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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
WILLIAM S. VANDERPOOL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 29, 1992

The Honorable John P. Kibbie, Chair
Senate Committee on State Government
Iowa Senate
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Senator Kibbie:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 258A.4(2) of the 1991 Code of Iowa, the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) hereby submits the annual report of its activities for calendar year 1991.

A. The Board received and opened investigations into 348 complaints during calendar year 1991. In addition, the Board received notification of, and opened inquiries into, 214 professional liability (malpractice) claims during calendar year 1991. Of the 348 complaint related investigations opened in 1991, 76 were opened at the Board's own motion. The remaining 272 complaints were received from a variety of sources including; patients, other health care professionals, law enforcement or criminal justice agencies, hospitals, the general public, etc.

B. There were no disciplinary actions taken by the Board during calendar year 1991 as the direct result of peer review committee action alone. Registered peer review committees were utilized by the Board however, to review and evaluate medical records, investigative reports and similar material, and to submit reports and recommendations to the Board relating to committee findings.

C. The Board reviewed 224 professional liability (malpractice) claims during calendar year 1991.

D. There were 48 formal disciplinary actions commenced before the Board or Courts during calendar year 1991.

E. The Board imposed a total of 129 formal and informal disciplinary sanctions during calendar year 1991 which include:

- 1. License or certification revocations - 2
- 2. License or certification suspensions - 15
- 3. License or certification surrenders accepted as disposition to a contested case - 8
- 4. Licenses or certifications placed on probation - 9

5. Civil penalties (fines) assessed	-	3
6. Licenses restricted	-	4
7. Formal Letters of Warning with Charges	-	6
8. Letters of Warning/Concern issued *	-	82

GRAND TOTAL 129

* Informal sanctions

F. During calendar year 1991, two (2) Board disciplinary actions were appealed to District Court for judicial review. Both currently await court action.

G. During calendar year 1991, the Board registered six (6) peer review committees. The committees are:

1. Surgical peer review committee, 4 members.
2. Anesthesiology peer review committee, 3 members.
3. OB/GYN peer review committee, 2 members.
4. Internal Medicine peer review committee, 3 members.
5. Emergency Medical Service peer review committee, 2 members.
6. Family Practice peer review committee, 3 members.

H. In addition to the formal disciplinary actions previously outlined in this report, the Board through formal action:

1. Denied the applications for Iowa licensure submitted by six (6) physicians and one (1) advanced emergency medical care provider.
2. Approved applications for Iowa licensure or certification submitted by eight (8) physicians and one (1) advanced emergency medical care provider under terms of consent agreements requiring monitoring, continued treatment, restricted practice, etc.
3. Accepted the voluntary surrender of licensure without charges submitted by three (3) physicians.
4. Denied petitions for reinstatement of suspended or revoked license submitted by three (3) physicians.

I. Formal actions concluded by the Board during calendar year 1991, both Licensure and Disciplinary, totaled 69. It should be noted that many formal actions filed by the Board are not concluded in the same calendar year in which they are filed. Discovery and other due process requirements often take several months. Thus, delays often exist between the initiation of a

formal action and its ultimate resolution. In addition, in many disciplinary cases more than one sanction is imposed (e.g. suspension followed by probation, and civil penalty, etc.), only the most serious sanction imposed is reflected in Section E of this report.

J. During calendar year 1991, the Board approved the issuance of the following physician licenses: Total 888

1. 617 permanent licenses, including both M.D. and D.O.
2. 25 temporary licenses, including both M.D. and D.O.
3. 16 special licenses, M.D.
4. 230 resident licenses, including both M.D. and D.O.

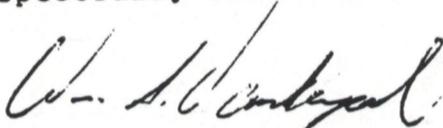
K. The following administrative rule which relates to the duties and operations of the Board was promulgated, and adopted.

653-Chapter 11 which relates to licensure requirements. This rule clarifies necessary licensure documentation which must be met in order to be issued an Iowa medical license and makes changes in certain paragraphs. These rules became effective July 31, 1991.

A copy of the above mentioned rule is enclosed for review.

Also, during calendar year 1991, the Board processed 4,913 renewal applications and continuing medical education certifications for permanently licensed physicians, and authorized the reinstatement of permanent licensure for 26 physicians whose licenses had expired and had become invalid for practice in Iowa. Additionally, the Board randomly audited the continuing medical education certificates submitted by 146 physicians as part of their license renewal process.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

cc: all committee members

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Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.75, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners hereby adopts amendments to Chapter 11, "Licensure Requirements," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments clarify necessary licensure documentation requirements which must be met in order to be issued an Iowa medical license and further amend 11.3(6) by inserting a new paragraph "d" and relettering existing paragraph "d" as "e."

These rules were published under Notice of Intended Action as ARC 1910A in the May 1, 1991, Iowa Administrative Bulletin.

These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action with minor grammatical changes.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 147, 148, 150, and 150A.

These rules shall become effective July 31, 1991.

The following amendments are adopted:

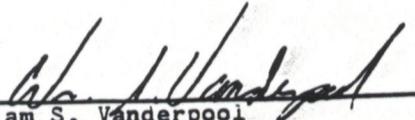
ITEM 1. Amend subrule 11.3(6), paragraph "c," as follows:

c. Present satisfactory documentation of having passed both Component I and Component II of the FLEX examination with a score of 75 or better on each component. and evidence of having been issued a medical license in another state and evidence of current certification by an American Specialty Board, specialty board approved by or recognized by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association, the American Board of Medical Specialties, or the American Osteopathic Association; and

ITEM 2. Further amend 11.3(6) by inserting a new paragraph "d," relettering paragraph "d" as "e," and amending relettered paragraph "e" as follows:

d. Present satisfactory documentation of having passed the FLEX examination with a FLEX Weighted Average of 75 percent or better prior to January 1, 1985, as determined by a state medical licensing authority in no more than two sittings, and evidence of

having been issued a medical license in that state, and evidence of current certification by an American specialty board approved or recognized by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association, the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association; and
do. Fulfill all other of the requirements for licensure in this state.



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