

Board members are appointed to represent employers, employees and the general public.

In addition to unemployment cases, the Board hears appeals involving peace officer issues, elevation rule violations, and contractor registration requirements. The Board receives 96 percent of its funding from the federal government based on the number of appeals heard and the time taken to render a decision.

Hospital Licensing Board

MARLYS A SCHERLIN, Creston; term expires 2001; TOM F. TIBBITS, Fort Dodge; term expires 2001

The Governor appoints the Hospital Licensing Board. Its members consult with and advise the Health Facilities Division in matters of policy affecting hospital administration. In addition, the Board reviews and approves rules and standards authorized by the State Board of Health and adoption by the Department.

Iowa Citizens Foster Care Review Board - DeAnn Jones, administrator; Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines 50319-0083; 515/242-6392

JERRY FOXHOVEN, Des Moines, chair, term expires 2001; RICK DICKINSON, Dubuque; term expires 2003; KATHRYN YOUNBERG, Sac City; term expires 2001; LIL PERRY, Washington; term expires 2001; DON T. ROSS, Iowa City; term expires 2002; ALBERT G. SORENSEN, Boone; term expires 2003

The Iowa Citizen Foster Care Review Board, appointed by the Governor, works to ensure that Iowa's foster children are well cared for and that the system designed to meet their needs is doing so in the most effective manner possible. The Board oversees all agency programs including local review boards and the Foster Care Registry. The Registry is a computerized listing of Iowa children in foster care.

The Board is responsible for making recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, Supreme Court, chief judge of each judicial district, Department of Human Services (DHS), and child-placing agencies on ways to improve the delivery of foster care services. Members also submit recommendations on how to remove barriers that prevent the delivery of top-quality foster care.

Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission - Jack P. Ketterer, administrator; 717 East Court Avenue, Suite B, Des Moines 50309; 515/281-7352

WILLARD "BILL" HANSEN, Des Moines, chair; term expires 2002; RITA SEALOCK, Council Bluffs, vice-chair; term expires 2002; DIANE HAMILTON, Storm Lake; term expires 2000; JAMES HASENFRITZ, Sperry; term expires 2000; MICHAEL MAHAFFEY, Montezuma; term expires 2002

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission regulates the pari-mutuel dog and horse racing and riverboat gambling industries in Iowa. The Commission, whose members are appointed by the Governor, seeks to preserve the integrity of these industries and to maintain confidence in the industries by protecting the public. In performing its duties, the Commission investigates the eligibility of applicants for a license and selects from among those the one who can best service the citizens of Iowa.

The Commission adopts standards for the licensing of racing industry occupations, as well as standards for the operating of all race meetings and facilities. Standards also are adopted by the Commission for the operation and licensing of excursion gambling boats.

State Public Defender - Mark C. Smith, acting state public defender; Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines 50319-0083; 515/242-6158

The mission of the State Public Defender is to provide high-quality legal representation to indigent clients who are accused of committing crimes or involved in juvenile court matters. By specializing in criminal defense work and juvenile matters, the lawyers and support staff of the State Public Defender Office represent clients at economical costs to the taxpayers.

The State Public Defender Office includes an Appellant Defender Office located in Des Moines that handles indigent defense cases on appeal for the entire state. In addition, the State Public Defender has a contractual agreement with the Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide legal advice to inmates at the Iowa State Penitentiary in civil cases.