New York State Board for Medicine

- Since 1892, created to advise and assist NYS Board of Regents on medical licensing and scope of practice
- Members appointed by Board of Regents
  - Not less than twenty physicians
  - Two physician assistants (current vacancy)
  - Two public members
  - Executive Secretary appointed by Board of Regents
- Members of the Board of Regents are appointed by the New York State Legislature.
- New York State is unique in that it separates licensing and professional discipline authority to two separate boards under two separate government departments.
Housed in the NYSED Office of the Professions

- Responsible for licensure of 55 licensed professions
- Responsible for enforcing professional conduct for all licensed professions except for medicine
- 33 professional boards
- Sarah Benson-Deputy Commissioner
Board for Medicine annually elects Chair, two Vice Chairs, and an FSMB liaison

- Chair also serves as the Co-Chair of the Clinical Clerkship Advisory Council
- Lawrence Epstein-Chair
- Louis Papa-Vice Chair
- Amit Shelat-Vice Chair and FSMB Liaison
Four statutory Committees for other licensed professions

- Athletic Training
- Medical Physics
- Perfusionists
- Pathologists’ Assistants
Workgroups

- International Medical Graduate licensure review for foreign training equivalency
- Joint Regents/Med Board Workgroup on Health Care and Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
  - FSMB recently adopted a resolution sponsored by the NYS Board for Medicine and Board of Regents
- Ad Hoc workgroup on unlicensed medical assistants
- Others as the need arises
Overview of Board Responsibilities

- Full Board meets quarterly in NYC
  - Agendas cover a range of licensing and practice issues
- Moral Character reviews for initial licensing done by Office of Professional Discipline
- License Restoration Reviews
- PC and PLLC reviews
- Advice and Guidance to statutory committees
- Review and offer technical assistance on assigned legislation and regulations
- Review of certain medical education program applications
- Review of applications for 3rd and 4th year clinical clerkship of Caribbean and other foreign Medical Schools
- Ongoing assistance and guidance for Med Board staff
Key Issues

- Telehealth
- Medical assistants
  - Unlicensed
  - Guidance on Acceptable responsibilities delineated on Medical Board website
- Practitioner awareness of IDD population
Legislative reviews

- A.3040—pharmacist mental health injections. Passed Both Houses
- A.3298—sudden unexpected death and epilepsy. Signed into Law
- A.6056—PAs and primary care in Medicaid. Passed Both Houses
- A.9687—Prohibits misconduct charges for providing reproductive health services to patients who reside in states where such services are illegal. Signed into Law
- A.9818—address confidentiality program. Signed into Law
- A10372—extradition and abortion providers. Signed into Law
- A10502—“red flag” law and physicians. Signed into Law
Questions!