

# THE BOARD NEEDS LICENSEES TO BUILD A NETWORK OF EXPERT CONSULTANTS

Join your colleagues in gaining valuable insight and experience by serving as a professional consultant to the Kansas Board of Healing Arts! You will also be providing an important service to the citizens of Kansas.

The Board routinely retains physicians, chiropractors and podiatrists as consultants to provide independent opinions regarding the care rendered by licensed healing arts professionals. This is a very important part of the Board's process. In order to be able to review cases without delay, the Board would like to build a large network of professionals who have expressed interest in working as a consultant.

Consultants will review patient records and other records obtained during the investigation conducted by the Board. The Board asks that the consultants prepare a written report of the review, which generally includes a summary of the care provided, an opinion as to whether the care provided met the applicable standard of care, and a statement regarding the applicable standard. The Board compensates for these services and most individuals who assist us find it to be a worthwhile experience.

The number of hours required to review cases varies widely. Sometimes the care-in-question relates to one patient. Sometimes a consultant will be asked to review the care given to multiple patients. If you submit your name, there are no immediate responsibilities. You will only be contacted as a prospective consultant if there is a case to be reviewed that relates to your specialty and practice. Prospective consultants are contacted for a specific case and may certainly decline review of any case due to conflicts or time constraints.

Consultants may be deposed and asked to testify in a hearing before the Board. Many cases settle before the hearing process, but consultants should know that if the matter proceeds to a hearing, the consultant's testimony is necessary. Again, the Board pays for these services and reimburses expenses such as mileage and lodging.

Consultants are needed from all specialties. In particular, the Board **needs physicians who practice in a rural setting**. In addition, Board certification and a clean disciplinary record are essential. The Board has a specific need for consultants in the following specialties:

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| <b>Surgery</b>         | <b>Emergency Medicine</b>          | <b>Psychiatry</b>      |
| <b>Cardiology</b>      | <b>Obstetrics &amp; Gynecology</b> | <b>Pain Management</b> |
| <b>Family Medicine</b> | <b>Internal Medicine</b>           | <b>Orthopedics</b>     |

If you are interested in serving as a consultant for the Board, please send your curriculum vitae with a cover letter that includes your name, address, and area(s) of practice to:

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