

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared January 29, 2016, for the February 4-5, 2016, Board meeting)

PERSONNEL:

- Steven Garrison of Des Moines and Laura Wood of Bondurant have been hired as investigators, filling vacancies caused by resignations in 2015. They joined the staff on January 4, 2016. For the past year and a half, Steven was a social worker for the Iowa Department of Human Services and previously worked as an investigator for the Des Moines school district and Disability Rights Iowa. He has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, sociology and Spanish. For the past five years, Laura was an investigator for Iowa Workforce Development and she previously worked for Principal Financial as a health claims investigator. She has undergraduate degrees in health science and criminal justice.
- The agency is awaiting authorization by the Departments of Management and Administrative Services to hire a chief investigator to succeed Russell Bardin, who passed away in January.
- Interviews have been scheduled for February 8-10 for candidates for the position of Secretary 3, which serves as secretary to the executive director, filling a vacancy caused by a resignation in October 2015.

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT: Board member Diane Clark and Executive Director Mark Bowden, Iowa's commissioners for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, will attend a meeting March 31-April 1 in St. Paul, MN, to continue work on setting up the commission that will implement the compact. The compact creates an expedited process for physicians seeking medical licenses in multiple states. Wisconsin recently became the 12th state to join the compact, and legislation is being considered in a dozen states this year.

BOARD CALENDAR: February 4-April 30, 2016

February 4-5 – Board meeting

February 11 – Physician Health Committee

February 25-26 – Reserved hearing dates

March 3 – Board teleconference

March 24-25 – Reserved hearing dates

April 7-8 – Board meeting

April 21-22 – Reserved hearing dates