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Wisconsin Medical Board Taking Up Clinician/Provider Wellness

Joining Affiliated Credentialing Boards and Councils for in-person meeting

Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin’s Medical Examining Board (MEB) is hosting a special board meeting this Wednesday, September 17.

This in-person meeting will include not just the MEB but also its [Affiliated Credentialing Boards and Councils](#).

“This a great opportunity for our MEB members to connect with members of the Affiliated Credentialing Boards and Councils and learn more about their work and achievements,” said MEB Chairman, Dr. Gregory Schmeling. “It’s also a great opportunity to discuss mutual challenges and concerns.”

One of those areas of mutual concern, clinician/provider wellness, is a major theme of this in-person meeting. The keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Stadler from Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment (AHW).

“Everyone can agree on the necessity of quality patient-centered care, but you can’t have that level of care without a healthy and thriving healthcare workforce,” said Dr. Stadler. “That’s why AHW has made Health Workforce Well-Being one of our current landmark initiatives.”

Clinician/provider wellness has been a focus for the Evers Administration and the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), which administers the state’s occupational regulatory boards. Governor Evers included \$800,000 annually in his 2025-27 budget proposal for DSPS, which would have paid for a statewide clinician wellness program to provide physical and mental health support to Wisconsin healthcare workers. The non-government clinician wellness program, paid through grant funding, was intended to serve healthcare professionals licensed under any of the regulatory boards administered by DSPS. However, the legislature’s Joint Committee on Finance did not include it in the DSPS budget.

“We were excited about the possibilities of the clinician wellness program,” said DSPS Secretary Dan Hereth. “The legislature chose to remove it from our budget, but we are moving forward. Our agency has a seat on the Steering Committee of AHW’s Caring for Wisconsin’s Caregivers Initiative, and we will continue to engage the industry and stakeholders on ways we can help.”

Wednesday’s meeting of the MEB and Affiliated Credentialing Boards and Councils starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Hill Farms Building in Madison. Like all MEB meetings, the open session will be open to the public.

About DSPS

DSPS issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, runs the state fire prevention program, and maintains the award-winning Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, DSPS is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With five offices and 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.