

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared April 21, 2013, for the April 25-26, 2013 Board meeting)

LEGISLATION: SF379, the Board of Medicine's proposed amendments to Iowa Code Chapter 148, died in the legislative funnel in early April. The amendments would have allowed more aggressive use of alternate members in contested case hearings; would have allowed administrative law judges to hear certain non-medical standards cases; and would have cleared up ambiguity about the application of civil penalties.

FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS: The House of Delegates at the annual FSMB meeting in Boston April 18-20 approved a resolution calling for the FSMB to formally explore the creation of a new system that would utilize an "interstate compact" to increase efficiency in the licensing of physicians who practice in multiple states. Jon Thomas, M.D. Minnesota, began his term as FSMB Chair on April 21, joined by Chair-elect Donald Polk, D.O., Tennessee, and three new Board members: Ralph Loomis, M.D., North Carolina; Datta Wagle, M.D., New York; and Michael Zanolli, M.D., Tennessee.

PERSONNEL: Chaney E. Yeast, Johnston, a Drake University law student, will work as an intern for the Board this summer. The hiring process is under way for the position of secretary 3 (executive director's administrative assistant).

MAY-JULY CALENDAR

May 23 – Board teleconference meeting, 7:30 a.m.

May 27 – Office closed (Memorial Day)

May 31 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

May 31 – New Board member orientation for Iowa Physician Health Program

June 13 – Contested case hearing for Thomas L. Warren, Jr., M.D.

June 26 – Greg Skipper, M.D., nationally recognized addictionologist who has worked with physician health programs, will present a workshop at the Board.

June 27-28 – Board meeting

July 4 – Office Closed (Independence Day)

July 8-9 – Contested case hearing for Jeffrey L. Piccirillo, D.O.

July 18 – Contested case hearing for Domenico Calcaterra, M.D.

July 25 – Board teleconference meeting, 7:30 a.m.

July 26 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting