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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
MARK BOWDEN, M.P.A., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director's Report

(For the April 5-6, 2018, Iowa Board of Medicine meeting)

BOARD ACTIONS: From January 1 through March 31, 2018, the Board has reviewed 103 investigative cases and has filed charges against six licensees and has issued two consent agreements as a condition for issuing a medical license. In the same period, the Board issued 13 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 two applicants and initiated one rulemaking.

LICENSURE OF GENETIC COUNSELORS: Governor Reynolds has signed 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2228, which establishes the licensure and regulation of genetic counselors under the Board. Iowa will become one of two dozen states that license these healthcare providers who advise patients and their family members about the consequences and nature of an inherited disorder, the probability of developing or transmitting it, and the options available to manage/plan for the disorder. Iowa's new law will take effect January 1, 2019, but the Board may begin implementation prior to that date.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Governor Kim Reynolds has made the following appointments to the Board, effective May 1:

- **Katherine Asjes of Nevada** – a public member of the Board to complete the unexpired term (2 years) of Teresa Garman of Ames, who resigned from the Board on December 31, 2017.
- **Philip Bear, D.O., of West Des Moines** – a physician member of the Board, he will succeed Charles Wadle, D.O., West Des Moines, who did not seek reappointment. Dr. Bear, a 1981 graduate of University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, Des Moines, is a cardiologist at the Iowa Heart Center, West Des Moines.
- **Mary Jo Romanco of Pleasantville** – A public member of the Board, she is a registered nurse and works for Mercy ACO, Des Moines. Her first three-year appointment to the Board was in 2015.
- **Kyle Ulveling, M.D., of Carroll** – A physician member of the Board, he is a cardiologist for Iowa Heart Center, Carroll. His first three-year appointment to the Board was in 2015.

FSMB ANNUAL MEETING: Board Chair Kyle Ulveling, M.D., will be Iowa's voting delegate at the Federation of State Medical Boards' House of Delegates meeting on April 28 in Charlotte, NC. Board members Mary Jo Romanco, Warren Gall, M.D., Nicole Gilg Gachiani, M.D., and Dr. Ulveling, and three members of the Board's staff will attend the FSMB's annual meeting, April 25-28.

BOARD CALENDAR: April 5- June 30, 2018

April 5-6 – Board meeting (meeting at Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines)

April 12 – New Board member orientation, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

April 19-20 – Reserve hearing dates

April 20 – Psychologist prescribing subcommittees meeting, 12:30 p.m.

May 10 – Board teleconference, 7:30 a.m.

May 17-18 – Reserve hearing dates

May 28 – Office closed (Memorial Day holiday observed)

June 7-8 – Board meeting (meeting at Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines)

June 21-22 – Reserve hearing dates

June 28 – Physician Health Committee meeting, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.