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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
MARK BOWDEN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Executive Director's Report

*(Updated October 05, 2009, for the October 21-22 Board meeting)*

**BUDGET:** Over the past six weeks, the Board has provided significant information on staffing, expenditures, etc. to the Legislative Services Agency and the Governor's consultant looking government efficiencies. This information was requested from all agencies. In early September, there was a loosening of the reins on expenditures that did not involve the use of funds from the state's general fund. The Revenue Estimating Conference was expected to issue a dismal budget forecast on October 7, setting the stage for further restrictions in state spending. The Board does not receive a direct appropriation from the general fund, but is funded exclusively with licensure fees.

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**PERSONNEL** – More than 100 applications were received for each of two open positions: secretary 1 (licensure) and health professions investigator (compliance). All applications are being reviewed and evaluated. Job offers are expected to be made in the current (second) quarter of FY 2010.

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**DATABASE** – The vendor is on site, working with the Board's project manager, Amy Van Maanen, to analyze and chart the processes followed in licensure and compliance. This fundamental step is critical to the integrated database.

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**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:** In the past month, the Board's executive director made presentations to six groups and organizations, including the Cedar Rapids Medical Education Foundation, the Iowa Hospital Association, and the Administrators in Medicine Regional Conference in Omaha.

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### **BOARD CALENDAR (November, December)**

#### **Hearings**

*(Subject to delays or continuances)*

November 19-20 – Jean M. Lorentzen, D.O.; Fawad S. Zafar, M.D.

December 16 – Robert F. Tobin, M.D.; Adel S. Al-Jurf, M.D.

#### **Meetings**

November 19 – Regular Teleconference meeting

December 4 – Iowa Physician Health Program Committee meeting

December 16-17 – Regular Board meeting

#### **Holiday closings**

The Board's office will be closed November 11 (Veterans Day), November 26-27 (Thanksgiving), December 25 (Christmas).