

September 10, 2003

Governor Bob Taft
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor Taft:

We are pleased to provide you with the Annual Report of the Ohio State Dental Board (Board). This report summarizes the Board's licensing, enforcement and financial activities for fiscal year 2003.

As appointed public servants, the Board members are charged with protecting Ohio's consumers by ensuring that those who are licensed by the Board meet certain minimum education and training criteria to safely practice in Ohio. The Board must then monitor those licensees to ensure compliance with the laws and rules governing the profession.

The Board has been effective in its job to protect the public through licensing, enforcement and regulation. Further, we are making improvements proactively and as necessary, with patient safety as our primary concern.

One new program in the implementation stage is the Quality Intervention Program (QUIP). This program will allow licensees with apparent practice skills issues to have an opportunity to remediate, through education and training, and possibly forego formal disciplinary action. Success is measured documentation that demonstrates that the licensee's skills are improved and can safely and competently treat Ohio's dental consumers. Administrative rules were enacted in FY 2003, and the Board is in the process of hiring a QUIP Coordinator and contracting with the experts. This type of program has been very successful with the State Medical Board of Ohio, and the Ohio Board of Nursing has a similar program.

Finally, the Board is focused on the issue of access to dental care for Ohio's indigent and/or otherwise needy population. In addition to the recent promulgation of rules to implement volunteer certificates for retired dentists and dental hygienists in non-profit shelters and health care facilities, we are making efforts to look into additional ways to open doors and extend care to those in need. This includes a review of the administrative rules to see if changes are feasible for this limited, yet significant purpose.

Unfortunately, the Board's attempts to include provisions to address this issue legislatively were unsuccessful this year. However, we are determined to make continued efforts in this regard. As you know, dental care is the number one unmet health care need in the state of Ohio, and the Board finds this to be unacceptable. Therefore, the Board is looking for ways to positively impact this situation. It may require the profession to look "outside the box" to address this need, but we believe that the results would be worth the efforts.

This past fiscal year, the Board spent a significant amount of time addressing proposed legislation (Amended Substitute Senate Bill 51) that, among other things, expanded the size of the Board, adversely affected the Board's responsibility and discretion to set forth requirements for licensure, and eliminated the Board's authority to participate in the examination process. Board members and the Executive Director testified and provided written documentation in support of our position regarding the lack of necessity to expand the Board, as well as significant discussions regarding our current licensure standards. We argued strenuously our need for the Board to continue to be active in the licensure and examination process. Several changes were made to the bill regarding the licensure and examination issues, so that the bill basically now reflects current Board policy. The Board however, has been doubled in size from seven (7) to thirteen (13) members. Terms for members have been reduced to four (4) years, and additional restrictions have been added regarding specialists and educators. While the Board believes the expansion was not warranted based on a comparison of Ohio health care regulatory boards in terms of number of licensees and staff, we are anxious for the additional six (6) members (four dentists and two dental hygienists) to join and become acclimated to the mission of the Board.

Based on a combination of the new law, the issues that continue to challenge the Board, and the new QUIP program, the Board looks forward to an exciting and complex year ahead. The Board will continue to focus on its mission to protect the public while also maintaining the integrity of the profession.

THE OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD

Respectfully submitted,

THE OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD

LILI C. REITZ, Esq.
Executive Director

EDWARD R. HILLS, D.D.S.
President

ELEANORE AWADALLA, D.D.S.
Secretary

The Ohio State Dental Board

Annual Report - FY 2003

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) is the agency responsible for examining and licensing dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistant radiographers for practice in Ohio. In addition, the Board administers and enforces Chapter 4715. of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 4715. of the Ohio Administrative Code and adopts rules establishing standards for the safe practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. The Board is responsible for acting on complaints through investigations, inquiries and inspections, and holding adjudication hearings pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119. The Board is also responsible for monitoring continuing education compliance of its licensees. The Board keeps a register of all licensees and all disciplinary action taken against licensees

The Board is self-sustaining through means of fees derived from applications for initial licensure, renewal fees, late fines and other miscellaneous sources. The Board is fully funded through 4K9 operating fund for professional licensing boards. Fees generated in excess of the Board's budget remain part of this fund. The State Controlling Board must approve any adjustments in spending authority or funding allotments.

BOARD PERSONNEL

Current members of the Board include:

Edward R. Hills, D.D.S., President	Cleveland
Eleanore Awadalla, D.D.S., Secretary	Toledo
Mark Landes, Esq. ¹	Columbus
Gregory A. McDonald, D.D.S. ²	Springboro
T. Michael Murphy, D.D.S.	Marion
Lynda L. Sabat, R.D.H.	Cleveland
Paul Vesoulis, D.D.S.	Toledo

¹ Replaced Scott Borgemenke, Columbus, who resigned in April 2003

² Replaced William J. Lightfoot, DDS, Dublin, whose term ended in April 2003

BOARD PERSONNEL (Continued)

Present members of the Board office staff include:

Lili C. Reitz, Esq.	Executive Director
Michael R. Everhart ³	Assistant Director
Jayne A. Rasmussen	Licensing Coordinator
Linda A. Daubenmire	Administrative Assistant
Malynda K. Franks	Executive Secretary
Kimberly S. Gandee	Executive Secretary

Present members of the Board investigative staff include:

Thomas M. Smith	Board Enforcement Officer
Larry R. Powell	Board Enforcement Officer
Larry D. Mansfield	Board Enforcement Officer
Michael T. Flugge	Board Enforcement Officer
Kathy S. Phillips	Board Enforcement Officer
Harry Pasku	Board Enforcement Officer

CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) participated in the North East Regional Board, Inc. (NERB) examinations on December 10-11, 2002, and in April and May of 2003. The dental simulated clinical exam portion of the NERB is now administered for both dentists and dental hygienists at the Prometric Centers on an ongoing basis. The clinical portion of the NERB examination was conducted at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry on May 1-2, 2003 and at Case Western Reserve University on May 15-15, 2003.

³ Donald G. Goodman, former Assistant Director, resigned in March, 2002.

CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS (Continued)

The clinical examination for dental hygienists was held at the following sites on the dates listed:

April 23, 2003:

Ohio State University, Columbus
Stark State College, Canton

April 24, 2003:

Owens State Community College, Toledo
Stark State College, Canton

April 25, 2003:

Shawnee State University, Portsmouth
Youngstown State University, Youngstown

May 20, 2003:

Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland
Sinclair Community College, Dayton

May 21, 2003:

Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland

May 22, 2003:

Raymond Walters College, Cincinnati
Rhodes State College, Lima

NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATIONS

The National Board Examination, a written theory examination required for dental school graduation, was offered to candidates at The Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University on July 15 and December 2-3, 2002, and on March 31-April 1, 2003.

The National Board Examination was also offered at the dental hygiene schools on July 16 and December 3, 2002, and on April 1, 2003.

LICENSURE STATISTICS FY 2003

Dentist licenses issued by examination.....	191
Dental Hygienist licenses issued by examination	396
Dentist licenses issued by credentials.....	7
Dental Hygienist licenses issued by credentials.....	4
Dental Assistant Radiographer licenses issued.....	834

Licenses Registered To Practice As Of June 30, 2003

Dentists.....	7,171
Dental Hygienists	6,919
Dental Assistant Radiographers	7,915
Limited Resident's.....	108
Limited Teaching.....	21
Limited Continuing Education.....	5

ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FY 2003

Complaints and Investigations

Cases carried over from previous year.....	114
New cases assigned during FY 2003.....	1774
Total cases investigated	1888

Classification of Cases

Standard of Care.....	426
Infection Control.....	43
Unlicensed Practice	3
Misrepresentation.....	23
Drugs (selling, prescribing, giving away).....	14
Permitting Unlicensed Person to Practice.....	26
Advertising.....	31
Impairment.....	9
Dentures	0
Immoral Conduct	3
Adverse Occurrence	7
Continuing Education	0
Renewal.....	1211
Licensing.....	2

Charges Filed and Citations Issued

Administrative Charges Filed	19
Evidentiary Reviews.....	5
Hearings Held.....	3
Suspensions.....	19
Revocations.....	3
Consent Agreements.....	32
Hearings Pending.....	5
Warning Letters.....	50
Infection Control Evaluations	666

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FY 2003

INCOME

Dental Renewal Fees	\$323,242.00
All Other Fees	\$20,919.22
Total Income	<u>\$344,161.22</u>

EXPENSES

PAYROLL 100 ACCOUNT

10 Payroll	\$949,574.20
13 Purchased Personal Service.....	\$51,747.09
Total.....	<u>\$1,001,321.29</u>

MAINTENANCE 200 ACCOUNT

21 Supplies and Materials.....	\$7,931.76
22 Car Rental/Lease	\$31,934.01
23 Travel.....	\$18,679.94
24 Communications	\$24,580.12
26 Maintenance and Repairs	\$4,620.51
27 Rent	\$39,306.39
28 Printing.....	\$13,048.81
29 General and Other Expenses.....	\$56,340.71
Outstanding Encumbered Funds	\$43,864.37
Total.....	<u>\$240,306.62</u>

EQUIPMENT 300 ACCOUNT

30 Equipment.....	<u>\$2,203.49</u>
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Total Expenses.....	<u>\$1,243,831.40</u>
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Difference Between Income and Expenses	(\$657,160.07)
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Budget Allotment	\$1,271,756.00
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Difference Between Budget and Expenses	\$27,924.60
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