

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared September 12, 2012, for the September 20-21, 2012 Board meeting)

MAINTENANCE OF LICENSURE PILOT PROJECTS: Board staff members are reviewing a draft survey developed by the Federation of State Medical Boards to measure a state board's "readiness" for a system to measure the ongoing competency of medical licensees. The survey is intended to identify issues state boards need to consider and possibly resolve to ensure successful implementation of the maintenance of licensure (MOL) system. Iowa is one of 10 states participating in this pilot project. The Iowa Board will also help refine a survey on physician acceptability of MOL. This survey, to be taken later this year or in early 2013, is a pilot that is intended to learn practicing physicians' views on potential features of a comprehensive MOL system.

TRAINING: Public Member Ann Gales, Bode, will attend the Citizen Advocacy Center's 2012 annual meeting, October 25-26, at St. Petersburg College, Seminole, Florida. The center provides training for public members of state medical boards. This year's focus is on effective disciplinary programs. Public Member Diane Clark, Lake Mills, attended the annual meeting in 2011. Shantel Billington and Mary Knapp, enforcement monitors, will attend a "learning summit," October 29-30 at the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) at Denver, CO. The Board uses CPEP for evaluation of licensees and CPEP's recommendations are routinely incorporated into monitoring orders. Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs, and Julie Bussanmas and Theresa Weeg, Assistant Attorney Generals, will attend a Federation of State Medical Boards' workshop for board attorneys, November 1-2, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

FSMB NOMINATIONS AND APPONTMENTS: The Federation of State Medical Boards is seeking nominations for elective positions on the FSMB Board of Directors and recommendations for appointment to FSMB committees on Audit, Bylaws, Editorial, Education, Ethics and Professionalism, and Finance. The deadline for nominations and appointment recommendations is January 7, 2013. Board members and members who recently completed service on the Board are eligible for nomination and appointment. Jon V. Thomas, M.D., a member of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice, will be installed as chair of the FSMB Board of Directors at the annual meeting April 18-20, 2013, in Boston, Massachusetts.

SEPTEMBER 20-NOVEMBER 30, 2012 CALENDARS

Hearings

(Updated 9/13/2012. Subject to change)

October 11 – Sergio Paradiso, M.D.

October 12 – Ruben Altman, M.D.

October 11-12 – Daniel J. Baldi, D.O.

Meetings

September 20-21 – Board meeting

October 18 – Board teleconference meeting

October 19 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

November 15-16 – Board meeting

Office holiday closings

November 12, Monday – Veterans Day

November 22-23, Thursday-Friday – Thanksgiving