



Executive Director's Report

(Prepared May 30, 2011, for the June 2-3, 2011, Board meeting)

The Board of Medicine's proposed spending plan for fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012) is \$3,233,783, up from \$3,143,776 in FY 2011. The increase in anticipated expenses includes:

- A new position to assist in the monitoring of physicians
- Pay raises for staff (2 percent effective July 1, 1 percent on January 1, 2012, and a 4.5 percent increase for employees eligible for a "step" increase)
- State-mandated incentives paid over five years for former Board staff employees who participated in an early retirement program in 2010.
- Additional enhancements for the tri-Boards' new database
- Staff and Board member travel for education and conferences

The Department of Management has been asked to approve a new Board position for the oversight of physicians under Board-ordered monitoring. There are nearly 200 physicians under Board-ordered monitoring, a 40 percent increase over the past five years. At this time, physician monitoring has been coordinated by the Board's office manager.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Board staff is monitoring the budget talks between the Legislature and the Governor's Office. This significant unsettled issue is keeping the Legislature in session far beyond its scheduled adjournment on April 29. Although the Board does not receive a general fund appropriation, the new budget, when adopted, may have corresponding executive orders or directives on spending that could affect the Board.

ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM – The Iowa Department of Public Health has established an advisory committee to provide advice for the design and

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implementation of the electronic death registration system for Iowa. The Board of Medicine was asked to participate as an extension of earlier discussions regarding physicians' responsibilities for completing death certificates. The committee force held its kickoff meeting on May 12 and will meet again on June 21. The Board's website includes a press release that provides guidance on timely completion of death certificates.

JUNE-JULY CALENDAR

Hearings

(Updated 05/25/11. Subject to delays or continuances)

July 7, 8:30 a.m., Thomas W. Fagg, D.O.

July 7-8, 8:30 a.m., Robert K. Finley III, M.D.

Meetings

June 2-3 -- Board meeting in Des Moines

June 24 -- Iowa Physician Health Committee

June 30 -- Teleconference meeting

July 28-29 -- Board meeting in Iowa City

Office Holiday Closing

The Board will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.