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FSMB Announces Annual Award Winners

DALLAS – The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) announced the following recipients of its annual awards recognizing outstanding service to the field of medical regulation. The recipients will receive their awards during the FSMB Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, April 26-28, 2012.

Lifetime Achievement Award



Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA, Surgeon General of the United States and Past Chair of the FSMB, is being honored for her extraordinary service and commitment to the field of medical licensure and discipline. As “America’s Doctor,” Dr. Benjamin provides the public with the best scientific information available on how to improve their health and the health of the nation. She also oversees the operational command of 6,500 uniformed Public Health Service officers serving in locations around the world to advance the health of the American people.

From her early days as the founder of a rural health clinic in Alabama – which she kept in operation despite damage and destruction inflicted by hurricanes Georges (1998) and Katrina (2005) and a devastating fire (2006) – to her leadership role in the worldwide advancement of preventive health care, Dr. Benjamin has forged a career that has been recognized by a broad spectrum of organizations and publications.

Dr. Benjamin was active in the medical regulatory community on the state and national level for 20 years. She served as FSMB Chair from 2008 to 2009 and as a member of FSMB’s Board of Directors. Dr. Benjamin served on the National Board of Medical Examiners and chaired the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 3

Committee. In Alabama, Dr. Benjamin served on the state's Board of Medical Examiners for 12 years.

In 1995, she was the first physician under age 40 and the first African-American woman to be elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees. She served as president of the American Medical Association Education and Research Foundation and chair of the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs. In 2002, she became the first African-American female president of a state medical society in the United States when she assumed leadership of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. Dr. Benjamin is a member of the Institute of Medicine – the health arm of the National Academy of Sciences, which was chartered under President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Her past board memberships include the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Catholic Health Association, and Morehouse School of Medicine.

Distinguished Service Award



J. William McCord, Jr., DO, is being honored for outstanding service and leadership to the FSMB and the field of medical regulation. He has been actively involved with the FSMB for many years in multiple roles. Dr. McCord served on the FSMB's Board of Directors for 13 years, holding the positions of chair, chair-elect, vice chair and treasurer. He also served as a member of the board's Executive Committee. During his tenure as treasurer, he served as chair of FSMB's Finance Committee. He served as FSMB representative on the USMLE Budget Committee and is a past member of the USMLE Step 3

Committee. A former vice president of the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners, Dr. McCord has a distinguished record of service in the Tennessee medical community. He served for more than 16 years on the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examiners (BOE), including more than a decade of service as the board's secretary. From 1993 to 2001, Dr. McCord served as the BOE's consultant to the Office of General Counsel for Health Related Boards in Nashville and from 1989 to 1990 he served on the Governor's Task Force for Rural Healthcare in Tennessee.



Daniel W. Morrissey, OP, is being honored for his many years of dedicated and insightful leadership to the medical regulatory community. He is currently a public member of the New Hampshire Board of Medicine. Father Morrissey is also a member of the Public Stakeholders Taskforce of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). He served on the board of directors of the NBME from 2002-2009 and on their executive board from 2005-2009. For more than 20 years he was a public member of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. During that time he served on the OPMC Advisory

Board and chaired the Impaired Physicians Subcommittee from 1995 to 1998. From 2004 to 2008, he was also a member of the Institutional Review Board of the New York State Department of Health. Father Morrissey was elected to the FSMB Board of Directors from 1998 to 2005. He was on the Executive Committee of the board from 2003 to 2005. He was chair of the Special Committee on Communication from 2000 to 2005 and executive vice president of the Search Committee in 2001. He also served on the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Model Policy Guidelines for Office-Based Opiate Addiction Treatment Workgroup.

John H. Clark, M.D. Leadership Award



Stan T. Ingram, Esq., is being honored for his leadership in the field of medical licensure and discipline. He is the complaint counsel for the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, a position he has held since 1981 when the board was established by the Mississippi legislature. He has prosecuted and defended more than 300 licensure and certification hearings. Mr. Ingram is recognized by his peers as an AV-rated lawyer (*Martindale-Hubbell*), the highest ranking in legal ability and ethical standards. The *Mississippi Business Journal* named Ingram to the "2011 Leadership in Law Top 50 Lawyers" and the *U.S. News & World Report* named him to its list of "Best Lawyers." Prior to practicing law, he served as the board's only investigator for approximately four years.



C. William Schmidt is being honored for his decades of service to the medical regulatory community. Mr. Schmidt was appointed the first executive director for the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure on Jan. 1, 1973, following the board's creation in September 1972. He served as the board's executive director for 38 years, retiring from his position at the end of 2011. At that time he was noted to be the longest serving medical board executive director in the nation. Under his leadership, the board grew from a three-person office to an agency with 21 employees. From 2003 to 2005, Mr. Schmidt served on the FSMB Finance Committee. He has also been a member of Administrators in Medicine (AIM) since its inception in 1984. In 2009, he received the AIM Distinguished Service Award.

Meritorious Service Award



Jaime B. Garanflo is being honored for her exceptional contributions to the Texas Medical Board. Ms. Garanflo served the Texas Medical Board for 30 years in a number of different positions including division director of licensure. She served 10 years on the senior management team during which she managed strategic operations and planning for the Licensure

Division. Ms. Garanflo helped realize a 50 percent reduction in the average number of days to process physician license applications and as a participant in the agency's outreach plans, she gave a series of licensing seminars at town hall meetings across the state, presenting two days a week for 12 consecutive weeks. Ms. Garanflo retired from her career with the Texas Medical Board in December 2011.



Barbara Neuman is being honored for three decades of exemplary service in the field of medical licensure and discipline. She served as a medical board executive director for 16 years with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine and the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. In these roles, she was instrumental in creating needed rehabilitative and disciplinary processes, prescription policy, and improvement in patient care assessment and physician health services. Ms. Neuman served on the FSMB Board of Directors from 1997 to 1998. Currently Ms. Neuman is executive director for Administrators in Medicine, where she was instrumental in

the development and implementation of DocFinder, a centralized website that enables individuals and organizations to search for physician and other health care practitioner information from multiple states' databases. Since its launch in 1996, DocFinder has received millions of hits, evidence of its popularity with consumers.



Ray L. Casterline Award for Excellence in Writing

The award is presented to **Holly J. Mulvey, MA**, et. al., for their outstanding article, "Pediatricians Over 50 Reentering Clinical Practice: Implications for Physicians and the Regulatory Community," that appeared in the Volume 96, No. 2 issue of the FSMB's *Journal of Medical Regulation*. Ms. Mulvey is Founder and Co-director of the Physician Reentry into the Workforce Project, and Director of the AAP Division of Workforce and Medical Education Policy, American Academy of Pediatrics.

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About the FSMB

The 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. It assists these state and territorial medical boards as they go about their mandate of protecting the public's health, safety and welfare. The FSMB leads by promoting excellence in medical practice, licensure, and regulation.