



Board of Pharmacy

Executive Director Report April 2024

Licensing

License Type	Active	Detail	Renewal	Issued Last 30 Days
Pharmacist	22,538	Emeritus – 283		56
Pharmacy Intern	2,607			21
Pharmacy Technician	28,516	Trainee – 5,494 Registered – 9,732 Certified – 13,290 Conditional Approval Trainees – 93	Reg. Tech Renewal – 5,306 (59%) Upgrades – 254	928
Terminal Distributor	22,023			145
Drug Distributor	2,208			7
Home Medical Equipment	895	License – 210 Registration – 688		7

*Counts as of 3/28/2024

Compliance

STATISTICS

In-Take Panel Statistics								
Cases Assigned	02/02	02/06	02/09	02/13	02/16	02/20	02/23	02/27
Consumer Complaint	2	5	5	5	3	1	3	5
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	2		3	1	2	2	5	2
MMJ Consumer Complaint			1	1				
Questionable Dispensing	1		1			1	1	
Working Conditions/Minimum Standards	2		3	2	2	1	1	2
Error in Dispensing	2	2	3			4	1	2
Error in Dispensing with Patient Harm		1						
Questionable Prescribing	2							2
Deception to Obtain	1			1				
Violation of Patient Confidentiality				1				1
Unprofessional Conduct			1					
Illegal Processing of Drug Documents	2	1			2		1	1
Fraud								1
Failure to Report to OARRS	1							
Drug Security	1							
Background Investigation	1				1			
Operating without a License							1	
Intelligence Information							1	
Trafficking in Drugs								1
Abusing, Addicted, Unfit	1	2						
Adulterated Drugs								1
Theft of Drugs								1
Total	18	11	17	11	10	9	14	19

All Open Cases	New Cases Opened in Past 30 Days (February)	Number of Summary Suspensions in February	Cases Closed in Past 30 Days (February)
508	204	-	241

Top 10 Cases Opened in February 2024

Case Type	Cases Opened
Operating without a License	35
Drug Security	32
Error in Dispensing	28
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	27
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs	23
Background Investigation	20
Duty to Cooperate	18
Working Conditions/Minimum Standards	16
Suspicious Orders	15
Theft of Drugs	15

Investigations Summary

Monthly Investigations Summary	Total
Current cases open (As of March 25, 2024)	508
Cases opened (February 2024)	204
Complaints received	109
Cases opened from complaints (Intake)	71
Cases opened in the field (Self-Initiated)	58
Admin. cases referred to SOBP Legal Department	30
Civil forfeitures received	-
Court orders received	2
Criminal convictions	6
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)	2
Criminal indictments	5
Search warrants executed	2
Summary Suspension	-
Monthly Inspection Summary	Total
Inspections completed	264
Written warnings issued	86

Notable Investigative Events

- On March 14, 2024, former Port Clinton physician Gregory Gerber was sentenced to 42 months in federal prison and one year of home confinement following a Board of Pharmacy and federal law enforcement investigations into the prescribing of controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose. He was similarly ordered to pay \$861,982.13 in restitution.

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FISCAL

Fund	Appropriation	Year-to-date Expenditures	Encumbered	Unexpended
OARRS Grants (3HD0)	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,074,145	\$ 200	\$ 625,655
Medicaid/OARRS Integration (3HH0)	\$ 1,392,000	\$ 572,165	\$ 23,037	\$ 796,798
Equitable Sharing Treasury (3HM0)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Equitable Sharing Justice (3HN0)	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Law Enforcement Fund (4A50)	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 42,500
Operating (4K90)	\$ 13,277,300	\$ 8,719,584	\$ 1,054,992	\$ 3,502,724
Drug Database Fund (5SG0)	\$ 5,441,122	\$ 1,813,622	\$ 973,809	\$ 2,653,691
All Funds Total	\$ 21,895,422	\$12,179,516	\$ 2,059,538	\$ 7,656,368

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

- Executive Director Schierholt participated in the following:
 - Met with representatives from Bon Secours Mercy Health.
 - The NABP Monthly Executive Officer Call.
 - BOP participated in committee calls with National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities (NASCSA).
 - BOP attended the Rx and Illicit Drug Summit in Atlanta, GA.
 - BOP attended various meetings with the Governor's office, including a RecoveryOhio Drug Trends meeting.

Policy and Communications

HIGHLIGHTS

- HB73 AUTHORIZE PRESCRIBING OFF-LABEL DRUGS** (GROSS J, LOYCHIK M) To authorize the prescribing of off-label drugs and if prescribed, to require their dispensing and to name this act the Dave and Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act.
Current Status: 9/13/2023 - Referred to Committee Senate Health
- HB80 PHARMACIST CARE** (LIPPS S) Regarding pharmacist care.
Current Status: 2/28/2023 - Referred to Committee House Health Provider Services
- HB92 SAVE OHIO SAFE RX** (YOUNG T, SANTUCCI N) To establish the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program, to name this act the Save Ohio Safe Rx Act, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 5/3/2023 - House Public Health Policy, (First Hearing)
- HB136 REMOTE DISPENSING PHARMACIES** (HOLMES A, STEWART B) To authorize the operation of remote dispensing pharmacies.
Current Status: 12/5/2023 - House Health Provider Services, (Third Hearing)
- HB156 PHYSICIAN-ADMINISTERED DRUGS** (MANNING G, OELSLAGER S) To amend the law related to physician-administered drugs.
Current Status: 12/6/2023 – House Insurance, (First Hearing)
- SB9 LAW CHANGES-MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (HUFFMAN S, SCHURING K) To amend the law related to medical marijuana.
Current Status: 5/16/2023 - Senate General Government, (Seventh Hearing)
- SB95 REMOTE DISPENSING PHARMACY OPERATIONS** (REYNOLDS M) To authorize the operation of remote dispensing pharmacies.
Current Status: 4/10/2024 - Senate Health, (Fifth Hearing)
- SB103 REGARDING KRATOM PRODUCT SALES** (BLESSING III L) Regarding sales of kratom products.
Current Status: 11/15/2023 - Senate Health, (Third Hearing)
- SB144 REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS BY PHARMACISTS** (ROMANCHUK M) Regarding immunizations administered by pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians.
Current Status: 4/9/2024 - House Health Provider Services, (First Hearing)

Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution

Total Number of Strips Distributed	Number of FTS Training Handouts Distributed
173,500*	117,200**

(*Includes 20,000 strips distributed at the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers 2023 Conference and 20,000 strips distributed at the Ohio EMS Medical Director’s Conference.)

(**Some locations did not order handouts or ordered less than the strips they requested.)