

October 25, 2004

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 2004.

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.

For the second time since its inception, a dental hygienist serves as President of the Board. Ms. Lynda Sabat is serving her tenth and final year on the Board, and she is committed to the Board's mission.

The Board has also established its Quality Intervention Program (QUIP). This program allows licensees with apparent practice skills issues to have an opportunity to remediate their skills through education and training, and possibly forego formal disciplinary action. Success is measured by documentation demonstrating that the licensee's skills are improved and he/she can safely and competently treat Ohio's dental consumers. The Board has staff and has empanelled a group of experts who will assist the Board in making determinations regarding the case. 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.

As you are aware, Amended Substitute Senate Bill 51 that passed in FY 2004 doubled the size of the Board. We have been busy acclimating the new members to the mission and focus of the Board, and they have gotten involved in committee work and other Board business.

Several other pieces of legislation are on the horizon. HB 373, if passed, will result in the licensing of a group of dental auxiliaries called expanded function dental assistants. HB 234 is a bill that would expand the duties of dental hygienists to include the administration of local anesthesia.

The Board is constantly moving forward and it anticipates another exciting and complex year ahead. As charged, the Board will continue to focus on its mission to protect the public, while also maintaining the integrity of the profession.

Respectfully submitted,

THE OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD

LILI C. REITZ, Esq.
Executive Director

LYNDA L. SABAT, RDH
President

PAUL VESOULIS, DDS, D.D.S.
Vice President

EDWARD R. HILLS, DDS
Secretary

The Ohio State Dental Board

Annual Report - FY 2004

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:

Lynda L. Sabat, R.D.H., President	Cleveland
Paul Vesoulis, D.D.S., Vice President	Toledo
Edward . Hills, D.D.S., Secretary	Cleveland
Mark T. Armstrong, D.D.S.	Troy
Phillip J. Beckwith, D.D.S.	Columbus
Berta Howard, D.D.S.	Hamilton
Billie Sue Kyger, D.D.S.	Gallipolis
Mark Landes, Esq.	Columbus
Gregory A. McDonald, D.D.S.	Springboro

T. Michael Murphy, D.D.S.	Marion
Ann Naber, R.D.H.	Bellbrook
Sandra Wise, R.D.H.	Fremont
Franklin D. Wright, D.M.D. ¹	Cincinnati

BOARD PERSONNEL (Continued)

Present members of the Board office staff include:

Lili C. Reitz, Esq.	Executive Director
Rebecca K. Hockenberry, Esq. ²	Assistant Director
William J. Lightfoot, D.D.S.	QUIP Coordinator
Jayne A. Rasmussen	Licensing Coordinator
Linda A. Daubenmire	Administrative Assistant
Malynda K. Franks	Executive Secretary
Kimberly S. Gandee	Executive Secretary
Gail A. Davis	QUIP Assistant

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

¹ Dr. Wright replaced Eleanore Awadalla, D.D.S., whose second, five year term expired in April, 2004.

² Michael R. Everhart, former Assistant Director, resigned in April, 2004.

CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) participated in the North East Regional Board, Inc. (NERB) examinations on December 9-11, 2003, and in April and May of 2004. 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 April 24-25, 2004 and at Case Western Reserve University on May 13-14, 2004.

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

April 14, 2004:

Stark State College, Canton

April 15, 2004:

Owens State Community College, Toledo
Stark State College, Canton

April 23, 2004:

Ohio State University, Columbus
Shawnee State University, Portsmouth
Youngstown State University, Youngstown

May 18, 2004:

Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland

May 19, 2004:

Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland
Rhodes State College, Lima

May 20, 2004:

Sinclair Community College, Dayton

May 21, 2004:

Raymond Walters College, Cincinnati

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 14-15 and December 1-2, 2003 and on March 29-30, 2004.

The National Board examination was also offered at the dental hygiene schools on July 15 and December 2, 2003, and on March 30, 2004.

LICENSURE STATISTICS FY 2004

Dental licensed issued by examination	123
Dental Hygiene licensed issued by examination.....	214
Dental licenses issued by credentials	4
Dental Hygiene licenses issued by credentials.....	3
Dental Assistant Radiographers licenses issued	663

LICENSEES REGISTERED TO PRACTICE AS OF JUNE 30, 2004

Dentists	6,848
Dental Hygienists.....	6,772
Dental Assistant Radiographers	7,168
Limited Resident's.....	153
Limited Teaching.....	28
Limited Continuing Education	18

ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FY 2004

Complaints and Investigations

Cases carried over from previous year.....	33
New cases assigned	503
Total cases investigated	536

Classification of Cases

Standard of Care.....	324
Infection Control	29
Unlicensed practice.....	7
Misrepresentation	22
Drugs (selling, prescribing, giving away)	17
Permitting Unlicensed Person to Practice.....	35
Advertising.....	35
Impairment	13
Dentures	1
Immoral Conduct	1
Adverse Occurrence	5
Continuing Education	0
Renewal.....	7
Licensing	4

Charges Filed and Citations Issued

Administrative Charges Filed	26
Evidentiary Reviews.....	3
Hearings Held	3
Suspensions.....	20
Revocations.....	0
Consent Agreements.....	36
Hearings Pending.....	7
Warning Letters.....	40
Infection Control Evaluations	548

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FY 2004

INCOME

Dental Renewal Fees	\$2,233,473.00
All Other Fees	\$139,578.17
Total Income	<u>\$2,373,051.17</u>

EXPENSES

PAYROLL 100 ACCOUNT

10 Payroll	\$969,448.92
13 Purchased Personal Service.....	\$35,154.79
Total.....	<u>\$1,004,603.71</u>

MAINTENANCE 200 ACCOUNT

21 Supplies and Materials.....	\$6,694.73
22 Car Rental/Lease	\$32,395.96
23 Travel.....	\$31,208.01
24 Communications	\$18,739.75
26 Maintenance and Repairs	\$3,547.56
27 Rent	\$39,735.12
28 Printing.....	\$13,147.03
29 General and Other Expenses.....	\$32,563.85
Outstanding Encumbered Funds	\$62,077.28
Total.....	<u>\$240,109.29</u>

EQUIPMENT 300 ACCOUNT

30 Equipment.....	<u>\$25,973.19</u>
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Total Expenses.....	<u>\$1,270,686.19</u>
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Difference Between Income and Expenses	\$1,102,364.98
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Budget Allotment	\$1,324,456.00
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Difference Between Budget and Expenses	\$53,769.81
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