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**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
7:30 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2016**

This regularly scheduled meeting is being held by teleconference because an in-person meeting is impractical due to the timely nature of the agenda items and the anticipated brevity of this meeting.

OPEN MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Chair
Ronald Cheney, D.O., Secretary
Julie Carmody, M.D.
Diane Clark
Mary Jo Romano
Kyle Ulveling, M.D.
Charles Wadle, D.O.**

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., Vice Chair
Diane Cortese**

STAFF PRESENT:

**Mark Bowden, Executive Director
Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs
John Olds, M.D., Medical Advisor
Julie Bussanmas, Assistant Attorney General**

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

**Leah McWilliams, Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association;
Dennis Tibben, Iowa Medical Society;
Darcy L. Rubenking, PA-C, Corning, Iowa.**

The meeting was called to order by Hamed Tewfik at 7:41 a.m. when a roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Mark Bowden noted that two licensure items on the agenda were listed as closed session items, but were in fact open session items.

Public comments: Leah McWilliams reiterated previous concern about that minimum required visits (2 per year) by a supervising physician to a remote medical clinic staffed by a physician assistant was not adequate; Dennis Tibben expressed the medical society's support for the rulemaking; Darcy Rubenking expressed concern about imposing an additional regulatory burden.

Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs, explained that the proposed amendments being considered this morning reflected changes requested by the Board at a teleconference on April 12, at which time the Board determined to revise the introductory sentence in 653.21.4(2) “b” for clarification and to delete the word “each” in 653.21.4 “c” due to redundancy.

Hamed Tewfik, M.D. asked Board members to comment on the amendments, and Board members present expressed appreciation for the Board of Physician Assistants working cooperatively to reach a compromise and that a lot of work by both boards had gone into the joint rule.

On a motion by Ronald Cheney, D.O. to adopt and file the amendments as presented at today’s teleconference, and a second by Hamed Tewfik, M.D. Charles Wadle, D.O. and Diane Clark, the Board adopted the amendments.

Mark Bowden said he would communicate the Board’s action to the Board of Physician Assistants and prepare the rulemaking for filing within the next week so that it can be published on May 11 in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin. Under this publication schedule, the amendments would become effective June 15, presuming the Board of Physician Assistants follows suit.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 a.m.