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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
MARK BOWDEN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Executive Director's Report

*(Updated 6/4/10 for the June 10-11, 2010, Board meeting)*

The Board of Medicine's spending plan for fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011) is \$3,143,776, up from \$3,030,355 in FY 2010. The increase in anticipated expenses includes:

- Incentives for qualified retiring employees
- Pay raises for staff members covered by state bargaining contracts
- Wages and benefits for four open positions in the enforcement division
- A new fee paid to the state for hosting the new database serve
- A higher rate paid to the Attorney General's Office
- An increase in staff mileage payments due to the loss of the Board's vehicle fleet
- Staff and Board member travel for education, conferences

The Department of Management has authorized the hiring of two investigators and the conversion of an open licensure position (LaDee Piner, who resigned in April) to an investigator position. These hires will fill positions vacated by Bernard Jennisch, Teena Roush and David Smith. In addition, the Board is expected to receive approval to hire an additional investigator in the new fiscal year to cover the position vacated by Mary Nelson.

The outlook is positive for the new fiscal year, which should mean that expenditures such as membership renewals or out-of-state travel would be easier to secure.

Legislation approved in the 2010 session and an executive order by Governor Culver may impact the Board in several areas, most especially technology services, which is being consolidated under the Department of Administrative Services. Concurrently, there remains a significant unanswered question about the Board's financial independence, as defined in Iowa Code 147.80 and 147.82.

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**INVESTIGATOR TRAINING:** Russell Bardin, chief investigator, has been accepted for the 2010 Administrators in Medicine/Federation of State Medical Boards certified medical board investigator training July 28-30 in Nashville. The certification will be helpful for Mr. Bardin as he works to recruit and train new investigators this summer.

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**DATABASE UPDATE:** Board staff has begun the initial testing of the new database and has been working on mapping the current data to our new database for data conversion.

The go-live date has been pushed back a few weeks to the end of October due to the incorporation of the Federation of State Medical Board's uniform application. Earlier this month, the Board formally received a \$10,000 grant from the FSMB to help cover additional software costs associated with the uniform application project.

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**WEBSITE UPDATE:** Comments have been very positive about the Board's redesigned website, which was launched April 30.

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## **JUNE-JULY CALENDAR**

### **Hearings**

*(Updated 6/4/10. Subject to delays or continuances)*

June 10, 3 p.m. – Ralph F. Reeder, M.D.

June 11, 1 p.m. – Robert A. Bischoff, M.D.

June 16, 8:30 a.m. – Jerry A. Hancock, M.D.

July 12, 8:30 a.m. – Adel S. Al-Jurf, M.D.

### **Meetings**

June 10-11 – Board meeting

July 8 – Board teleconference meeting

July 23 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meetings

### **Office Holiday Closing**

The Board will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

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