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Summary of the December 9-10, 2021, Board Meeting

Total Cases Reviewed: The Board reviewed 116 cases.

New Investigative Cases: The Board reviewed 85 new investigative cases.

Confidential Letters of Warning or Education: When the Board determines that probable cause does not exist to take formal disciplinary action against a licensee, the Board may send a confidential, non-disciplinary, letter to the licensee expressing concerns and requesting that the licensee take corrective action, including further education.

The Board voted to issue 9 confidential Letters of Warning or Education due to the following areas of concern:

1. Concerns about a physician's disruptive behavior.
2. Concerns about a physician's prescribing to a family member.
3. Concerns about a physician's pain management prescribing.
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5. Concerns about a physician's professional boundaries with a patient.
6. Concerns that a physician failed to provide complete and accurate information on an application for an Iowa medical license.
7. Concerns about a physician's prescribing to a family member and poor recordkeeping.
8. Concerns about a physician's post-operative care.
9. Concerns about a physician's treatment of a patient suffering from diabetic ketoacidosis.

Licensure Committee: The Licensure Committee reviews initial applications, renewals, and reinstatements and licensure policies. Most applications are approved by staff without committee review. However, some concerns identified during the review process must be reviewed by the committee to determine whether a license should be granted, renewed or reinstated.

The committee reviewed 9 applications for Iowa medical licensure. The committee recommended the following actions:

1. Granted 5 permanent Iowa medical licenses.
2. Offered 1 applicant an Iowa medical license subject to a public Consent Agreement.
3. Issued 1 confidential letter due to concerns about the applicant.
4. Left 1 case open to obtain further information.
5. Denied 1 request to extend the deadline for renewal of their permanent Iowa medical license.

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