

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared June 20, 2013, for the June 27-28, Board meeting)

BUDGET: The Board of Medicine's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) is \$4,032,740, up from \$3,671,280 in FY2013. The budget is based on anticipated licensure fees in FY2014 and includes roll-over funds from the current fiscal year. The FY2014 budget anticipates reductions in various fees as identified in proposed amendments to Iowa Administrative Code 653—Chapters 8, 9, and 10. The Board on April 26, 2013, authorized staff to present these adjustments in rule changes to be considered by the Board on June 28, 2013. The FY2014 budget anticipates increased expenditures, including:

- Funding for wages and benefits for a full staff. Vacancies were filled in the past 12 months for positions in administration and enforcement.
- Negotiated pay raise for contract staff (4.5 percent increase for employees eligible for a "step" increase) and a 1 percent cost-of-living increase for non-contract staff.
- Additional per diem allowances to cover all Board functions and meetings, including hearings, conferences and teleconferences.
- State-mandated incentives paid over five years for former employees who participated in an early retirement program in 2010.
- Technology investments to cover upgrades for the agency's new licensure database.
- Staff and Board member education and travel for conferences.

As determined at the September 20, 2012, Board meeting, no increases in licensure or other fees were made during FY2013. Licensure fees have remained unchanged since FY2007. These fees will be formally reviewed at the September 19-20, 2013, Board meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Greg Hoversten, D.O., chair, has made the following appointments to the Board's four standing committees: **Executive** – Dr. Hoversten, chair, Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Michael Thompson, D.O., Diane Clark, Ann Gales; **Licensure** – Dr. Thompson, chair, Robert Bender, M.D., Ms. Clark, Ms. Gales, Allison Schoenfelder, M.D.; **Monitoring** – Dr. Tewfik, chair, Frank Bognanno, Julie Carmody, M.D., Dr. Hoversten, Julie Perkins, M.D.; **Screening** – Dr. Perkins, chair, Dr. Bender, Msgr. Bognanno, Dr. Carmody, Dr. Schoenfelder.

BOARD STAFF: Natalie Sipes of Ankeny has been hired as secretary to the executive director, filling a position that was open due to a retirement at the end of 2012. Ms. Sipes was the member services coordinator for the Iowa Concrete Paving Association for the past five years. She joined the Board staff on June 10.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT: The Board has released its 2012 Annual Report, which highlights the Board's licensure and regulatory functions made over the past year. The report includes a recap of administrative rules adopted in 2012 and a review of the work of the Iowa Physician Health Committee, which administers a program that supports physicians who self-report mental health issues, physical disabilities or substance use disorders. The annual report is available at <http://www.medicalboard.iowa.gov/images/Stats/2012%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

JUNE-AUGUST CALENDAR

Hearings

(Updated 06/20/2013. Subject to change.)

July 7-8 – Jeffrey L. Piccirillo, D.O.

August 8-9 – Andrzej Szczepanek, M.D.

Meetings

June 27-28 – Board meeting

July 25 – Teleconference, 7:30 a.m.

July 26 – Iowa Physician Health Committee

August 29-30 – Board meeting

Office holiday closing

The Board's office will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.