



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Executive Office



October 21, 2010

To All California GME Deans and Directors:

The Medical Board of California (Board) is continuing this year with another outreach to the Graduate Medical Education staff at California's teaching hospitals. We invite you to attend an informative meeting and discussion regarding the Board's Licensing Program and processes. We welcome your input and suggestions as we are continually seeking ways to improve the Licensing Program.

The dates and locations for the two scheduled meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Kaiser Permanente Northern California
1950 Franklin St., Conf. Room E, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

(for assistance with directions, tel: (510) 625-4762)

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Kaiser Permanente Orange County
3460 E. LaPalma, Conf. Rooms 3-4
Anaheim, CA 92806

(for assistance with directions, tel: (714) 381-5312)

The licensing of physicians and surgeons is one of the Board's core mandates. Last year, when we held the first of these GME outreach meetings, it was obvious that we were not meeting your expectations – nor ours – to get applicants licensed in a timely manner. However, with input from those who attended the 2009 GME meetings, and with the implementation of new technologies and other internal process changes, we are proud to have made significant improvements in our customer service.

As of last week, applications filed by US and Canadian medical school graduates were being reviewed just 36 calendar days after receipt; applications submitted by international medical school graduates were being reviewed within 49 calendar days. This is a significant improvement from last year, when the initial review of applications was being conducted more than five months after receipt!

Nevertheless, there are areas in which we are sure we can continue to improve. We recently have begun the process of revising our application for physicians and surgeons to make it more user-friendly. Soon we will be requesting the names of your residents and fellows who need licensure by next summer (our annual matrix). And we continue to develop and implement internal changes to streamline the process. Yet we hope that you, the GME Deans and Directors with whom we work hand-in-hand as your residents apply for licensure, can offer more insight and suggestions as to what we can accomplish as we move forward with enhancements.

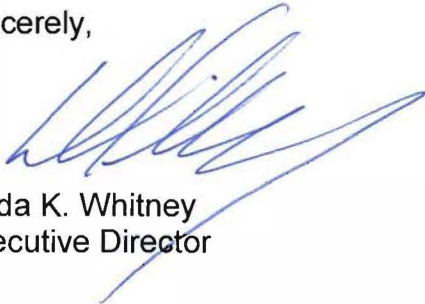
To receive your feedback, address your concerns, and answer your questions, I will be attending these meetings. Other Board staff attending the meetings will be Curt Worden, Chief of Licensing; Breanne Humphreys and Letitia Robinson, Licensing Managers; and Kevin A. Schunke, Licensing Outreach Manager.

We hope you or your representative(s) will attend to engage in a dialogue as we strive to meet mutual expectations. We can accommodate up to two representatives per teaching hospital. To ensure we have adequate space, **please RSVP by November 9, 2010** indicating who will be representing your hospital and which meeting they will attend: please contact Mr. Schunke at kschunke@mbc.ca.gov to send your RSVP.

If you have questions about the meetings, you may contact Mr. Schunke via his email or at (916) 263-2368 or Mr. Worden at curt.worden@mbc.ca.gov or at (916) 274-2986.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these meetings.

Sincerely,



Linda K. Whitney
Executive Director



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AGENDA

10:30 am to 1:00 pm
(or until completion of business)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review Meeting Objectives
3. Current Licensing Process and Timelines
4. Proposed Improvements to Process and Timelines
5. Common Licensing Pitfalls Delaying Licensure
6. Teaching Hospitals' and Residents' Expectations
7. Medical Board's Expectations and Commitments
8. Questions and Answers

The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect healthcare consumers through the proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied healthcare professions and through the vigorous, objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act, and, to promote access to quality medical care through the Board's licensing and regulatory functions.

Meetings of the Medical Board of California are open to the public except when specifically noticed otherwise in accordance with the Public Meetings Act. The audience will be given appropriate opportunities to comment on any issue before the Board, but the Chair may apportion available time among those who wish to speak. For additional information, call (916) 263-2389.

NOTICE: *The meeting is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs disability-related accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the meeting shall make a request to the Board no later than five working days before the meeting by contacting Kevin A. Schunke at (916) 263-2368 or sending a written request to Mr. Schunke at the address below. Requests for further information should be directed to the same address and telephone number.*