

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared November 8, 2012, for the November 15-16, 2012, Board meeting)

PERSONNEL: Process under way to hire a successor to investigator Ed Knapp, who retired at the end of September. A pool of 21 candidates for this position are current state employees who applied and were deemed qualified (meets minimum job requirements) by the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. Interviews will be scheduled in late November and early December.

TRAINING: Chief Investigator Russell Bardin is attending the 21st National Conference on Pharmaceutical and Chemical Diversion, November 14-15, in Cincinnati. The conference, sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, includes presentations on investigating and analyzing cases involving inappropriate pain medicine prescribing.

FSMB NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS: The Federation of State Medical Boards is seeking nominations for elective positions on the FSMB Board of Directors and recommendations for appointment to FSMB committees on Audit, Bylaws, Editorial, Education, Ethics and Professionalism, and Finance. The deadline for nominations and appointment recommendations is Jan. 7, 2013. The Board of Directors' election will be at the annual FSMB meeting April 18-20, 2013, in Boston.

CALENDAR: November 15, 2012, through January 11, 2013

Hearings

(Updated 11/08/2012. Subject to change)

Amjad Butt, M.D., 8:30 a.m. Thursday, December 6

Wendy Smoker, M.D., 1 p.m. Thursday, December 6

Meetings

November 15-16 – Board meeting

December 13 – Board teleconference meeting

December 14 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

January 10-11 – Board meeting

Office holiday closings

November 22-23, Thursday-Friday – Thanksgiving

December 25, Tuesday – Christmas

January 1, Tuesday – New Year's Day