

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared October 18, 2013, for the October 24-25, 2013, Board meeting)

ALTERNATES: Governor Branstad has appointed former Board members Jeffrey Snyder, M.D., Crescent, and Joyce Vista-Wayne, M.D., Clive, to the Board's pool of Alternate members. As Alternates, they may be called upon to serve on a panel for an administrative/disciplinary hearing when a quorum of the 10-member Board is not available. Since authorized by law in 2008 and implemented in 2009, the Alternate pool has been used for 80 percent of the Board's hearing. Dr. Snyder was a member of the Board from May 2008 through April 2013 and Dr. Vista-Wayne was a member of the Board from May 2010 through April 2013.

DATABASE: The "go-live" date for the new licensure database is November 18, one month later than previously announced. On November 13 or 14, the old database will be shut down to begin the steps of transferring data to the new system. Final testing is scheduled over the weekend of November 16-17. In November, the Board will communicate with licensees who have renewed in the past year, issuing updated renewal cards and information about the new system and its online renewal function.

COMPACT: Executive Director Mark Bowden will be in Washington, D.C., November 12-13 to assist in the drafting of proposed legislation to establish a national compact to streamline medical licensure for physicians who wish to practice in multiple states. A task force seated by the Federation of State Medical Boards is developing compact language in conjunction with the National Center for Interstate Compacts, which is a part of the National Council on State Governments. States would need to pass the same legislation to participate in the compact.

DEVELOPMENT: Diane Clark, Lake Mills, will attend the Citizen Advocacy Center's 2013 annual meeting October 29-30 at Seattle, WA. The center provides training for public members of professional licensing boards. Julie Bussanmas, assistant attorney general assigned to the Board, will attend the Federation of State Medical Boards' attorney workshop November 7-8 in Portland, OR. Mary Knapp and Shantel Billington, the Board's monitoring and probation officers, will attend the Sante Center's professional program on boundary and ethical-related issues November 13-15 in Argyle, TX.

FSMB: The Federation of State Medical Boards is seeking nominations for elective positions on the FSMB Board of Directors, recommendations for appointments to FSMB committees, and resolutions on issues of interest to state medical boards and the Federation. The FSMB's 102nd annual meeting will be held April 24-26, 2014, at Denver, CO.

CALENDAR:

(November October 24, 2013, through January 24, 2014)

Hearings

November 7-8

December 5-6

January 9-10

Meetings

October 24-25 – Board meeting

November 15 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

November 21 – Board teleconference meeting

December 19-20 – Board meeting

January 17 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

Board meeting – January 23-24

Office closings

November 11, Monday – Veterans Day

November 28-29, Thursday-Friday – Thanksgiving

December 25, Wednesday – Christmas

January 1, Wednesday – New Year's Day

January 20, Monday – Martin L. King Day