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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
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Executive Director's Report

(Prepared July 16 for the July 20-21, 2017, Board meeting)

FY2018 EXPENSE BUDGET: The Board of Medicine's budget for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) is \$4,497,612, down from \$4,609,861 in FY2017. The budget is based on anticipated licensure fees to be collected in FY2018 and includes roll-over funds from the FY2017. The Board does not anticipate a licensure fee increase in FY2018. The Board has not increased licensure fees since FY2007 and it reduced several fees in FY2014. The fee schedule will be formally reviewed at the Board meeting on September 14-15.

The FY2018 budget includes:

- Funding for wages and benefits for a full staff. At present, the Board has three staff vacancies which are expected to be filled by September 1. Contract and non-contract employees received a 1 percent cost-of-living pay increase on July 1.
- Per diem allowances to cover all Board functions and meetings, including hearings, conferences, teleconferences, and a Board meeting outside of Des Moines.
- Funding to digitize several years of licensure and compliance records and continuing enhancements in the agency's licensure database.
- Staff and Board member education and travel for conferences and training.
- Costs associated with travel and expenses related to Iowa's participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

BOARD ORDERS, ACTIONS: From January 1 through June 30, 2017, the Board reviewed 415 investigative cases, filed charges against eight licensees, held one disciplinary hearing and issued a disciplinary order related to that case, and approved eight settlement agreements in lieu of hearings. In the same period, the Board issued 51 confidential letters of concern to licensees who have been the subject of investigations for competency or conduct complaints, or who had issues in their applications for licensure. In addition, the Board waived certain requirements for licensure for one applicant and denied waivers for two other licensure applicants. The Board approved two rulemaking actions: adoption of ARC 2950C (amendments to 653 IAC Chapter 17 – Licensure of Acupuncturists) and notice of intended action to adopt ARC 3069C (amendments to 653 IAC Chapter 21 – Physician Supervision of a Physician Assistant).

FY2018 REGULATORY PLAN: The FY2018 plan for possible amendments to the Board's administrative rules has been prepared for the Board's review prior to being submitted to the Governor's Office and posted on the Board's website. The plan, which will be discussed at the July 20-21 Board meeting, includes rulemaking that will be needed to implement several new laws from the 2017 Iowa Legislature. Other potential amendments are the result of the Board's five-year, ongoing review of its administrative rules.

USMLE ORIENTATION FOR BOARD MEMBERS: Board members Warren Gall, M.D., Nicole Gilg-Gachiani, M.D., and Ronald Kolegraff, M.D., will participate in the 12th annual United States Medical Licensing Examination Orientation September 28 at the National Board of Medical Examiners' office in Philadelphia, PA. The workshop gives state medical board members an overview of the USMLE program and, how exam content is developed.

STAFF TRAINING: Board investigators Steven Garrison and Laura Woods have been selected to pursue certification by a nationally recognized program that will hold a training session August 7-9 in Kansas City. Sponsored by the Administrators in Medicine and the Federation of State Medical Boards, the Certified Medical Board Investigator program provides training and coursework to strengthen and support individual professional development. The Board's other investigators (five) have earned certification.

AGENCY CALENDAR

(July 20- September 30, 2017)

July 20-21 – Board meeting

July 27-28 – Reserved hearing dates

August 4 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

August 10 – Board teleconference

August 18 – Contested case hearing for Lynette Iles, M.D., Washington.

September 4 – Office closed (Labor Day)

September 14-15 – Board meeting

September 21-22 – Reserved hearing dates