

Medical Examiners, Iowa State Board of

State Capitol Complex, Executive Hills West

JOSEPH B. BAKER, D.O., Greenfield; term expires 1985
 RICHARD L. CARRUTHERS, D.O., Walcott; term expires 1984
 JACK L. DODD, M.D., Ames; term expires 1983
 ALEXANDER ERVANIAN, M.D., Des Moines; term expires 1983
 ALYCE M. FANSLow, Ph.D., Ames; term expires 1985
 KATHRYN E. GAMMACK, Des Moines; term expires 1984
 JOHN L. GARRED, M.D., Whiting; term expires 1985
 REID E. MOTLEY, M.D., Cedar Rapids; term expires 1984
 ROSALIE B. NELIGH, M.D., Council Bluffs; term expires 1983
 RONALD V. SAF, executive director

The Board of Medical Examiners was created by the 21st General Assembly in 1886. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners was established in 1907. These two agencies became a composite Board of Medical Examiners by action of the 60th General Assembly, effective May 9, 1963.

Board members are appointed by the governor with confirmation by the Senate.

The board meets monthly and has the responsibility to administer and enforce the laws and administrative rules regarding the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, osteopathy, physician's assistants and advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The board conducts two examinations each year for licensure to practice medicine and surgery for both medical and osteopathic doctors, determines the eligibility of physicians for licensure by endorsement or reciprocity, issues resident physician licenses as well as temporary and special licenses.

The board also administers the physician's assistant program under Chapter 148C of the Code and is responsible for the administration of Chapter 147A for the certification of advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The board is empowered with the duty and responsibility of licensure discipline, which involves the investigation of complaints, review of evidence, initiation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, imposition of licensee discipline, and may petition the District Court for enforcement of its authority. It registers and establishes peer review committees to investigate and report to the board complaints or other evidence of acts or omissions constituting cause for licensee discipline, determines and administers annual license renewals and requirements for continuing medical education, certifications for licensure in other jurisdictions and establishes procedures regarding disputes between licensees and patients which result in judgment or settlements of malpractice claims or actions.

During fiscal year 1981-82, the board processed 7,820 renewals of permanent licenses, issued 542 new licenses, issued 221 new resident licenses with 173 renewals, issued 20 new temporary licenses with 9 renewals, certified 60 physician's assistants with 79 renewals, processed 230 certifications and 6,400 verifications of current licensees, and administered 1,037 FLEX examinations for a license to practice medicine and surgery and osteopathic medicine and surgery.

During fiscal year 1981-1982, the board administered 547 EMT and paramedic examinations, certified 275 EMT-I, 15 EMT-II, and 141 paramedics and approved two additional training programs.

During the 1982 calendar year, the board received 290 complaints, closed 278 investigative files and imposed 87 sanctions consisting of revocations, suspensions, probations, civil penalties and letters of warning.

Mental Health and Mental Retardation Commission, State

Fifth Floor Hoover Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319

MARGARET MCDONALD, chair, at-large representative, Cherokee; term expires 1985
 CHARLES SEMKE, vice chair, at-large representative, LeMars; term expires 1985
 MARTIN DETTMER, executive committee, county supervisor, Janesville; term expires 1983

HELEN HENDERSON, executive committee, at-large representative, Anita; term expires 1984

HERMOZ RASSEKH, M.D., executive committee, at-large representative, Council Bluffs; term expires 1984

MILDRED LLOYD, county supervisor, Gifford; term expires 1984

G. RICHARD BURR, county supervisor, Sioux Rapids; term expires 1984

ARLENE STEEGE, county supervisor, Council Bluffs; term expires 1985

CLARENCE MCDERMOTT, coordinating board, Harlan; term expires 1983

ROBERT RILEY, coordinating board, Des Moines; term expires 1984

RUSSELL CLARKE, mental health representative, Mason City; term expires 1983

ROBERT HOOGEVEEN, mental retardation representative, Sheldon; term expires 1984

VERA FRENCH, M.D., at-large representative, Bettendorf; term expires 1984

PHYLLIS CHRISTIANSEN, at-large representative, Grinnell; term expires 1984

JAMES CLABBY, at-large representative, Waterloo; term expires 1983

The commission was established by the 1981 Session of the 69th General Assembly and became effective Jan. 1, 1982. The governor appoints the commission with Senate approval. At least four must be county supervisors at the time of their appointment; at least two must be members of a county mental health and mental retardation coordinating board at the time of their appointment. There must be a representative of mental health and one for mental retardation. The remaining members are considered to be at-large.

The commission's responsibilities include: advise the division on the administration of the state plans; annually submit a report to the governor and General Assembly concerning the activities and recommendations of the commission; beginning in 1985 biannually submit a report on the availability and cost effectiveness of services; meet with the Governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities at least twice a year; adopt standards for the accreditation of Community Mental Health Centers; adopt standards for the care of and services to mentally ill and mentally retarded person in county care facilities; adopt standards for the maintenance and operation of public and private facilities serving mentally ill or mentlly retarded persons, which are not licensed by the Department of Health; award grants; advise the division, the Council on Social Services, the governor and the General Assembly on budgets and appropriations.

Merit Employment Department, Iowa **Merit Employment Commission**

Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines 50319

JOAN D. MITCHELL, commission chair, Grinnell; term expires 1985

EVELYN LABODE, commission member, Muscatine; term expires 1985

ELIZABETH BURMEISTER, commission member, Des Moines; term expires 1987

HUBERT W. WINEBRENNER, JR., commission member, Des Moines; term expires 1987

EDWARD F. SEITZINGER, commission member, Des Moines, term expires 1983

B. FRANCES VAN WINKLE, director, Merit Employment Department

CLINTON P. DAVIS III, manager, Technical Services Division

BARBARA T. ETTLESON, manager, Special services Division

The 62nd General Assembly passed a bipartisan act establishing in Iowa a system of personnel administration based on merit employment principles and scientific methods for governing the appointment, promotion, welfare, transfer, layoff, removal and discipline of its classified employees, and other incidents of state employment. It provides that all appointments to positions in the classified service shall be made solely on the basis of merit and fitness. The act established a Merit Employment Department and a Merit Employment Commission which originally consisted of three members. The number of commission members was expanded to five by the 63rd General Assembly. The members of the commission are appointed by the governor, subject to approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Senate.

It is the duty of the Merit Employment Commission to appoint a director of the Merit Employment Department, to adopt rules for the administration of the Merit Employ-