

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**

*Ann E. Mowery, R.N., executive director; 1223 East Court Ave., Des Moines 50319; 515-281-3255*

PAMELA A. TRIOLO, R.N., chairperson, Iowa City; term expires 1988

EDNA D. EATON, R.N., secretary, Sidney; term expires 1987

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

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

KAREN R. SOJKA, R.N., Harlan; term expires 1988

ERLENE VEVERKA, Prairie City; term expires 1989

SANDRA YATES, Ottumwa; term expires 1987

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*

ROLLIN C. BRIDGE, Lamoni; term expires 1989

JERRY M. HARTLEIP, pharmacist, Waterloo; term expires 1988

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

MELBA SCAGLIONE, Des Moines; term expires 1989

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

three-year terms and function under the statutory authority of Chapters 147, 155, 203, 203A, 204 and 205, Code of Iowa, 1985. The board has the responsibility for administering competency examinations and issues licenses to qualified applicants.

Through the executive secretary, the board maintains all records relating to continuing education and licensure by examination or reciprocity, processes all applications for licensure, collects fees, and issues all new and renewal licenses to those persons engaged in the practice of pharmacy.

The board has the authority to promulgate administrative rules and promotes and enforces minimum professional standards of practice.

The board is responsible for administering the regulatory provisions of the Code relating to the following:

- A. The legal aspects of professional practice and the licensing of drug manufacturers, distributors and community and institutional pharmacies.
- B. The adulteration and labeling requirements for drugs.
- C. The purity, quality and strength of drugs.
- D. The Controlled Substances Act and a state registration program for all legal handlers of controlled substances.
- E. The sale, distribution, labeling and records requirements of transactions for designated poisonous substances.

The board administers the pharmacy intern training program which prepares the pharmacy student for the contemporary practice of community or hospital pharmacy.

### **Substance Abuse Division**

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Commission on Substance Abuse:

- PHYLLIS ADAMS, Dubuque; term expires 1989  
 KAREN L. BOSSARD, Farmersburg; term expires 1987  
 MORRIS JOHNSON, Des Moines; term expires 1989  
 DALLAS O. MINCHIN, M.D., Council Bluffs; term expires 1987  
 MARIA PEARSON, Marne; term expires 1989  
 JAMES W. REINERTSON, M.D., Cedar Rapids; term expires 1989  
 JOEL H. WEINSTEIN, Ankeny; term expires 1987  
 RICHARD R. WHITTLESEY, Ph.D., Bettendorf; term expires 1987  
 BARBARA WOODARD, Iowa City; term expires 1989

The Iowa Department of Substance Abuse was created on Jan. 1, 1978, through a merger of the Iowa Division on Alcoholism (Department of Health) and the Iowa Drug Abuse Authority. This merger was first mandated by the 66th General Assembly in 1976. The Department became a Division of the new Iowa Department of Public Health on July 1, 1986, as a result of State government reorganization. The purpose of the department and its nine-member Commission on Substance Abuse is to provide overall planning and coordination for substance (alcohol and other drug) abuse prevention and treatment functions within the state of Iowa.

Policy for the IDSA is set by the commission. The members of this commission are appointed by the governor.

The primary functions of the IDSA are as follows:

- 1) Licensing of substance abuse treatment programs.
- 2) Administering federal and State substance abuse funds and monitoring the use of these funds.
- 3) Planning and coordinating state substance abuse efforts, including the development of a State plan.
- 4) Providing training opportunities for substance abuse program personnel.
- 5) Coordinating efforts with other agencies, such as the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Agency, Corrections, Human Services, Health, and Public Instruction.
- 6) Collecting of client data for planning and evaluation purposes.
- 7) Providing technical assistance to substance abuse programs and community groups.
- 8) Providing public information on substance abuse.
- 9) Researching alternative funding sources for substance abuse.