

## Executive Director's Report

*(Prepared December 7, 2015, for the December 10-11, 2015, Board meeting)*

### PERSONNEL:

- Russell Bardin, the Board's chief investigator since September 4, 2008, will retire on January 4, 2016. Russell has worked diligently to increase the professionalism and performance of the investigative staff through training, mentoring and direction. In January, the agency will seek state authorization to hire a new chief investigator.
- Emily Zalasky of Ames, Iowa has been hired as case manager for the Iowa Physician Health Program. She will join the staff on December 18. Emily has nearly 20 years of case management experience. She is a licensed bachelor social worker.
- Laura Wood of Bondurant, Iowa, has been hired as an investigator. She will join the staff on January 4, 2016. For the past five years, Laura has worked as an investigator for Iowa Workforce Development. She has undergraduate degrees in health science and criminal justice.

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**INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT:** Board member Diane Clark and Executive Director Mark Bowden, Iowa's commissioners for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, will attend a meeting December 18, 2015, in Salt Lake City, UT, to continue work on setting up the commission that will implement the compact. The compact creates an expedited process for physicians seeking medical licenses in multiple states. Wisconsin recently become the 12th state to join the compact.

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### BOARD CALENDAR: December 10, 2015 -February 5, 2016

**December 10-11**– Board meeting

**December 25** – Office closed (Christmas)

**January 1** – Office closed (Christmas)

**January 14** – Teleconference

**January 21-22** – Administrative hearing

**February 4-5** – Board meeting