

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared August 23, 2013, for the August 29-30, 2013, Board meeting)

PERSONNEL: Patti Rix, a case manager for the Iowa Physician Health Program, resigned earlier this summer. As a prelude to filling the position, the job description will be updated to include additional responsibilities for marketing of the program and increasing communication with program participants.

DATABASE: The new licensure database is scheduled to go live on October 18. The focus on the project over the next several weeks is testing of programs and staff training. When this system is active, the Board will be communicating with licensees who have renewed in the past year, issuing updated renewal cards and information about the new system and online renewal.

MAINTENANCE OF LICENSURE: As a part of the Federation of State Medical Boards' continuing studies on a possible maintenance of licensure (MOL) system, Iowa will conduct a physician acceptability survey over the next six months to learn from licensees the activities they engage in for continuing medical education or professional development and to find out what is useful and beneficial. Similar surveys have been conducted in Colorado and Virginia.

MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT: A task force seated by the Federation of State Medical Boards to explore a national compact for medical licensure will meet September 10-11 in Washington. Board Executive Director Mark Bowden will attend this meeting. The National Center for Interstate Compacts, which is a part of the National Council on State Governments, continues to brief and advise this group on aspects of framing a compact, which would enhance the portability of a state medical license.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CALENDAR:

Hearings

(Updated 08/23/2013. Subject to change.)

October 10-11 – Andrzej Szczepanek, M.D.

Meetings

September 13 – Iowa Physician Health Committee

September 26 – Teleconference, 7:30 a.m.

October 24-25 – Board meeting

Office holiday closing

The Board's office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.