



Executive Director's Report

(Prepared March 31, 2011, for April 7-8, 2011 Board meeting)

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Diane Clark, Lake Mills, Greg Hoversten, D.O., Sioux City, and Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Iowa City, have been appointed by Governor Branstad to the Board. Their three-year terms are effective May 1. They will succeed Paul Thurlow, Dubuque, Janice Galli, D.O., Sioux City, and Rodney Zeitler, M.D., Iowa City, whose terms expire April 30. Orientations for the new Board members will be held April 19 and 25.

NEW ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Carole Frier, D.O., and Bruce Hughes, M.D., both of Des Moines, and Dale Holdiman, M.D., Sioux City, have been appointed to the pool of alternate Board members. Recommended by the Board and appointed by Governor Branstad, the alternates serve on administrative hearing panels at the discretion of the Board for a nine-year term. There are seven alternates in the pool. All are former members of the Board.

BUDGET UPDATE: Under legislation (HF 45) signed into law in March, a waiver from the Executive Council is required for some out-of-state travel through June 30, 2011. The waiver is applicable for travel that is funded in whole or in part by a state appropriation. The Board does not receive a general fund appropriation, but has been asked to file waiver applications for travel involving staff members. Board members are not subject to the waiver requirements.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The Board did not have legislation in this session of the General Assembly, but there were issues monitored by staff. Bills to license naturopathic practitioners and direct-entry midwives died in the legislative process, but are expected to be re-submitted next year.

RESPONSIBLE OPIOID PRESCRIBING: Nearly 750 copies of *Responsible Opioid Prescribing. A Physician's Guide* were distributed to Iowa licensees in the first month of making this book available on request. The book has been promoted on the Board's Website and

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Facebook page and the Iowa Prescription Monitoring Program Website. It is also being promoted by the Iowa Medical Society and Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION: Administrators in Medicine (AIM), a national organization of state medical board executives, has recognized a PowerPoint presentation prepared by the Iowa Board to educate licensees and the public about the scope of complaints the Board receives and the issues that can be troublesome for licensees. The Board's slide show, "Top 10 Reasons Physicians Stumble," is one of four initiatives nationwide to be recognized April 27 at the AIM annual meeting and will be featured in a Federation of State Medical Boards' publication as a "best practice" by a state board.

FSMB UPDATE: Siroos Shirazi, M.D., Board chair, will be Iowa's voting delegate at the Federation of State Medical Board's April 30 House of Delegates annual business meeting in Seattle. The annual meeting is April 28-30. Board member Jeffrey Snyder, M.D., Mark Bowden, executive director, and Amy Van Maanen, licensure director, will also be attending the annual meeting.

APRIL-MAY CALENDAR

Hearings

(Updated 03/31/11. Subject to delays or continuances)

May 12-13 -- 8:30 a.m., Amjad Butt, M.D.

Meetings

April 7-8 -- Regular Board meeting

April 29 -- Iowa Physician Health Committee

May 5 -- Teleconference meeting

Office Holiday Closing

The Board will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.