

Board of Medicine

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

The Board of Medicine is responsible for determining the qualifications and fitness to practice 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 help invigorate the state's economy was accomplished by the licensing of 2,181 physicians, including 165 new licensees and 2,129 renewing their licenses, and the licensing of 95 physician assistants, including 24 new licensees and 84 renewing their licenses.

The board's objective to enhance the quality of life in Wyoming was accomplished by the docketing and investigating of 26 disciplinary actions.

The board's strategy to continue to improve the quality of professional services provided by licensees to the public was accomplished through its support of a nonprofit corporation to identify, monitor and assist with the 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.

❖ *Strategic plan changes*

The board's only goal is to safeguard and promote the public health, safety and welfare by maintaining consumer confidence in physicians and physician assistants through enforcement of high standards for professional licensing.

General information

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Year established

1905

Statutory references

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

Number of authorized personnel

Three full-time employees, one at-will employee, seven board members, five physician assistant advisory council members

Organizational 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 funds \$391,053

Agency to which group reports

Governor and the Department of Administration and Information

Number of members

Seven board members, five physician assistant advisory council members

Meeting frequency

Three times a year on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the months of February, June and October