



MONTANA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BOARD STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2013:

License Type	Applications Received	Licenses Issued*
Acupuncturist	3	5
EMT (All Levels)	139	96
Nutritionist	4	4
Physician	73	63
Physician Assistant	19	15
Podiatrist	0	0
Rural Rotation Resident	4	2
Telemedicine Practitioner	8	5

*Not necessarily from applications received during same time period.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

- The Board has welcomed multiple new members in recent months. The newest, James Feist, M.D., is a recently-retired pediatrician from Bozeman who assumes the seat vacated by Dean Center, M.D. His appointment was announced by Gov. Bullock on November 15.
- Professor Ana Diaz is the Board's newest public member. Prof. Diaz teaches philosophy and ethics at Montana State University-Billings. She replaced Eileen Sheehy of Billings earlier this year and was recently re-appointed to a full term by the Governor.
- Charles Farmer, EMT-B has been re-appointed to a full term on the Board as its Volunteer EMT member. Mr. Farmer serves as the Glacier County DES Coordinator and Safety Officer. He replaced Ryan Burke of Great Falls.
- Board members re-appointed to new terms (through 2017) are Pat Bollinger, R.D., Carole Erickson (public member,) Kristin Spanjian, M.D. and Dwight Thompson, PA-C.

ACTIONS FROM THE BOARD'S NOVEMBER 15 MEETING:

- The Board elected Mary Anne Guggenheim, M.D. as its new President, effective Jan. 1, 2014. Bruce Hayward, D.O. was elected Vice-President and Nathan Thomas, D.P.M. was elected Secretary. Kristin Spanjian, M.D. will become Past President on Jan. 1.
- The Board also appointed Ron Solberg, EMT-I, of Roundup to the Medical Direction Committee.
- The Board made the following decisions on license applications:
 - Granted: 2 Physicians, 2 EMT-Bs, 1 PA-C
 - Denied: 1 Physician
 - Tabled: 1 Physician

Officers for 2014

President

Mary Anne Guggenheim, MD

Vice President

Bruce Hayward, DO

Secretary

Nathan Thomas, D.P.M.

Board Members

Acupuncturist

Tanja Brekke, L. Ac.

EMT

Charles Farmer, EMT-B

Nutritionist

Pat Bollinger, MS RD

Physicians

Anna Earl, MD

James Feist, MD

Mary Anne Guggenheim, MD

Bruce Hayward, DO

Kristin Spanjian, MD

James Upchurch, MD

Physician Assistant

Dwight Thompson, PA-C

Podiatrist

Nathan Thomas, DPM

Public Members

Ana Diaz

Carole Erickson

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ACTIONS FROM THE BOARD'S NOVEMBER 15 MEETING (cont.)

- The Board terminated the probation of a Physician, granting a full and unrestricted license. However, the Physician may not practice independently and any medical employment must be approved by the Board and the Montana Professional Assistance Program.
- The Board lifted the “no independent practice” agreement of another Physician who had met previously established Board requirements.

ADJUDICATION PANEL ACTIONS (NOV. 15):

- The Panel upheld the suspension of Dr. Adam Reiss's Physician license.

OTHER RECENT BOARD ACTIONS:

- Public comment on the Board's rules proposal MAR 24-156-79 regarding re-entry of inactive physicians and the elimination of the “inactive-retired” license status will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 29. The Board could consider adopting the amendments as early as its January 17, 2014 meeting.
- The Board has adopted new statewide EMT protocols, as well as new licensing and training applications and forms. **All EMT-related forms will change on Jan.1, 2014 to reflect changes in nomenclature and rules approved by the Board.** Special thanks to the Board's Medical Direction Committee, EMT Training Coordinator Ken Threet and Statewide Medical Director Harry Sibold, M.D. for all their efforts to prepare for the Jan. 1 transition. Questions can be directed to Ken Threet at kthreet@mt.gov.
- The Board has rescinded all Board Advisories. Those addressing EMS pre-hospital care have been added to the statewide protocols as explanatory “preface” information.
- The Board has appointed Douglas Womack, L.Ac. to the Acupuncture Committee.
- The Board has endorsed new POLST forms (to be made available on the Board's website.)
- The Board has agreed to no longer require DEA queries from applicants for Physician or Physician Assistant licenses. The Board also will revise its Nutritionist application over the coming months.
- The Board is establishing a link to the Montana Prescription Drug Registry on the Board website. Look for it in the ‘Board Info’ box on the homepage. The Board encourages all prescribers to register with—and then use—the MPDR.

Speaking of which, the latest statistics from the MPDR (as of Sept. 30) include the following:

- 631 licensed Physicians have accessed the MPDR (out of more than 4,500.)
- 194 licensed Physician Assistants have accessed the MPDR (out of 530.)
- 5 licensed Podiatrists have accessed the MPDR (out of 63.)
- Approximately 90% of prescribers overseen by the BOME have paid their \$15 PDR fee.

The Board's next meeting will be Friday, January 17, 2014 at the Business Standards Division offices at 301 S. Park Ave. in Helena.

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