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Executive Director's Report

(Prepared November 26 the December 4-5, 2014, Board meeting)

UNIFORM APPLICATION: The Federation of State Medical Boards' uniform application for physician state licensure has been used by nearly 50,000 applicants in 23 states. The application, which has been used by Iowa since 2012, eliminates the need for physicians to re-enter information when applying for licenses in multiple states. The core section of the uniform application contains data fields required by all states. A customized addendum allows each medical board to capture unique state requirements. The uniform application complements Iowa's progressive online application process.

WEBSITE UPDATE: Board staff is working with the state's Chief Information Officer Office to redesign the Board's website this winter to accommodate users who access the site via mobile phones. The site, www.medicalboard.iowa.gov, is a key resource for consumers who seek licensure and compliance information about Iowa-licensed physicians. The site also allows consumers to report concerns they have about physicians' competency and conduct. Consumers today spend nearly 60 percent of their time on the Internet on their mobile devices, as compared to their desktop or laptop computer, tablet and other devices, according to 2014 research.

HEARING ON TELEMEDICINE RULES: A public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. January 15, 2015, in the Wallace State Office Building on the Board's proposed rules to establish the standards for physicians who use telemedicine in their medical practice. The proposed rules will be published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 10 and can also be read on the Board's website.

CALENDAR:

(December 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015)

Hearing dates

December 18-19

January 8-9 – Firas A. Rabi, M.D.

February 26-27

Meetings

December 4-5 – Board meeting

January 15 – Board teleconference meeting

January 16 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

February 5-6 – Board meeting

Office closings

December 25, Thursday – Christmas

January 1, Thursday – New Year's Day

January 19, Monday – Martin Luther King Day