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

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared September 9 for the September 15-16, 2016, Board meeting)

ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICINE LICENSE: Steven M. Scott of Creedmoor, NC, is the first physician to receive Iowa's new administrative medicine license. License No. AD-00001 was issued to Dr. Scott on July 24. The new license, authorized by legislation in 2015, allows a physician to use medical and clinical knowledge, skill, and judgment in non-clinical advisory or administrative activities related to the practice of medicine or to 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. To date, the Board has issued three administrative medicine licenses and has received applications for another 4 licenses.

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT: Board member Diane Clark and Executive Director Mark Bowden, Iowa's commissioners for the Compact Commission, will attend a Commission meeting October 3 in Kansas City, KS. The Commission is working on several issues, including technology, funding and rulemaking, to initiate the Compact's expedited licensure process in January 2017. There are 17 states in the Compact and the enabling legislation is being considered by several other states this fall.

BOARD ACTIONS: From January 1 through August 31, 2016, the Board has reviewed 521 investigative cases and has filed charges against 13 licensees. In the same period, the Board issued 104 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 has waived certain requirements for licensure for three applicants.

FSMB NOMINATIONS: The Federation of State Medical Boards is seeking nominations for elective positions on the FSMB Board of Directors and recommendations for appointments to FSMB committees. The deadline for nominations and recommendations is December 30, 2016. The FSMB's 105th annual meeting will be held April 20-22, 2017, in Fort Worth, TX.

CALENDAR

(September 15- October 31, 2016)

September 15-16 – Board meeting at Okoboji

September 22-23 – Reserved hearing dates

October 20-21 – Reserved hearing dates

October 27-28 – Board meeting in Des Moines