



Executive Director's Report

(Prepared September 16, 2011, for the September 22-23, 2011, Board meeting)

PERSONNEL: The application process is under way for the vacant positions of investigator (enforcement), clerk-specialist (licensure), and secretary 1 (licensure). Mary Knapp was named to the new position of monitoring case manager. Mary has been a case manager for the Iowa Physician Health Program for the past three years. We are seeking authorization to hire a person to fill the position (program planner 2) Mary vacated.

REMODEL UPDATE: Medicine, Dental, Pharmacy and Nursing licensing boards in the RiverPoint Office Park will expand the size of the shared conference room to improve the set up/arrangement of tables for administrative case hearings and to provide more room for public seating at board meetings and hearings. The conference room will be enlarged by expanding into adjoining areas, including the Board's on-site storage room and the Pharmacy board's conference room. The Department of Administrative Services handles the contracts and arrangements. The project will be posted for bids on Sept. 19.

DATABASE: Significant progress has been made recently toward the completion of the database project. Conversion of data from the old system was completed in August, and testing will begin soon for the public portal, which is the web services portion of this project. The vendor has been assigned additional work to develop more reports from the new system.

TRAINING: Public member Diane Clark, Lake Mills, will attend the Citizen Advocacy Center training Oct. 20-21 in Washington, D.C. The agenda includes a review of regulatory board disciplinary programs, with a focus on how complaints are processed and how complainants are informed. Kent Nebel, director of legal affairs, will attend the Federation of State Medical Boards' attorney workshop Nov. 9-10, in Miami. The agenda includes an update of federal healthcare reform, pain management regulations, prescription drug monitoring programs, social media and the implications of social networking, discovery in administrative proceedings, and

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standard of care trial tactics. Assistant Attorney General Theresa Weeg, who counsels the Board of Medicine, will be a presenter at this workshop. Mark Bowden, executive director, completed the Administrators in Medicine's certified medical board executive director's training in Washington, D.C., August 26-29. This training was paid by AIM and the FSMB. Deb Anglin, physician health program coordinator, visited the Hazelden treatment center in Center City, MN, Aug. 14-16. She participated in parts of the treatment process, including a multidisciplinary staffing, bio-feedback and meditation sessions, lectures, etc. Some of the PHP participants have sought treatment at Hazelden. Board investigators Aaron Kephart, James Machamer, David McGlaughlin and David Schultz are attending the AIM-FSMB certified board investigator training Sept. 21-23 in Columbus, Ohio.

IOWA PRESCRIPTION ABUSE REDUCTION TASK FORCE: Mark Bowden, executive director, has represented the Board at two meetings of the Iowa Prescription Abuse Reduction Task Force established by the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy. At the task force's meeting Sept. 13, there was considerable discussion on the role of law enforcement in cases of doctor-shopping, prescription forgery, and diversion of patients' pain medications. The goal of the task force is to recommend steps to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion. The 42-member task force's final meeting is Oct. 11 and its recommendations will be considered by the Office in presenting an Iowa Prescription Abuse Reduction plan later this year.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Hearings

(Updated 9/16/2011. Subject to settlements, delays or continuances.)

October 20 – Paul Quentzel, M.D., Sukhdarshan Bedi, M.D., Tyson Cobb, M.D., Roger Hansen, D.O., Michael Moeller, M.D.

Meetings

October 13 – Board teleconference meeting

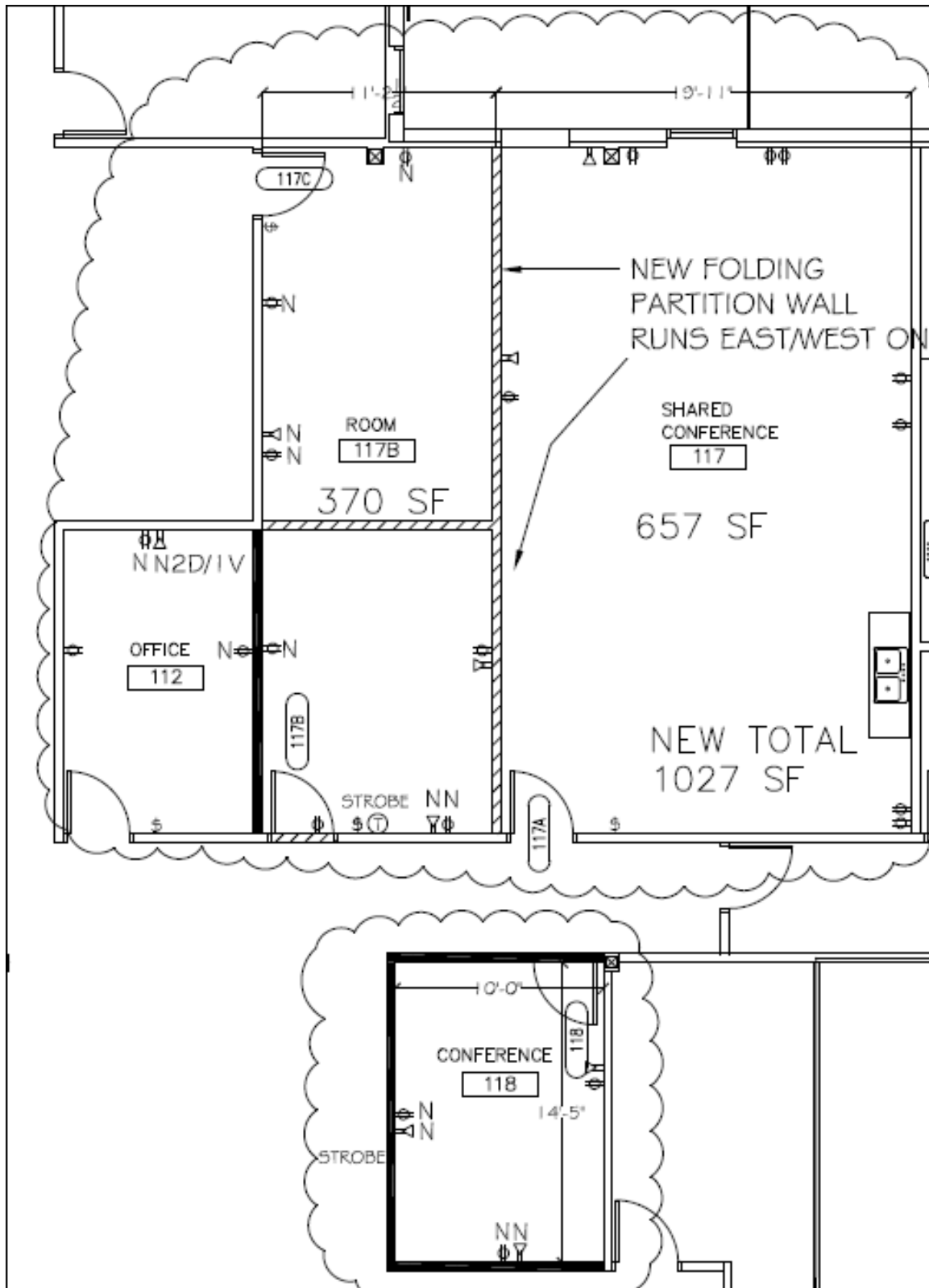
October 14 – Iowa Physician Health Committee

November 17-18 – Board meeting in Des Moines

Office Holiday Closings

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 24-25 – Thanksgiving



EXPANSION OF SHARED CONFERENCE ROOM