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YEARSMARK BOWDEN
Executive Director

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared July 22, 2011, for the July 28-29, 2011, Board meeting)

PERSONNEL -- The Department of Management has approved requests to fill three vacant positions: investigator, clerk-specialist (licensure) and program planner 2 (monitoring case manager). The hiring process should begin by August 15. Eric Way, secretary 1 (licensing assistant) resigned July 18 to accept an information technology position with the Iowa Board of Pharmacy on August 5. A request to fill this vacancy will be filed by August 15.

REGULATORY PLAN -- The Board's regulatory plan for FY2012 (attached) has been submitted to the Iowa Department of Public Health and has been posted on the Board's website, www.medicalboard.iowa.gov. The plan reflects the Board's priorities, but it is subject to change as circumstances dictate.

PRESCRIPTION ABUSE REDUCTION TASK FORCE = The Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy is establishing an advisory task force to look at possible state response to the problem of prescription drug abuse and diversion. The Board has been asked to participate and will be represented by the Executive Director. The task force will meet Aug. 3, Sept. 13 and Oct. 11. The task force will present its recommendations to the Governor by Nov. 1.

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Hearings

(Updated 7/20/11. Subject to delays or continuances)

August 9 – Ryan E. Lee, D.O.

August 25-26 – Ernest L. Galbreath, D.O.

August 26 – Richard M. Fleming, M.D.

Meetings

August 18 – Board teleconference meeting

August 19 – Iowa Physician Health Committee

September 22-23 – Board meeting in Des Moines

Office Holiday Closing

The Board will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.