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Dear Board Members:

As board members, one of your most critical functions is the selection and management of staff, consultants and/or other state or federal agencies to help carry out the mission of the board. I write today regarding your plan to discuss the board's executive director position, per your posted meeting agenda for August 3, 2018.

With the information that came to light recently, there is no time to waste in bringing strong leadership to manage the day-to-day licensing and oversight functions while leveraging other resources available in state government. Likewise, as I have tasked all state agencies with developing innovative ways to decrease costs and streamline processes, it is time to adopt a new model to assist the board.

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 32-1207(B)(5) provides the board opportunity to **“contract with other state or federal agencies as required to carry out the purposes of this chapter.”** Under this authority, and with innovation in mind, I am calling on the board to enter into an interagency services agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to fulfill the duties required of the executive director role and any other assistance necessary to ensure prompt and thorough investigations of all complaints. This innovative partnership will immediately provide the board with the many benefits associated with the department's professional and administrative staff, health expertise, and experience in occupational licensing.

To be clear, I am not suggesting any staff currently employed by the board to be removed or terminated, just that ADHS fulfill the duties of overseeing the staff and serving the board as previously completed by the executive director.

Although the board *“may”* employ an executive director under A.R.S. § 32-1205; it is not required to do so and can take the opportunity now that the position is vacant to implement a solution that leverages the enterprise that is state government which will strengthen public safety and serve your regulated community.

ADHS director, Dr. Cara Christ, will be your initial point of contact to develop the agreement.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey  
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