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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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January 30, 1987

The Honorable Robert M. Carr, Chairman
The Honorable Gene Blanshan, Chairman
Senate and House Committees on State Government
Iowa State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Senator Carr and Representative Blanshan:

This report is submitted in compliance with Section 258A.4(2) of the Code of Iowa.

- A. Administrative rules adopted in 1986 relating to the duties of Board of Medical Examiners are as follows:
1. Health 470-135.101 "Medical Examiners". Rescinds the equivalency relative to postgraduate training since the Board finds it impractical to attempt an evaluation of such training in lieu of on-site visits which would be cost prohibitive. Effective date of this change was July 23, 1986.
 2. Health 470-132.1, 132.3, 132.4, 132.5, 132.6, 132.8, and 132.13 "Advanced Emergency Medical Care". These changes incorporate rules relative to the Advanced EMT-Defibrillation Temporary Pilot Study Program into the regular rules. The change also clarifies the Board's policy on lapsed certificates and training program standards. Effective date of this change was July 23, 1986.
 3. Health 470-135.101, 135.204, and 135.301 "Medical Examiners". These changes set out the requirements for reporting of voluntary agreements entered into in another state to restrict a license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery or osteopathy. The rules also amend the provisions relative to informal settlements and establish specific guidelines for the granting of a continuance of a hearing. Effective date of this change was October 29, 1986.
 4. Health 470-135.102 "Medical Examiners". This change exempts graduates of approved medical schools from certain reporting requirements when applying to sit the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) in Iowa. Effective date of this change was November 26, 1986.

B. Disciplinary Caseload

(1) Cases carried forward January 1, 1986	426
(2) Cases opened during 1986	464
(3) Cases closed during 1986	539

C. Total number of cases open as of January 1, 1987 351

D. Categories of complaints received during the year 1986

(1) Reported because of	
Drug related	79
Alcohol related	5
Ethics & conduct	24
Fraud	7
Insurance notifications & competency	302
Mental problems	4
Miscellaneous	6
Practice without license	16
License discipline other states	9
Background investigation	6
Violation of probation	6
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(2) Reported by	
Public	19
Another Agency	15
Insurance Commissioner	235
Patient	51
Doctor	29
Health Professional	6
Law Enforcement	4
Federation	5
Unknown Source	4
Board of Medical Examiners	91
American Medical Association	3
Hospitals	2
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E. Categories of complaints closed during 1986

	Total Closed	No Action	Sanctions
(1) Closed by Reason			
Drug Related	68	17	51
Alcohol Related	5	3	2
Ethics & Conduct	21	19	2
Competency	388	364	24
Fraud	2	2	0
Mental Problems	2	1	1

Miscellaneous	6	4	2
Practice without License	11	6	5
License Discipline Other States	21	12	9
Background Investigation	10	7	3
Violation of Probation	5	2	3
Total	<u>539</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>102</u>

	Total Closed	No Action	Sanctions
(2) Closed by Who Reported			
Public	13	11	2
Another Agency	13	8	5
Insurance Commissioner	338	321	17
Patient	45	44	1
Doctor	16	9	7
Health Professional	6	3	3
Law Enforcement	3	2	1
Federation	17	10	7
Unknown Source	8	6	2
Board of Medical Examiners	77	21	56
American Medical Association	3	2	1
Total	<u>539</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>102</u>

F. Peer Review Disciplinary Actions	0
G. Judgments and settlements reviewed or investigated by the Board	342
H. Number of formal disciplinary proceedings commenced before the Board or court	36
I. Number and type of sanctions imposed by the Board	
(1) Indefinite suspension	2
(2) Six years probation	0
(3) Five years probation	4
(4) Four years probation	2
(5) Three years probation	1
(6) Suspension + 10 years probation	1
(7) Revocation	5
(8) Fine	3
(9) Injunction	0
(10) Suspension and fine	1
(11) Voluntary Surrenders	7
(12) Restricted practice	0
(13) Letter of warning	76

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J. Number and state of appeals to District Court	0
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K. Number and type of Peer Review Committees registered with the Board 5

- (1) A Surgical Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.
- (2) An Anesthesia Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.
- (3) An OB/GYN Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.
- (4) An Internal Medicine Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.
- (5) A Physician's Assistant Peer Review Committee consisting of 3 members is registered with the Board.

L. Number of physicians who are in a probationary status as of December 31, 1986 38

M. Number of physicians who are indefinitely suspended as of December 31, 1986 12

Respectfully submitted,

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