Greetings from a member of the Idaho Board of Medicine. My name is Michele Chadwick and I have served on the Board of Medicine for three years. As a public member, I tend to come to the meetings with a different perspective than our physician members, but a reverence for serving the citizens of Idaho. My background is in public service focusing on health care.

Currently, I am the Chair of the Advisory Board for State Hospital North. I served Gem County as an elected County Commissioner for 10 years and Canyon County as the Director of Indigent Services for 3 years. Additionally, I served the Governor on the Select Taskforce on Health Care; sit on the National Association of Counties’ Health Committee; and served as the Idaho Association of Counties’ Chair of the Health & Human Services committee.

As a result of these varied positions, I view the provision of health care for our Idaho citizens as a critical issue in our communities. The role of the physician is one of our most important services in the delivery of health care.

I believe fiercely in fairness. As a result, processes and procedures are incredibly important to me. This helps ensure that we as a Board conduct our meetings and investigations according to Idaho Code; the IDAPA rules; Idaho Court decisions and US Supreme Court decisions.

The following two topics are very different issues; however, both have a significant and real impact on how we operate as a Board.

OPIOIDS
Idaho has an opioid problem: a deadly serious one. We are all familiar with the crisis. We know its background and we all know how it has given rise to the issues we confront today. But what you may not know is that your counties are spending tens of thousands of dollars investigating opioid overdose deaths; and this doesn’t even address the other costs to our communities. Ada County Coroner Dotti Owens ...

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talks frequently about the impact of this drug on her work. She often mentions the most deadly day and night in her office history during which she and her staff investigated 23 deaths. She attributed many of these deaths directly to opioids affecting the young, the old, the rich and the poor. Besides these personal losses, the financial costs are staggering. Investigations and drug panels are causing budgets in the offices of the Sheriff and Coroner to more than double. We as a Board of Medicine and the community of physicians should not be surprised by these outcomes. All of us are seeing huge increases in the misuse of these drugs.

INVESTIGATION PROCESS

The Board’s discipline department manages all complaints received by the Board. If the allegations contained in a complaint are jurisdictional, then an investigation is opened. Simply because an investigation is opened does not mean that the Board believes the complaint is valid or true. I believe it is incredibly important for Idaho’s physicians to have the ability to defend their reputation and character if an allegation is made.

The state of Idaho utilizes a Committee on Professional Discipline (COPD) as an interim step to review complaints and make recommendations to the Board of Medicine on all cases in which an investigation has begun. Individuals serving on the Committee include four medical professionals and one non-medical professional. The Board of Medicine can accept the Committee’s recommendation, modify the recommendation or reject the recommendation and entertain a different decision.

The Board meets on a quarterly basis and conducts its business in either open session or executive (closed) session depending upon the topic. While discussing an individual case or complaint, the Board operates in executive session protecting the confidentiality of the medical records, the individuals (complainant and physician) and other specific details. There are other aspects of our business which are the public’s business and are available for anyone to listen. These may include discussions regarding potential legislation, Federation of State Boards information, contracts with the Idaho Hospital Association or other policy directives.

The members of the Board take our responsibilities very seriously. We carefully review cases in accordance with Idaho Code. Should you have questions regarding the Opioids in Idaho, or our processes, please contact our Executive Director, Anne Lawler at (208) 327-7000 or Anne.Lawler@bom.idaho.gov. Thank you for your service in our communities and have a wonderful day!

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The following statute and rule changes are being presented to the Legislature:

Chapter 35, Title 54—Changes to Dietitian Practice Act
IDAPA 22.01.01– Changes to the Physician Assistant Rules

Full text of the proposed statute and rule changes can be accessed at our website: www.bom.idaho.gov
COMPLAINTS
By Felicia Kruck, Discipline Assistant

The majority of the complaints received by the Board of Medicine are from patients, relatives, and concerned citizens (neighbors, employers, practice partners, spouses, etc).

However, the Board also receives and acts on information from other sources such as the National Practitioner Databank, law enforcement, news stories, and other State Agencies. Occasionally Board staff will notice something of interest and bring it to the team for review.

In 2016, the BOM staff received and reviewed 283 complaints resulting in 194 cases opened for investigation. So what happened to the other 89 complaints? These are called Non Jurisdictional (NJ) complaints and are handled differently than investigations. Below are some instances where the Board does not have jurisdiction and what action is taken. While these NJ complaints do not become cases, they are still reviewed by the Executive Director and are included on the quarterly agenda for Board and Committee member review.

- The respondent is not a BOM licensee (Nurse, Chiropractor, Podiatrist, etc.)
  - These complaints are forwarded to the correct agency and the complainant is notified.
- The issue in the complaint is not within the Board’s jurisdiction (billing policy, insurance claims, clinic office policy, etc.)
  - The Discipline Assistant responds to these complaints by clarifying what is and is not within the Board’s jurisdiction and by providing any information that may help the complainant address their concerns.

In November of 2015, Board staff revised the complaint form in an effort to reduce public confusion over which professions are regulated by the BOM. This has resulted in a reduction of “wrong agency NJ complaints” and more efficient complaint resolution for the complainant.

In 2014 there were 139 NJ complaints, and after a full year with the new form implemented, there were only 89 NJ complaints in 2016. That’s a 36% improvement just by clarifying this section of the BOM complaint form!
VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!

Public members to serve on Prelitigation Hearings for consideration of Medical Malpractice claims for damages against physicians or licensed acute care general hospitals in Idaho.

Lay Panelist volunteers must be responsible adult citizens of Idaho but may not be lawyers, physicians or hospital employees. Lay Panelists may serve more than one (1) time in a year as a member of a Prelitigation Hearing Panel. The composition of a Prelitigation Hearing Panel includes one (1) Idaho licensed physician; one (1) layman panelist; one (1) resident lawyer and one (1) person serving as an administrator of a licensed acute care general hospital in cases involving claims against hospitals.

If a Lay Panelist agrees to serve, he/she receives copies of documents and/or medical records for review before the Prelitigation Hearing. At the Prelitigation Hearing, the Lay Panelist will meet with the other Panelists and hear the claim made by or on behalf of any patient who is an alleged victim of medical negligence. Upon deliberation, the Hearing Panel issues an Advisory Decision and returns all copies of documents and/or medical records to the Board. A Prelitigation Hearing will typically last two (2) hours, but may vary in duration.

In order to properly convene future Prelitigation Hearing Panels, the Board must recruit Lay Panelist volunteers in the following six regions: Hearings are held in each Region.

Region 1 – Boise
Region 2 – Idaho Falls
Region 3 – Pocatello
Region 4 – Coeur D’Alene
Region 5 - Lewiston
Region 6 – Moscow

How To Apply: The Board would appreciate receiving name(s) and telephone number(s) of possible volunteers to be Lay Panelists by contacting Alissa Murphy, in Prelitigation, by email: lisa.murphy@bom.idaho.gov or telephone: 208.327.7000 ext. 2511 or 208.577-2511 (direct).

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The Board wishes to extend its appreciation to the following physicians and layman panelists who contributed their time and talents serving the Idaho Board of Medicine as pre-litigation panelists, consultants or representatives of the Board. Without their time and expertise the Board would not have been able to fulfill its mission of public protection, a special thanks to:

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Renewal letters will be mailed in April. The letter will inform you how to renew online and a link will be available on our website. Please note that there will be an additional fee of $20.00 for paper renewal requests. Requests must be made by the licensee and can be made by email.

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**The Interstate Licensure Compact**

Eighteen states, including Idaho, have joined the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, and more states are introducing legislation this session. To learn more about the Compact please see these websites:

https://imlcc.org/

http://licenseportability.org/

http://www.csg.org/ncic/

Also, the Board maintains links to meeting notices, minutes, and press releases relating to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC) at this link.

Each state in the IMLCC has two commissioners. The current commissioners for Idaho are Board of Medicine Chair Robert Ward, MD, and Anne Lawler, Executive Director for the Board of Medicine.

**Rx Profiles**

Please access the Board of Pharmacy Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PMP) to review your patients’ profiles. In a single minute you can improve the safety and efficacy of the care you provide your patients.

For information on how to access the PMP, visit the Board of Pharmacy website http://bop.idaho.gov/.

**DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PRESCRIBE OR USE NALAXONE??**

If you are prescribing opioid medications for your patients, or if you believe a patient is addicted to opioid medications, it is critical that you make them or family members aware of Naloxone.

Naloxone is available now in Idaho to reverse opioid overdose.

For more information, please go to the Office of Drug Policy webpage.
Board Actions

BOARD ACTIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

Some physicians have similar names, please verify information by license number on our web site. Details of the action are available on the web site.

Explanations of terms:

- Stipulation: an agreement, admission, or concession.
- Stipulation and Order: an agreement between the Board and the practitioner regarding authorization to practice or placing terms or conditions on the authorization to practice.
- Suspension: temporary withdrawal of authorization to practice.
- Reprimand: a formal admonishment of conduct or practice.
- Revocation: cancellation of the authorization to practice.
- Fine: a fee imposed for failure to provide accurate information on renewal.

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Board Action—Stipulation and Order

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Board Action—License Suspended
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