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Federation of State Medical Boards Announces Annual Award Recipients

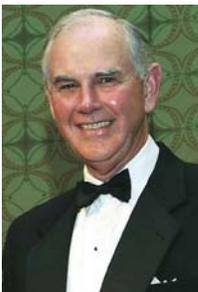
EULESS, Texas (April 11, 2014) – The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) announced the recipients of its 2014 awards recognizing outstanding service and leadership in the field of medical regulation. The awards will be presented at the FSMB's Annual Meeting in Denver on April 26. This year's recipients include:

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes extraordinary and sustained service and commitment to the field of medical licensure and discipline. The 2014 award is presented to **Rev. O. Richard Bowyer** and **Larry Dixon**.



Rev. O. Richard Bowyer, MDiv, ThM, has served several appointments for the West Virginia Board of Medicine over a span of more than 30 years. He was first appointed to the board in 1981 by now U.S. Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, who was Governor of West Virginia at the time. Rev. Bowyer was one of the two first public members ever to be appointed to the Board of Medicine under the newly minted Medical Practice Act heralding in the modern era of medical licensure and discipline. In 2010, he became the first public member ever elected president in the board's 130-year history. In 2012, he was elected for a second two-year term as president. During his tenure on the board, Rev. Bowyer's contributions have been most notable through his service as president, as well as his active role on the Complaints Committee and the Legislative and Executive/Management committees, all of which he has chaired. Rev. Bowyer's influence has helped shape medical licensure and discipline in West Virginia as it exists today.



Larry Dixon has distinguished himself as both an administrator and a public servant for the advancement of medicine and the medical regulatory process for more than four decades. He joined the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners as the board's executive director in 1981 and subsequently has led numerous initiatives to enhance the board's licensing and disciplinary processes and improve patient safety and welfare in the state. Mr. Dixon's leadership abilities and experience have also been invaluable to the national medical regulatory community. He served four terms on the FSMB Board of Directors and he has been active in Administrators in Medicine since its inception 25 years ago, serving as the organization's first president from 1984 to 1986. He is a Charter Member of the FSMB Certified State Medical Board Executive program and he is currently a member of the FSMB Foundation Board of Directors. During most of his tenure with

the medical board, Mr. Dixon simultaneously served his state as a member and leader in the Alabama Legislature. After serving a term in the state's House of Representatives, he was elected to the Alabama State Senate, where he served for 28 years before stepping down in 2011.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes the highest level of service, commitment and contribution to the FSMB; the advancement of the profession of medical licensure and discipline; and the strengthening and enhancement of public protection. The 2014 award is presented posthumously to **Ellen Harder, PA-C**.



Ellen Harder, PA-C, who passed away on Sept. 17, 2013, was a widely known and respected advocate of physician assistant roles to physicians, regulators and policy makers. First appointed to the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission in 2004, Ms. Harder served the Medical Commission as a physician assistant member for two four-year terms, and she was the first physician assistant to chair the Medical Commission's Policy Committee. She also served as a member of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee. During her second term on the Medical Commission, she was appointed by the FSMB as its Fellow to the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Ms. Harder successfully advocated for changes to modernize the rules regulating physician assistants – she lived to see the Washington State Legislature pass House Bill 1737 in 2013, which mandated the Medical Commission to adopt new rules modernizing the current regulation of physician assistants.

John H. Clark, MD Leadership Award

The John H. Clark, MD Leadership Award recognizes outstanding and exemplary leadership, commitment and contributions in advancing the public good at the state medical board level. The 2014 award is presented to **Leslie Burger, MD**, and **Patricia King, MD, PhD**.



Leslie Burger, MD, played a major leadership role in spearheading a transformation of the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission during his tenure. Appointed in 2006 to the Commission and installed as chair in 2009, Dr. Burger was one of three chairs overseeing a five-year pilot project with a sunset report mandating dedicated staff and negotiated performance measures that focused on timely licensing, discipline and fiscal responsibility. Dr. Burger applied his considerable experience as a CEO and CMO of large organizations to transform the Commission into an integrated, cohesive organization with dedicated, co-located staff and the

highest performance in the Department of Health in all negotiated metrics. In 2013, the Washington State Legislature and the Governor recognized the improved Commission and the structure established by Dr. Burger and memorialized in the Commission sunset report with a bill validating the sunset/pilot and making permanent the increased authority and business model of the Medical Commission. Dr. Burger also serves the medical regulatory community through his service with the FSMB Foundation, which he currently serves as vice president.



Patricia King, MD, PhD, has a long history of outstanding and selfless service that has contributed to the public good through the work of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. A member of the board since 2003, she has chaired key committees and served as chair since 2010. Despite the demands of being a busy clinician and Associate Professor at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, Dr. King always makes herself available for the many extra appearances entailed in the role of chair, invariably finding a way to make it to legislative hearings, orientation meetings for new members, public meetings about proposed board rules, and meetings with the Physician Health Program. Dr. King's record with the FSMB resembles her service with the Vermont board. Most recently, she joined the FSMB committee to consider an Interstate Medical Licensure Compact proposal, and she also serves on the State Board Advisory Panel to the United States Medical Licensing Examination. Additionally, Dr. King is a member of the FSMB Editorial Committee, which guides the editorial content of the *Journal of Medical Regulation*.

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit recognizes an activity or contribution that has positively impacted and strengthened the profession of medical licensure and discipline and helped enhance public protection. The 2014 award is presented to **H. Westley Clark, MD, JD, MPH**, and **Edward Salsberg, MPA**.



As the Director of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA/CSAT) since 1998, **H. Westley Clark, MD, JD, MPH**, has recognized and valued the critical role of the FSMB and its member boards in public health. Under his leadership, his office has supported FSMB's work in the areas of pain management and addiction treatment for more than a decade. With support from SAMHSA/CSAT, the FSMB developed model policies on pain management and opioid addiction treatment in the medical office in 2002 and 2013, as well as CME programs for members and staff of state medical boards. Additionally, SAMHSA supported several individual state medical boards in co-sponsoring live CME programs on appropriate prescribing. SAMHSA/CSAT also provided support for the accreditation of the 2nd edition of *Responsible Opioid Prescribing, A Clinician's Guide*.



Edward Salsberg, MPA, has spent more than 30 years studying the health workforce, including nearly 20 years establishing and directing three centers dedicated to workforce data collection, analysis and research. As the first Director for the National Center for Workforce Analysis at the Health Resources and Services Administration, Mr. Salsberg supported the FSMB's initial work to develop a Minimum Data Set (MDS), including working closely with an FSMB advisory committee on the MDS. Under his leadership, the office provided guidance and encouragement to state medical boards to begin implementing Minimum Data Sets, and he worked with individual state boards in gathering the critical data necessary to make workforce decisions. Previously, Mr. Salsberg directed the AAMC Center for Workforce Studies where he worked with the FSMB to inform boards about workforce projections.

FSMB Writing Awards

The FSMB writing awards recognize a manuscript or editorial published in the *Journal of Medical Regulation* for excellence in addressing an issue of importance to the Federation of State Medical Boards and its members.



Ray L. Casterline Award for Excellence in Writing

The 2014 award is presented to **Norman Reynolds, MD**, an American Board Diplomate in Psychiatry and a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, for his article, “Disruptive Physician Behavior: Use and Misuse of the Label,” published in the *Journal of Medical Regulation*, Volume 98, Number 1.



Federation of State Medical Boards Award for Excellence in Editorial Writing

The 2014 award is presented to **Robert Twillman, PhD, FAPM**, Deputy Executive Director, Director of Policy and Advocacy, American Academy of Pain Management, for his editorial, “Commentary: Pill Mills Are Not Pain Clinics—The Challenge of Addressing One Without Harming the Other,” published in the *Journal of Medical Regulation*, Volume 98, Number 2.

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