

# Board of Medicine

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## • *Mission and philosophy*

The Board of Medicine is responsible for determining the qualifications and fitness of all physicians and physician assistants who apply for licensure to practice medicine in Wyoming, for investigating complaints against its licensees, for appropriately disciplining licensees when they have violated the Medical Practice Act, for publicizing information regarding the filing of complaints and contributing to and participating in a program assisting licensees who are impaired to return to practice.

## • *Results of outcomes*

The board maintained day to day services in licensing and regulating physicians and physician assistants.

The board's goal to invigorate the state's economy was accomplished by the licensing of 2,228 physicians, including 151 new licensees and 2,163 renewing their licenses and the licensing of 81 physician assistants, including ten new licensees and 71 renewing their licenses.

Due to the continuing unavailability of medical care in many areas of the state and integration of Wyoming's rural health care needs with rapidly expanding electronic delivery of medical care, the board signed a contract with the Federation of State Medical Boards to utilize their Physician Credentialing Network in order to avoid duplication in securing documents, thereby expediting licensing and enhancing portability of licenses across state lines.

The board's objective to enhance the quality of life in Wyoming was accomplished by the docketing and investigating of 38 disciplinary actions. The board promulgated new rules limiting the number of physician assistants a physician can supervise at one time.

The board's strategy to continue to improve the quality of professional services provided by licensees to the public was accomplished by the completion of a nonprofit corporation to identify, monitor and assist to return to productive practice physicians and physician assistants who suffer chemical impairment problems.

To achieve public awareness of the board's existence and functions, the board advertised in statewide health tabs, created a standardized complaint form, published a directory, maintained a toll-free 800 number and informed disciplinary data banks, state boards and other interested individuals of final disciplinary orders issued by the board.

Board members and executive secretary attended the Federation of State Medical Boards annual meeting in Orlando Florida in April, 1998.

## • *Strategic plan changes*

Please refer to the agency strategic plan submitted September 2, 1997.

### **General information**

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### **Year established**

1905

### **Statutory references**

W.S. 33-26-101 et. seq.

### **Number of authorized personnel**

Full-time 3, at-will 1, board members 7, physician assistant advisory council members 5

### **Organization structure**

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### **Clients served**

Authorized to license and impose disciplinary sanctions of physicians and physician assistants thereby protecting the health and welfare of the residents of the state

### **Budget information**

Earmarked \$510,696

### **Agency to which group reports**

Governor appoints board members. Board appoints physician assistant advisory council members. Staff is under the direction of the Department of Commerce.

### **Number of meetings**

Three a year

### **Meeting frequency**

Each year on the first weekend in the months of February, October and June