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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
MARK BOWDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared May 11 for May 14-15, 2015, Board meeting)

NEW LAW AFFECTS MEDICAL LICENSURE: Governor Branstad on April 17, 2015, signed the Board of Medicine's legislation, SF276, which establishes that an Iowa medical license shall be deemed relinquished if the person fails to apply for renewal or reinstatement of the license within five years after its expiration. The new law also allows the Board to issue an administrative medical license for qualified physicians involved in non-clinical practices. The licensure relinquishment provision addresses a disciplinary administrative issue that frequently comes up when a physician licensed in another state also holds an inactive Iowa medical license. The new administrative license recognizes the growing propensity of certain health care-related organizations and businesses to employ physicians for administrative or executive positions, away from direct patient care. Over the next several months, the Board will draft and adopt administrative rules so the new law can be applied.

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Hamed Tewfik, M.D., chair, has made the following appointments to the Board's four standing committees: **Executive** – Dr. Tewfik, chair, Ronald Cheney, D.O., Diane Clark and Allison Schoenfelder, M.D.; **Screening** – Julie Carmody, M.D., chair, Diane Cortese, Mary Jo Romanco, Kyle Ulveling, M.D., and Charles Wadle, D.O.; **Monitoring** – Dr. Schoenfelder, chair, Dr. Cheney, Dr. Ulveling and Dr. Wadle; **Licensure** – Ms. Clark, chair, Dr. Carmody, Ms. Cortese, Ms. Romanco and Dr. Tewfik.

CALENDAR

(May 14-July 10)

May 14-15 – Board meeting

May 25 – Memorial Day observed (office closed)

May 28-29 – Reserved hearing dates

June 4 – Board teleconference

June 18-19 – Reserved hearing dates

July 3 – Independence Day observed (office closed)

July 9-10 – Board meeting