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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
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Executive Director's Report

(Prepared May 31 for the June 2-3, 2016, Board meeting)

FY2017 EXPENSE BUDGET: The Board of Medicine's budget for fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) is \$4,443,147 up from \$4,374,225 in FY2016. The budget is based on anticipated licensure fees in FY2017 and includes roll-over funds from the current fiscal year. The Board does not anticipate a licensure fee increase in FY2017. The Board has not increased licensure fees since FY2007 and it reduced several fees in FY2014. The FY2017 budget includes:

- Funding for wages and benefits for a full staff. At present, the Board has one vacant position (chief investigator) that is expected to be filled in the next month. There is a 2.5 percent and 1.25 percent cost-of-living increase for non-contract and contract-covered positions and eligible employees (not at the end of their pay-range) that will receive merit increases.
- Per diem allowances to cover all Board functions and meetings, including hearings, conferences, teleconferences, and a Board meeting December 15-16, 2016, in Iowa City.
- Funding for a mobile-friendly website, document scanning, and licensure database projects to facilitate the new administrative medical license and the relinquishment of licenses that have been inactive for 5 years or more.
- Staff and Board member education and travel for conferences and training.
- Costs associated with travel and assessments related to Iowa's participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

BOARD APPOINTMENT: Governor Branstad has announced the following interim appointment to the Board, effective May 1:

- Nicole Gilg Gachiani, M.D., a family physician, at Broadlawns Medical Center, Des Moines. She succeeds Board member Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., Akron, whose term expired April 30. Dr. Gilg Gachiani's appointment was made after the Iowa Senate's confirmation vote schedule, so her appointment will be considered by the Iowa Senate in the 2017 General Assembly.

FY2017 REGULATORY PLAN: The FY2017 plan for possible amendments to the Board's administrative rules has been prepared for the Board's review prior to being submitted to the Governor's Office and posted on the Board's website. The plan, which will be discussed at the June 2-3 Board meeting, includes rulemaking that will be needed to implement several new laws from the 2016 General Assembly.

CALENDAR

(June 1- August 31, 2016)

June 2-3 – Board meeting

June 16-17 – Hearing dates

July 4 – Office closed (Independence Day holiday)

July 7-8 – Hearing dates

July 28-29 – Board meeting

August 11 – Board teleconference

August 11 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting