

The Public Health Nursing Section provides guidance and financial assistance to local public health nursing programs, which are either administered by local boards of health or contracted by the board of health to a visiting nurse association, hospital or other organization. The local public health nurses make home visits, teach classes, conduct clinics, work with schools, and perform communicable disease follow-up and other activities.

The Homemaker Home Health Aide Section grants funds to each county to support local homemaker home health aide agencies. The section monitors the service and the use of the funds. Programs in the 99 counties now provide over 1.2 million hours of service annually to Iowans.

Within the Dental Health Section the school dental health program provides instruction to school children in proper brushing and flossing methods, training sessions for teachers and school nurses, and a topical fluoride rinse program. This section administers a community water fluoridation program, funded by the Preventive and Health Services Block Grant, to assist communities in implementing water fluoridation.

The Maternal and Child Health Section is responsible for the promotion, coordination, planning and evaluation of quality health services for women and children. Funds are contracted to local agencies for maternal health care and child health care. Specialized training and consultation for local health providers in the care of high-risk pregnant women and the high-risk newborn is also accomplished through contractual arrangements.

The Birth Defects/Genetic Counseling Section offers in-depth counseling and follow-up for families with birth defects and genetic diseases. Educational programs are presented to the public and professionals as well.

The Iowa Family Planning Program is responsible for allocating Family Planning funds to its contract agencies, establishing the scope of the program, evaluating the local and state program, providing for training and technical assistance to local agencies, and ensuring fiscal and programmatic accountability in accord with all applicable laws.

The Adolescent Health Program focuses on health issues of particular importance to the adolescent age group.

The Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Program provides counseling to families which have experienced a sudden infant death, and training for nurses, law enforcement and ambulance personnel who work with the families.

The Nutrition Section includes nutrition programs for special population and community nutrition program. The statewide special supplemental food program for Women, Infants and Children provides food high in nutritional value and nutrition education to low income pregnant and nursing women, infants and children who are nutritionally at risk. The Community Nutrition Program is responsible for developing nutrition services as they relate to education, disease prevention and health promotion for all age groups.

Maternal/Child Health Advisory Council

Members are appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health. They are: Josy Gittler, Iowa City; Mark Reinertson, D.O., Cedar Rapids; Nita Kneen, Ottumwa; Jean Linder, Des Moines; Sue Mullins, Corwith; Fred Kelly, Des Moines; Marietta Lane, Des Moines; Julianne Beckett, Cedar Rapids; Charles Bruner, Ames; Paul Stanfield, Des Moines; Joanne Lane, Waterloo; Charlotte Nelson, Des Moines; John Justin, M.D., Mason City; Howard Field, DDS, Iowa City; Rachel Fulton, Waterloo; Barbara Beatty, M.D., Des Moines; Elizabeth Thomson, Iowa City; Jane Kieler, Des Moines.

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William S. Vanderpool, executive director; 1209 East Court Arc., Des Moines 50319; 515-281-5171

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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, in 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, physicians' 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 and issues resident physician licenses as well as temporary and special licenses.

The board also administers the physicians' 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 and 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, issues 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.

Nursing, Board of

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ELIZABETH H. KINNEY, L.P.N., Waterloo; term expires 1987

MARJORIE M. MATZEN, R.N., Council Bluffs; term expires 1989

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The board has the responsibility to administer and enforce the laws relating to the practice of nursing, nursing education, and continuing education as a prerequisite to license renewal.

The board conducts examinations and issues licenses to registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced registered nurse practitioners.

Pharmacy Examiners, Board of

Norman C. Johnson, executive secretary; 1209 East Court, Des Moines 50319; 515-281-5944

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JOHN F. RODE, pharmacist, Mt. Pleasant; term expires 1988

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ALAN M. SHEPLEY, pharmacist, Mt. Vernon; term expires 1987

G.W. STAPP, pharmacist, Oskaloosa; term expires 1987

M.L. UNDERWOOD, Clinton; term expires 1987

The Iowa Commission of Pharmacy originated on April 23, 1880, at the direction of the Executive Department. The commission then perfected an organization known as the state Board of Pharmacy on May 5, 1880. The board was composed of three members. At this time, through the Pharmacy Act under Chapter 75, the newly formed board developed a set of standards for individuals to be qualified as pharmacists by examination. Thus, the Board of Pharmacy came into being for the protection of public health, welfare and safety.

The present board consists of seven members—five professional members and two representatives of the general public. They are all appointed by the governor for