

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared April 13, 2012, for the April 19-20, 2012, Board meeting)

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Julie Perkins, M.D., a family practitioner in Carroll, and Michael Thompson, D.O., a surgeon in Pella, have been appointed by Governor Branstad to the Board. Their three-year terms are effective May 1. They will succeed Siroos Shirazi, M.D., Iowa City, and Analisa Haberman, D.O., whose terms expire April 30. The Governor still needs to appoint successors to Board members Ambreen Mian, Ames, whose term expires April 30, and Tom Drew, who resigned from the Board, effective April 30. Orientation for the new Board members will be held April 23.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The Governor has signed two bills the Board has been monitoring. The first bill allows a physician to supervise up to five physician assistants (PAs) simultaneously versus the present limit of up to two PAs. 16.5 percent of Iowa physicians report they supervise a PA, and of these physicians, 55 percent report supervising two PAs simultaneously. The other bill permits PAs and advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNP) to prescribe respiratory care to patients. The 2012 General Assembly was scheduled to adjourn on April 17, but it's likely the legislators will be in session through the end of April.

UNIFORM MEDICAL LICENSE APPLICATION: Iowa is the only state to be using the Federation of State Medical Boards' uniform application for all physician license types (permanent, temporary, special, resident), and this has caught the attention of the Federation. The FSMB will review Iowa's use of the UA to promote similar usage in other states. Earlier this month, Iowa topped Ohio as having the highest use of the UAs.

FSMB ANNUAL MEETING: Siroos Shirazi, M.D., Board chair, will be Iowa's voting delegate at the Federation of State Medical Boards' April 28 House of Delegates annual business meeting in Fort Worth, TX. The annual meeting is April 26-28. Board members Diane Clark and

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Colleen Stockdale, M.D., and staff members Russell Bardin, Mark Bowden, and Amy VanMaanen will also be attending the FSMB meeting. Deb Anglin, coordinator of the Iowa Physician Health Program, will be in Fort Worth to attend a parallel meeting of the Federation of State Physician Health Program.

APRIL-MAY CALENDAR

Hearings

(Updated 04/13/2011. Subject to change)

May 9-10 – Tyson Cobb, M.D.

Meetings

April 19-20 – Board meeting

May 11 – Iowa Physician Health Committee

May 17 – Teleconference, 7:30 a.m.

June 7-8 – Board meeting

Office Holiday Closing

The Board Office will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.