



Executive Director Report November 2023

Licensing

License Type	Active	Detail	Renewal	Issued Last 30 Days
Pharmacist	22,179	Exam Eligible - 164 Emeritus - 277		77
Pharmacy Intern	2,555			25
Pharmacy Technician	27,090	Trainee - 5,369 Registered - 9,213 Certified - 12,508 Conditional Approval Trainees - 354		537
Terminal Distributor	21,671			90
Drug Distributor	2,184			20
Home Medical Equipment	883	License - 194 Registration - 689		-
Medical Marijuana Dispensary - Provisional	27			-
Medical Marijuana Dispensary - Certificate of Operation	108			3
Medical Marijuana Dispensary Employees	2,483	Associated Key - 241 Key - 1,031 Support - 1,211		100

**Counts as of 10/24/2023*

Compliance

STATISTICS

In-Take Panel Statistics

Cases Assigned	09/01	09/05	09/08	09/12	09/15	09/19	09/22	09/26	09/29
MMJ Consumer Complaint	3	1			1	1		1	
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	1	1	1		2	3			2
Consumer Complaint	6	3	5		2	6	3	2	3
Questionable Dispensing	1		1					3	2
Working Conditions/Minimum Standards			1	1		3	3	1	1
Error in Dispensing	1	2	3		1	1	2	3	2
Illegal Processing of Drug Documents			2		1				
Theft of Drugs	1		1						
Drug Security	1			1		1		1	
Questionable Prescribing	1		1	1		1	1		
Unprofessional Conduct/Gross Immorality	2			1					1
Operating without a license	1								
Abusing, Addicted and/or Unfit					1				
Deception to Obtain	1								
Adulterated Drug			1						
Violation of Patient Confidentiality							1		1
Total	19	7	16	4	8	16	10	11	12

Top 10 Cases Opened in September 2023

Case Type	June Cases Opened
Theft of Drugs	22
Error in Dispensing	19
Drug Security	17
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	16
Duty to Cooperate	14
Working Conditions/Minimum Standards	13
Background Investigations	12
Questionable Prescribing	8
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs	7
Suspicious Purchases	6

Investigations Summary

Monthly Investigations Summary	Total
Current cases open (As of Oct. 31, 2023)	582
Cases opened (September)	165
Complaints received	103
Cases opened from complaints (Intake)	67
Cases opened in the field (Self-Initiated)	53
Admin. cases referred to Legal Department	23
Civil forfeitures received	0
Court orders received	0
Criminal convictions	3
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)	5
Criminal indictments	1
Search warrants executed	0
Summary Suspension	2
Monthly Inspection Summary	Total
Inspections completed	214
Written warnings issued	46

Notable Investigative Events (June)

- Belmont County prescriber Dr. Romano was found guilty by a United States District Court Southern Ohio jury on 24 counts of federal drug trafficking. His sentence is pending. Board agents investigated this matter in cooperation with the USDOJ's Appalachian Region Prescription Opioid Strike Force (ARPO).
- Ottawa County physician Dr. Gregory Gerber pleaded guilty Dr. Gregory Gerber in US District Court in Northern Ohio Plead guilty in federal hearing to one count of federal drug trafficking on the multiple count indictment to one count of drug trafficking and is pending sentence. This case was initiated by the Board of Pharmacy and investigated in conjunction with the FBI, DEA, the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation.

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FISCAL

Fund	Appropriation	Year-to-date Expenditures	Encumbered	Unexpended
OARRS Grants (3HD0)	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 440,436	\$ 200	\$ 1,259,364
Medicaid/OARRS Integration (3HH0)	\$ 1,392,000	\$ 496,507	\$ 52,372	\$ 843,121
Equitable Sharing Treasury (3HM0)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Equitable Sharing Justice (3HN0)	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Law Enforcement Fund (4A50)	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Operating (4K90)	\$ 13,277,300	\$ 3,562,658	\$ 1,623,218	\$ 8,091,424
Drug Database Fund (5SG0)	\$ 5,441,122	\$ 1,110,943	\$ 119,387	\$ 4,210,792
Medical Marijuana Fund (5SY0)	\$ 2,081,000	\$ 773,033	\$ 318,527	\$ 989,440
All Funds Total	\$ 23,976,422	\$ 6,383,577	\$ 2,113,704	\$15,479,141

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

- Executive Director Schierholt participated in the following:
 - The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) annual meeting.
 - The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) annual meeting. Director Schierholt participated in a workshop panel. Eric Griffin is the newly elected President of NASCSA; Eric served as Vice-President of NASCSA last year. Cameron McNamee presented on a workshop panel. Chad Garner and Jolene DeFiore-Hyrmer also attended.
 - Participated in the NABP Monthly Executive Officer Call.
 - Participated in monthly calls with National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities (NASCSA).
 - 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: 10/17/2023 - House Health Provider Services, (Second Hearing)

HB156 PHYSICIAN-ADMINISTERED DRUGS (MANNING G, OELSLAGER S) To amend the law related to physician-administered drugs.

Current Status: 5/2/2023 - Referred to Committee House Insurance

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: 6/14/2023 - Senate Health, (Fourth Hearing)

SB103 REGARDING KRATOM PRODUCT SALES (BLESSING III L) Regarding sales of kratom products.

Current Status: 9/27/2023 - Senate Health, (Second Hearing)

SB144 REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS BY PHARMACISTS (ROMANCHUK M) Regarding immunizations administered by pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians.

Current Status: 10/11/2023 - Senate Health, (Second Hearing)

Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution

Total Number of Strips Distributed	Number of FTS Training Handouts Distributed
139,700*	105,600**

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

Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program

Dispensaries		Total (by the numbers)	
Dispensaries with Certificates of Operation		111	
Provisional Dispensary Licenses		22	
Registration		Total (by the numbers)	
Patient Recommendations (a patient may have multiple recommendations)		844,022	
Registered Patients (historical)		398,057	
Patients with active recommendation and active registration		184,958	
With Veteran Status		23,258	
With Indigent Status		24,233	
With Terminal Diagnosis		1,374	
Caregivers		37,214	
Patients By Age		Total (by the numbers)	Total (%)
Under 18		567	0.14%
Age 18-29		58,080	14.59%
Age 30-39		95,536	24.00%
Age 40-49		85,473	21.47%
Age 50-59		64,049	16.09%
Age 60-69		60,135	15.11%
Over 70		34,217	8.60%
Patients by Qualifying Condition (*)		Total (by the numbers)	
Irritable Bowel Syndrome		0	
Huntington's Disease		33	
Terminal Illness		170	
ALS		247	
Sickle Cell Anemia		299	
AIDS		332	
Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy		441	
Alzheimer's Disease		609	
Cachexia		728	
Spasticity		1,121	
Tourette's Syndrome		1,149	
Parkinson's Disease		1,857	
Positive for HIV		2,131	
Ulcerative Colitis		2,996	
Glaucoma		4,153	
Multiple Sclerosis		4,466	
Crohn's Disease		4,540	
Traumatic Brain Injury		5,264	
Hepatitis C		6,915	
Inflammatory Bowel Disease		6,942	
Epilepsy or Another Seizure		8,743	
Spinal Cord Disease or Injury		9,311	
Cancer		22,849	
Fibromyalgia		23,045	
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder		101,173	
*Some patients can register with multiple conditions.		287,556	

** Data current through September 2023.