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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
MARK BOWDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared October 9, 2015, for the October 15-16, 2015, Board meeting)

BOARD FEES: Staff is not recommending an increase in fees for licensure and other Board services in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The Board annually reviews its fee schedule in September or October as directed by Iowa Code Section 147.80(2) to ensure that fees collected cover the agency's operating costs. The Board has not increased fees since FY2007. In FY2014, the Board reduced several fees, including medical residency licenses and criminal background checks for medical and acupuncture license applicants, and it eliminated most fees for copies of public records when the records can be delivered in electronic format. The Board does not receive a general fund allocation, but operates exclusively on fees from licensure. The Board's FY2016 operating budget is \$4,260,709. Since FY2007, the Board has deposited \$790,500 in Iowa's General Fund from civil penalties collected in disciplinary actions.

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 October 27-28, 2015, in Chicago to establish the commission that will implement the compact. As of September 2015, the compact has been enacted in 11 states: Iowa, Alabama, Idaho, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming. The legislation remains under consideration this fall in the Wisconsin and Michigan legislatures, both of which operate year-round legislative sessions. In addition, the legislation is expected to be pursued in at least another dozen states in the 2016 legislative season. The compact creates an expedited process for physicians seeking medical licenses in multiple states.

FSMB NOMINATIONS: The Federation of State Medical Boards is seeking nominations for elective positions on the FSMB Board of Directors, recommendations for appointments to FSMB committees, and resolutions on issues of interest to state medical boards and the Federation. The FSMB's 104th annual meeting will be held April 28-30, 2016, in San Diego, CA.

BOARD TO MEET IN CORALVILLE: The Board will meet December 10-11, 2015, at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Board meetings are usually held in Des Moines, but the Board does occasionally schedule meetings elsewhere in Iowa to increase its interaction with the public it serves.

BOARD CALENDAR: October 15-December 31, 2015

October 15-16 – Board meeting

November 6 – Physician Health Committee meeting

November 11 – Office closed (Veterans Day)

November 12 – Board teleconference meeting

November 19-20 – Hearing dates

November 26-27 – Office closed (Thanksgiving)

December 3-4 – Hearing dates

December 10-11– Board meeting (in Coralville)

December 25 – Office closed (Christmas)