STATE APPEAL BOARD MEETING — JANUARY 2020

Meeting. The State Appeal Board met on January 14, 2020, at the State Capitol in Des Moines. The Board took the following actions:

- Approved approximately $61,000 in general claims pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 25.
- Approved approximately $23,000 and denied $43.3 million in tort claims pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 669.

Settlements. The Board approved one judgment and three settlements, totaling approximately $4.7 million from the General Fund and $2.1 million from the University of Iowa Physicians Fund. Judgments were for the following cases:

- Joyce Bohren, Gerald Bohren, and Jackie Ayers v. State of Iowa: This case arose from alleged medical negligence at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. The parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit for $3.5 million. The University of Iowa Physicians Insurance Fund will provide the funds for the settlement.

- Shelly Marie Coverstone, Gregory Scott Coverstone, and Shelly Marie Coverstone as Administrator of the Estate of Ashlee Maxson Coverstone v. State of Iowa: This case arose from alleged medical negligence at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. The parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit for $3.5 million. The University of Iowa Physicians Insurance Fund will provide the funds for the settlement.

- Joseph Walsh v. Teresa Wahlert and State of Iowa: This case arose from alleged wrongful termination and retaliation claims. The parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit for $99,000.

- Dorothy Hollinger v. State of Iowa: This case arose from a disability discrimination claim involving the Iowa Department of Human Services/Glenwood Resource Center. The district court found in favor of the plaintiff, and the Iowa Court of Appeals affirmed. The Court awarded the plaintiff approximately $241,000 plus interest accrued from the original judgment date of November 19, 2018. The Court also awarded approximately $226,000 in attorneys’ fees and expenses plus accrued interest.

Next Meeting. The next regular meeting of the State Appeal Board is scheduled for February 3, 2020, at the State Capitol in Des Moines.

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