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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
MARK BOWDEN, M.P.A., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared September 8 for the September 14-15, 2017, Board meeting)

ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICINE LICENSES: The Board has issued 17 administrative medicine licenses in the first year of this new license. The license allows a physician to use medical and clinical knowledge, skill and judgment in the non-clinical advisory or administrative activities related to the practice of medicine or in the delivery of health care services. The license does not include the authority to examine, care for, or treat a patient, delegate medical acts to other health care providers, prescribe drugs or controlled substances, or conduct clinical trials on humans. Iowa is one of 37 states and U.S. territories that issue some form of an administrative medicine license. Over the past 20 years more physicians have taken executive positions in health care organizations and do not have clinical practices. An administrative medicine license, which is limited to non-clinical practice, allows a physician to have a state-issued license, which may be required as a condition of employment.

NPDB COMPLIANCE: All Iowa reporting entities, including the Board, were compliant with reporting requirements for the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), according to a recent audit of reports filed in 2015. The web-based repository of these reports contain information on medical malpractice payments and certain adverse actions related to health care practitioners, providers, and suppliers. Federal regulations authorize eligible entities to report to and/or query the NPDB. Individuals and organizations who are subjects of these reports have access to their own information. The reports are confidential, and not available to the public. The reporting requirements are audited every two years.

STAFF APPOINTMENT: Natalie Sipes has been named to the newly created supervisory position of Director of Licensure and Administration to oversee and direct assigned programs and staff for licensure, maintenance and updates in the licensure database, tech support, and office planning and operational continuity. She has handled many of these responsibilities since being named director of licensure in 2014.

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.

COMPACT UPDATE: Marschall Smith of Denver, CO, has been hired as executive director of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission. Mr. Smith worked for the state of

Colorado for 30 years in various managerial positions for agencies involved in licensure of health care professionals. Twenty-two states, including Iowa, are members of the interstate agreement, which establishes an expedited process for medical licensure.

AGENCY CALENDAR

(September 14-December 31, 2017)

September 14-15 – Board meeting

September 15, 11 a.m. – Contested case hearing for Lynette I. Iles, M.D.

September 21-22 – Reserved hearing dates

November 2 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

November 9 – Board teleconference

November 10 – Office closed (Veterans Day observed)

November 16-17 – Reserved hearing dates

November 23-24 – Office closed (Thanksgiving)

December 7-8 – Reserved hearing dates

December 14-15 – Board meeting

December 25 – Office closed (Christmas)