Board or Courts, during calendar year 1987.
- F. The Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners imposed a total of 91 disciplinary sanctions during calendar year 1987 which include:
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| 1. License or certification revocations                                     | 9         |
| 2. License or certification suspensions                                     | 7         |
| 3. License or certification surrenders as a disposition to a contested case | 5         |
| 4. Licenses or certifications placed on probation                           | 7         |
| 5. Civil penalties (fines) assessed alone                                   | 1         |
| 6. Court injunctions issued                                                 | 1         |
| 7. Letters of warning issued                                                | <u>61</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL                                                                 | <u>91</u> |
- G. During calendar year 1987 there were 2 judicial appeals taken relating to decisions of the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners in disciplinary actions. As of December 31, 1987 the status of the judicial appeals are:
1. One of the two, an appeal taken to the Iowa Supreme Court, remains in process awaiting Court review.
  2. The second, an appeal taken to an Iowa District Court has been dismissed.
- H. During calendar year 1987, the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners registered five (5) peer review committees. The committees are:
1. A Surgical Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.
  2. An Anesthesia Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.
  3. An OB/GYN Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.
  4. An Internal Medicine Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.
  5. A Physician's Assistant Peer Review Committee consisting of 4 members is registered with the Board.
- I. In addition to the formal disciplinary actions previously outlined in this report, the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners through formal action:
1. Denied the applications for Iowa licensure submitted by five (5) physicians.
  2. Approved, applications for Iowa licensure submitted by five (5) physicians with prior histories of alcohol or drug abuse, under terms of consent agreements, requiring monitoring, continued drug or alcohol treatment, etc.

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3. Approved an application for certification to practice and as advanced emergency medical technician (EMT-I), with a past history of drug abuse, under terms of a consent agreement requiring monitoring, continued drug treatment, etc.
  
- J. Formal actions taken by the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners during calendar year 1987 both Licensure and Disciplinary totalled 43.

Respectfully submitted,



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Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners

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