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Federation of State Medical Boards Announces 2016 Award Recipients

FSMB Annual Awards recognize outstanding service to field of medical regulation

(Euless, Texas, April 7, 2016) – The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) announced the recipients of its 2016 awards, which will be presented at the upcoming FSMB Annual Meeting in San Diego, California on April 30. Each year, the FSMB recognizes outstanding service and leadership to the field of medical regulation.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes individuals of all backgrounds who have demonstrated extraordinary and sustained service and commitment to the field of medical licensure and discipline.



Janelle Rhyne, MD, MACP

Few individuals have devoted more time, energy and thought to the advancement of the profession of medical regulation than Dr. Janelle Rhyne. She has worked seamlessly across all sectors of the health care continuum, leading the development of groundbreaking policies and tirelessly contributing to the cause of public protection.

First appointed to the North Carolina Medical Board in 2003 and again in 2007, Dr. Rhyne served as the board's President and in other leadership roles, leading the board in adopting rules expanding practitioner profiles, approving regulations for anesthesiology assistants, and creating guidelines for physicians who wish to re-enter the practice of medicine.

Dr. Rhyne has provided invaluable leadership to the FSMB for many years, serving as Chair from 2011-2012 and serving on numerous FSMB committees that have positively impacted medical regulation. As Chair of the Ethics and Professionalism Committee, she led the development of groundbreaking guidelines on the appropriate use of social media in medical practice, and a framework for professionalism in the use of electronic health records. She also led the workgroup that recently updated FSMB's influential pain management policies and she chaired or served on committees crafting policies on issues

such as sexual boundaries, emergency preparedness and international collaboration, to name a few.

As the current President of the FSMB Foundation, Dr. Rhyne leads the Foundation's efforts to support research and education initiatives benefiting state medical boards. She also has been active with committees supporting the United States Medical Licensing Examination and is a member of the Executive Board of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Rhyne truly exemplifies the term "physician leader," having demonstrated a commitment to providing the highest quality of care to her patients and to the public through her leadership in the field of medical regulation over the course of her career.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated the highest level of service, commitment and contribution to the FSMB, advancing the profession of medical licensure and discipline and strengthening public protection.



N. Stacy Lankford, MD

As an active member of FSMB and state medical board leadership for more than a decade, Dr. Stacy Lankford made many valuable contributions to medical regulation during his distinguished career. He served in several capacities on the FSMB Board of Directors from 2002 to 2009, including a term as Chair in 2007-08. Additionally, Dr. Lankford provided capable leadership on several influential FSMB committees, chairing the Committee on Uniform Standards and Procedures, and serving on the Special Committee on Licensing Examinations, and the Special Committee to Evaluate Licensure Examinations. He provided important guidance to the FSMB Foundation as well, serving as the organization's President, Vice President and Treasurer.

He was a member of the Indiana Health Professions Bureau for more than 10 years, serving as its president in 1994 and 1999. In addition to his many other activities, Dr. Lankford served on several USMLE Step 3 committees, and he provided distinguished service as a member of the Executive Board of the National Board of Medical Examiners.



Randal Manning, MBA

Throughout his distinguished two-decade career as Executive Director of the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, Randal Manning made many invaluable contributions to the cause of public protection by tirelessly promoting unity and collaborative relationships among the state medical board community.

During 20 years of active service as a member of Administrators in Medicine, Mr. Manning provided vital leadership to the organization, serving as President, Vice President and multiple terms as Treasurer. He contributed to the creation of tools and programs that continue to positively impact patient safety, including AIM's groundbreaking DocFinder physician search tool, the AIMAP Strategic Board System, the Certified

Investigator Program and the Certified Medical Board Executive program. Mr. Manning also has been a leading advocate of initiatives to improve license portability between the states, most recently the establishment of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

He also has made key leadership contributions through his service on the FSMB Board of Directors and numerous FSMB committees, including the Special Committee on the Evaluation of Undergraduate Medical Education, the License Portability Workgroup, and the Strategic Positioning Committee. And as an elected member of the FSMB Foundation, Mr. Manning has been a strong supporter of research and education initiatives benefiting state medical boards.

John H. Clark, MD Leadership Award

The John H. Clark, MD Leadership Award recognizes outstanding and exemplary leadership, commitment and contributions to advancing the public good at the state medical board level.



George C. Smith Sr., MD

Dr. George Smith has served the medical community for more than 50 years, distinguishing himself as a physician and a public servant for the advancement of medicine and the medical regulatory process. As a past member and chairman of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Censors of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, and through his current service on the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama and the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, Dr.

Smith has worked selflessly to ensure the safety, protection and welfare of patients. His exceptional work has been recognized by his induction into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame in 2014, and by the naming of the Clay County Public Health building in his honor.

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit recognizes activities and contributions that positively impact and strengthen the profession of medical licensure and discipline, and help enhance public protection.



Kathy Apple, MS, RN, FAAN, and Carmen Catizone, MS, RPH, DPH

Kathy Apple, past CEO of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), and Carmen Catizone, Executive Director of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), have provided years of invaluable collaborative leadership to the FSMB and the state medical board community. Working closely with FSMB leadership, Ms. Apple and Mr. Catizone were instrumental in the creation of the Tri-Regulator Collaborative – a joint initiative of the three organizations that addresses

issues of mutual concern for the nation's state boards of nursing, pharmacy and medicine. The Collaborative has led to the success of two Tri-Regulator Symposia in 2012 and 2015, with a third planned for 2017.

Ms. Apple, who retired as NCSBN's CEO in 2015 after 14 years of distinguished leadership, helped build effective working relationships with major health care organizations and greatly increased the NCSBN's national and international presence. Mr. Catizone, who was appointed NABP's Executive Director in 1988, has overseen the organization's multi-faceted efforts to develop educational programs and services on safe prescribing practices for consumers and pharmacists that have had a major impact on consumer safety.



Kevin Bohnenblust, JD

Since joining the Wyoming Board of Medicine as Executive Director nearly a decade ago, Kevin Bohnenblust has had a major impact in successfully promoting and supporting issues vital to public health and the state medical board community.

Most recently, Mr. Bohnenblust has been an articulate advocate for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, a groundbreaking alternative pathway for expediting multi-state medical licensure. As a key member of the Interstate Compact Taskforce, he helped craft the Compact's model legislative language and helped his medical board colleagues work through the many complexities involved in launching the initiative. In February 2015, Wyoming became the first state in the nation to officially enact the Compact.

Mr. Bohnenblust also has made key leadership contributions through his service on several FSMB committees, including chairing the workgroup that oversaw development of the FSMB's new *National Medical Regulatory Trends and Actions* report, which provides the public with data on a broad range of medical board activities. A Certified Medical Board Executive, Mr. Bohnenblust has made many valuable contributions as an active member of Administrators in Medicine for many years. He currently serves as AIM's Vice President.



Ruth Horowitz, PhD

Dr. Ruth Horowitz has made invaluable contributions to the medical regulatory community for more than 25 years in a variety of roles. She has served as a public member to the New York Board for Professional Medical Conduct since 1998; previously she was a member of the Delaware Board of Medical Practice for nearly a decade. As a two-term editor of the FSMB's *Journal of Medical Regulation*, Dr. Horowitz has helped significantly enhance the publication's quality and visibility in the

health care community. Additionally, she served on the FSMB's Committee on Impaired Physicians and Sexual Boundary Issues, and her recent book, "In the Public Interest: Medical Licensure and the Disciplinary Process", has been a valuable resource for medical boards. Dr. Horowitz is a professor in the Department of Sociology at New York University.



Michael Kramer

In a versatile career with the Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission that has spanned more than two decades, Michael Kramer has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to the protection of the public. He has excelled in a variety of roles, including Public Disclosure

Coordinator, Complaint Intake Coordinator, Compliance Officer and Lead Compliance Officer. In every role, Mr. Kramer has been proactive in his duties, identifying areas that needed attention, initiating corrective action, and taking a leadership role in training others. Among his many accomplishments, he developed and implemented systems to manage the archiving and retrieval of disciplinary records, becoming an expert in a multitude of state and federal laws related to the release of records – in the process helping Washington become one of the most transparent states in the nation.



Robert Lubran, MS, MPA

As the former Director of the Division of Pharmacologic Therapies at the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Mr. Lubran recognized and valued the critical role of the FSMB and its member boards in public health, supporting FSMB’s work in the areas of pain management and addiction treatment for more than a decade. Mr. Lubran played a key advisory role in the development of FSMB’s model policies on pain management and opioid addiction treatment in the medical office, 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, as well as support for the accreditation of the second edition of *Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Clinician’s Guide*.

Journal of Medical Regulation Writing Awards

The FSMB’s writing awards recognize outstanding contributions to the FSMB’s *Journal of Medical Regulation*.

Ray L. Casterline Award for Excellence in Writing

“The Misuse and Abuse of Prescription Medications: Medical Regulation, Prevention and Care Initiatives in New Jersey,” by **Sindy M. Paul, MD, MPH**, and **Virginia Allread, MPH**.

Federation of State Medical Boards Award for Excellence in Editorial Writing

“The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact: Making the Business Case,” by **Blake T. Maresh, MPA**.

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The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national non-profit organization representing all medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals. The FSMB serves as the voice for state medical boards, supporting them through education, assessment, research and advocacy while providing services and initiatives that promote patient safety, quality health care and regulatory best practices. To learn more about FSMB, visit www.fsmb.org. You can also follow FSMB on Twitter (@theFSMB and @FSMBPolicy).