

is to ensure that all Iowans receive professional, competent, and safe dental health care of the highest quality.

The nine-member board must include five practicing dentists, two practicing dental hygienists and two members of the public. Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Iowa Senate for a specified term of three years. Members may serve up to nine years based on continued approval of the Governor and the Senate.

The board safeguards the public health, safety, and welfare by:

- Licensing qualified dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants for practice in Iowa. The board also determines the qualifications for issuance of resident licenses, faculty permits, temporary and special licenses, and sedation permits.
- Examining applicants for licensure. The dental and dental hygiene members participate and serve as examiners in conducting clinical examinations.
- Setting standards and defining the scope of dental, dental hygiene, and dental assistant practice.
- Enforcing Iowa laws. 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, and imposition of licensee discipline.
- Operating a monitoring program for dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants with an impairment to ensure they are safe to practice.

BOARD OF MEDICINE

§147.13, 147.14

400 SW Eighth Street, Suite C, Des Moines 50309-4686; (515) 281-5171

Mark Bowden, Executive Director

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Diane Clark	Lake Mills	April 30, 2014
Tom Drew	Des Moines	April 30, 2013
Amreen Mian	Ames	April 30, 2012

Physician members

Siroos Shirazi, Chair	Iowa City	April 30, 2012
Analisa Haberman	Mason City	April 30, 2012
Greg Hoversten	Sioux City	April 30, 2014
Jeffrey Snyder	Crescent	April 30, 2013
Colleen Stockdale	Iowa City	April 30, 2013
Hamed Tewfik	Iowa City	April 30, 2014
Joyce Vista-Wayne	Ottumwa	April 30, 2013

The Board of Medical Examiners was created by the General Assembly in 1886. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners was created by the General Assembly in 1921. These two agencies became a composite Board of Medical Examiners by action of the General Assembly in 1963. In 1994, the General Assembly gave the board the authority to register acupuncturists, and subsequently the licensure and regulation of acupuncturists when the law was changed in 2001. In 2007, the General Assembly changed the board's name to the Board of Medicine. Board members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms, with confirmation by the Senate. The board is composed of 10 members – five medical physicians, two osteopathic physicians, and three non-physician public members. In addition, the board can have up to 10 alternate members who can serve on administrative panels in contested case hearings. The board has six regularly scheduled meetings annually at its office at 400 SW Eighth Street, Des Moines, and six regularly scheduled teleconference meetings annually. The board is responsible for administering and enforcing state laws and administrative rules governing the licensure and practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery,

and licensed acupuncturists. The board is funded exclusively with licensure fees. More information is available at the board's Internet site, www.medicalboard.iowa.gov

The board licenses based on the results of two three-part national examinations: USMLE for medical doctors and osteopathic physicians and surgeons or COMLEX for osteopathic physicians and surgeons. The board also determines the eligibility of physicians for licensure by endorsement of examination scores, and issues resident physician licenses, as well as temporary and special licenses.

The board is empowered with the duty and responsibility of licensee discipline, which involves the investigation of complaints or liability claims, review of evidence, initiation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, and imposition of license discipline. The board is authorized to operate the Iowa Physician Health Program, a voluntary program for monitoring recovery/rehabilitation of impaired physicians. More information on this program is available at <http://iphp.iowa.gov/>. The board may, if necessary, petition the district court for enforcement of its authority. The board registers and establishes peer review committees to investigate and report on the evaluation of certain complaints or other evidence of acts or omissions possibly constituting cause for licensee discipline. The board issues license renewals and certifications for licensure in other jurisdictions and determines requirements for continuing medical education.

The board is responsible for evaluating applications and issuing licenses to qualified acupuncturists. Persons who hold a valid Iowa license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry may engage in the practice of acupuncture without registration issued by the board.

At the start of 2011, the board was administering 10,593 licenses for physicians and surgeons and osteopathic physicians and surgeons, and 41 licenses for acupuncturists.

BOARD OF NURSING

§147.13, 147.14, 152.2

400 SW Eighth Street, Suite B, Des Moines 50309; (515) 281-3255

Lorinda Inman, Executive Director

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Connie Boyd	Fort Dodge.....	April 30, 2012
Clyde Bradley	Clinton	April 30, 2013
Jane Hasek	Reinbeck	April 30, 2013
Mark Hilliard	Johnston	April 30, 2013
Debra Larson	Marion	April 30, 2014
LeRoy Strohman	Algona	April 30, 2014
Gwen Suntken	Meservey	April 30, 2014

The board has the responsibility to administer and enforce the laws relating to the practice of nursing, licensure of nurses, nursing education, and continuing education as a prerequisite to license renewal. The board enforces the law and administrative rules applicable to the practice of nursing, including the use of disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary action. The board issues licenses to registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced registered nurse practitioners.