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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings! The District of Columbia Board of Medicine has been busy this year and I want to let you know some of the exciting things that we have been doing.

#### *Membership Changes*

First, we welcomed several outstanding new members to the Board this year. The new physician members to the Board include Dr. Joshua Wind, a neurosurgeon at Sibley Memorial Hospital; Dr. David Wessel, an anesthesiology trained, physician executive at Children's National Medical Center; Dr. Vikisha Fripp, a Plastic and Reconstructive physician practicing out of Providence Hospital, and Dr. William Strudwick, an emergency medicine physician at Providence Hospital. The Board also welcomed new consumer members, including Mr. Archie Rich, a medical malpractice lawyer; and Mr. Tom Smith, who has several years experience in public policy. We welcome these new members and are excited for the expertise and knowledge they bring to the Board.

We also said goodbye to several cherished members this year. Dr. Janis Orlowski completed three terms as Chair of the Board in August of 2017. Dr. Orlowski leaves in her wake a tradition of fairness, transparency and passionate advocacy. Her work in medical regulation was recognized with the 2018 John H. Clark Leadership Award from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). We appreciate Dr. Orlowski's many contributions to the Board and she will be missed.

In addition to Dr. Orlowski, the Board said goodbye to Dr. Anitra Denson, the DC Health Director's designee; Dr. Lawrence Manning, who ended a long and distinguished term of service with the Board; and Dr. Kelly Colden, who provided invaluable insight on issues related to obstetric care.



### MISSION STATEMENT

"To protect and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of District of Columbia residents by promoting evidence-based best practices in health regulation, high standards of quality care and implementing policies that prevent adverse events."

### NEWS

[Make DC the Healthiest City in the Nation](#)

[As Opioid Prescriptions Fall, Prescriptions for Drugs to Treat Addiction Rise](#)

[NABP: How fraudulent online drug sellers are making opioid epidemic worse.](#)

### BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

I would like to personally thank all of our former members for their example and contribution to protecting the health of District residents through their Board service.

### ***License Renewals***

This is a renewal year! We are working diligently on new license renewal software and anticipate a smooth process this fall. We would like to remind our licensees that they must meet their Continuing Education (CE) requirements in order to renew. Please, take this time to plan your schedule to complete any CE credits you have remaining during this renewal cycle. More information on CE requirements are included in this newsletter, and we recommend you check the Board's website (<https://dchealth.dc.gov/bomed>) regularly for information related to renewals.

### ***Participate on the Board of Medicine***

We want to hear from you! The open session of the Board takes place at 8:30 am on the last Wednesday of each month. This is your opportunity to come and hear public items and issues that are before the Board. We are also always looking for licensees to serve as peer reviewers and subcommittee or task force members. These are excellent ways to stay involved with health and policy issues here in DC.

If you would like more information on any of these opportunities, please contact the Board at [dcbomed@dc.gov](mailto:dcbomed@dc.gov).



### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The past two (2) years have seen a great amount of change with the Board of Medicine. The Board has seen new staff, new members, and new processes implemented to help accomplish its primary goal of public protection.

### ***E-Newsletter***

The newest change to the Board is this very E-Newsletter. It is our hope that this new format will allow for more frequent and consistent communication from the Board, with a more focused approach on topics of interest to the public and our licensees. Be on the lookout for future E-Newsletters, as they will be the Board's primary method of communication.

### ***New Licensure System***

Speaking of topics of interest, with the upcoming renewals for FY19, the Board is looking forward to implementing a new electronic licensure system to allow physicians in the District to not only renew online, but to also submit a new application online. A version of this system has already been implemented for Medical Training Licenses (MTL), and we are working to have a more robust version in place in advance of the year end renewals. We will provide more details as they become available.

### ***Questions***

[2018](#)

[2017](#)

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### **BOARD MEETING DATES**

#### *FY 2018*

October 25, 2017  
November 29, 2017  
December 27, 2017  
(CANCELLED)  
January 9, 2018  
(CONF. CALL)  
January 31, 2018  
February 28, 2018  
March 28, 2018  
April 25, 2018  
May 30, 2018  
June 27, 2018  
July 25, 2018  
August 29, 2018  
September 26, 2018

#### *FY 2019*

October 31, 2018  
November 28, 2018  
December 26, 2018  
January 30, 2019  
February 27, 2019  
March 27, 2019  
April 24, 2019  
May 29, 2018  
June 26, 2019  
July 31, 2019  
August 28, 2019  
September 25, 2019

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### **DC HEALTH**

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*Director*

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### **BOARD STAFF**

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*Board Counsel*

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*Board Counsel*

Lastly, I want to remind our licensees that staff is always ready and willing to assist. If you have a question regarding matters under the authority of the Board, do not hesitate to reach out to us, either via telephone at (202) 442-5955 or via email at [dcbomed@dc.gov](mailto:dcbomed@dc.gov).

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### NTSB SAFETY RECOMMENDATION TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIBERS

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has issued [Safety Recommendation I-14-1](#), which recommends that all governmental agencies who license health care providers to advise licensees who prescribe controlled substances to routinely speak with their patients about the possible safety implications of increased drug use in all modes of transportation.

When prescribing controlled substances for pain, practitioners are encouraged to discuss with their patients the effect their medical condition and medication use may have on their ability to safely operate a vehicle in any mode of transportation.

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION OPTIONS

2018 is a renewal year, which means time to get your CEs! To assist licensees, the Board has compiled the below resources to assist in completing all CE requirements by December 31, 2018.

#### *Free CE*

DC Health offers free CE credits via the DC Center for Rational Prescribing (DCRx). For more information on what courses are available and how to sign up, visit <https://dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx>.

#### *LGBTQ CE*

As a reminder, **by December 31, 2018 all professions licensed by the Board of Medicine will need to have completed at least two (2) hours of continuing education in the subject area of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) cultural competency.** Below are a list of courses available to licensees to acquire the necessary hours:

- [National LGBT Health Education Center - A Program of the Fenway Institute](#)
- [Human Rights Campaign Foundation](#)

Additionally, both physicians and physician assistants will need to complete at least three (3) hours of CE in the subject of HIV/AIDS. You can find a list of potential courses on the DC Health website [HERE](#).

Lastly, we recommend that practitioners check our website regularly for updates regarding changes in CE requirements, as well as links to potential CE courses.

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) REQUIREMENTS

**Physicians (MD/DO)** - Fifty (50) hours of CE every two (2) years, which includes three (3) hours in the subject of HIV/AIDS, two (2)

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### BOARD MEMBERS

Andrea Anderson, MD  
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*Physician Member*

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*Physician Member*

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*Physician Member*

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Mr. Archie Rich  
*Public Member*

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hours in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency, and at least one (1) course in the subject of pharmacology.

**Physician Assistants (PA)** - One hundred (100) hours of CE every two (2) years, which includes three (3) hours in the subject of HIV/AIDS and two (2) hours in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency.

PAs may substitute National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) certification for the one hundred (100) hours, however, they will still be required to complete the required hours of CE in the subject areas of HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ cultural competency.

**Surgical Assistants (SA)** - Fifty (50) hours of CE, which includes two (2) hours of CE in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency.

SAs may substitute certification from American Board of Surgical Assistants (ABSA) or the National Surgical Assistant Association (NSAA), if said certification required the completion of fifty (50) hours of CE with the two (2) year period preceding renewal. However, they will still be required to complete the required hours of CE in the subject area of LGBTQ cultural competency.

**Anesthesiologist Assistants (AA)** - Hold certification with the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA), or its successor organization, as well as having completed at least two (2) of CE in the in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency

**Acupuncturists (ACU)** - Currently no CE requirements exist for Acupuncturists in the District.

**Polysomnographic Technologists** - Fifty (50) hours of CE, which includes at least two (2) hours of CE in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency.

**Polysomnographic Technicians** - Twenty (20) hours of CE, which includes at least two (2) hours of CE in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency.

**Trauma Technologists** - Fifty (50) hours of CE, which includes at least two (2) hours of CE in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

[Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2017](#) - Adds the District of Columbia as a member to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. Membership would allow the District to more easily grant licensure to applicants already licensed in another Compact state. This bill is now law, however regulations need to be implemented before Compact licenses can be processed. Please check future newsletters, as well as the Board's website, for additional information.

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