

Board of Medicine

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

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 2,255 physicians, including 130 new licensees and 2,125 renewing their licenses, and the licensing of 91 physician assistants, including 16 new licensees and 91 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 Credentialing Verification Service (FCVS) 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 22 disciplinary actions.

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.

❖ *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 and 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 \$470,567

Agency to which board reports

Governor appoints board members. Board appoints physician assistant advisory council members.

Number of meetings

Three a year

Meeting Frequency

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