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## Executive Director's Report

*(Prepared October 24, 2017, for the October 26-27, 2017, Board meeting)*

**BOARD ACTIONS:** From January 1 through September 30, 2017, the Board has reviewed 627 investigative cases and has filed charges against 13 licensees. In the same period, the Board issued 78 confidential letters of concern to licensees who have been the subject of investigations for competency or conduct complaints, or who had issues in their applications for licensure. In addition, the Board waived certain requirements for licensure for four applicants.

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**PERSONNEL UPDATE:** Jaime Dunbar of Des Moines and Melissa Nelsen of Rhodes have been hired as clerk-specialists for the licensure division of the Iowa Board of Medicine, filling two job vacancies, one of which had been open since March. Jaime was a compliance specialist for Dice Holdings and Melissa worked as general secretary for UnityPoint/Iowa Methodist, Des Moines, for 17 years.

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**HEARINGS ON RULEMAKING:** Public hearings will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 31, on amendments to update in the Board's administrative rules on physician licensure and on two proposed rules establishing standards of practice for the diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne diseases and for use of experimental treatments for patients with terminal illnesses. All three proposed rulemakings are available at [http://www.medicalboard.iowa.gov/iowa\\_code/index.html](http://www.medicalboard.iowa.gov/iowa_code/index.html)

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**TRAINING ON SUPERVISORY AGREEMENTS:** The Board's online training series on the new agreement for physicians who supervise physician assistants attracted 271 participants in October. The weekly online training will continue through the end of this year. The supervisory agreement is a new administrative rule that became effective September 20, 2017, and will be enforced by the Board on January 1, 2018.

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### AGENCY CALENDAR

*(October 26-December 31, 2017)*

**October 26-27** - Board meeting  
**November 2** - Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting  
**November 9** - Board teleconference  
**November 10** - Office closed (Veterans Day observed)

**November 16-17** - Reserved hearing dates  
**November 23-24** - Office closed (Thanksgiving)  
**December 7-8** - Reserved hearing dates  
**December 14-15** - Board meeting  
**December 25** - Office closed (Christmas)