Clark elected first non-physician to chair Iowa Board of Medicine

DES MOINES, IA - Diane Clark of Lake Mills has been elected as the first non-physician to chair the 130-year-old Iowa Board of Medicine.

Clark was appointed to the Board in 2011 by Governor Branstad and reappointed to a second three-year term in 2014. She succeeds Hamed Tewfik, M.D., of Iowa City, who has served as chair since 2014.

Clark, who has a master’s degree in organizational management and is a registered nurse, served as physician services administrator for the Mayo Health System’s Medical Center at Albert Lea, MN, from 2001 to 2014, when she retired. She has been a member of the Board’s executive committee and chair of the licensure committee. She is an Iowa commissioner for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission.

The Board is composed of 10 members – three non-physician “public members” and seven physician members. Public members have been a part of the Board since 1975.

Other officers elected at the Board’s annual organizational meeting on April 8 are Vice Chair Ronald Cheney, D.O., of Carroll, a surgeon, and Secretary Kyle Ulveling, M.D., of Carroll, a cardiologist.

The Board recognized Julie Carmody, M.D., of Clive, a pediatrician, and Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., of Akron, a family physician, whose terms expire April 30.

The Board also approved the meeting schedule for 2017: February 9-10, April 13-14, June 1-2, July 20-21, September 14-15, October 26-27, and December 14-15. The Board’s scheduled teleconferences for 2017 are January 19, March 9, May 18, August 10, and November 9.

The 10-member Board licenses and regulates allopathic and osteopathic physicians, and acupuncturists. Other members of the Board are Diane Cortese, Urbandale, Mary Jo Romano, Pleasantville, and Charles Wadle, D.O., West Des Moines.

More information about the Board is available at www.medicalboard.iowa.gov