



# Board of Pharmacy

## Executive Director Report June 2025

### Licensing

License Type	Active	Detail	Renewal	Issued Last 30 Days
Pharmacist	23,883	Emeritus – 304		96
Pharmacy Intern	2,910			64
Pharmacy Technician	28,365	Trainee – 6,202 Registered – 8,960 Certified – 13,203  Active/Restricted – 134		666
Terminal Distributor	21,438			163
Drug Distributor	2,294		Renewed – 1,124 (49%)	20
Home Medical Equipment	839	License – 162 Registration – 677		3

**\*Counts as of 5/28/2025**

# Compliance

## STATISTICS

### In-Take Panel Statistics – March 2025

Cases Assigned	03/04	03/07	03/11	03/14	03/18	03/21	03/25	03/28
Consumer Complaint	7	6	5	1	5	3	5	7
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	4	1	4	1	4		1	
Questionable Dispensing	2				1			1
Working Conditions/Minimum Standards	1	1	1	1				
Error in Dispensing	1	2	2	1	1	1	7	1
Questionable Prescribing	1		2		1		1	
Illegal Processing of Drug Documents	1	1						
Trafficking in Drugs		1						
Fraud						1		
Adulterated Drugs			1					
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs						1		
Unprofessional Conduct/Gross Immorality			1		1			1
Abusing, Addicted, Unfit	1		1		2		1	
Drug Security			1					1
Manner of Issuance of a Prescription				1				
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>

All Open Cases	New Cases Opened in Past 30 Days (March)	Number of Summary Suspensions in March	Cases Closed in Past 30 Days (March)
-	258	2	258

### Top 10 Cases Opened in March 2025

Case Type	Cases Opened
Consumer Complaint	119
Drug Security	65
Error in Dispensing	53
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	53
Suspicious Purchases	53
Questionable Prescribing	38
Illegal Processing of Drug Documents	35
Background Investigation	33
Theft of Drugs	30
Working Conditions/Minimum Standards	22

### Investigations Summary – March 2025

Monthly Investigations Summary	Total
Cases opened (March 2025)	258
Complaints received	100
Cases opened from complaints (Intake)	66
Cases opened in the field (Self-Initiated)	59
Admin. cases referred to OBP Legal Department	23
Court orders received	-
Criminal convictions	2
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)	1
Criminal indictments	4
Search warrants executed	-
Summary Suspensions	2
Monthly Inspection Summary	Total
Inspections completed	437
Written Response Required issued	139

### Notable Investigative Events – March

- Dr. Ndubuisi Joseph Okafor, MD of Upper Marlboro, Maryland was convicted in the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia for conspiracy to distribute controlled substance, maintaining a drug involved premises, and 22 counts of unlawful distribution of controlled substances.
  - Dr. Okafor was implicated in a widespread interstate operation involving the illegal procurement and distribution of controlled substances, namely promethazine with codeine. A board agent testified in the criminal trial in Washington D.C.
  - His sentencing is scheduled for June 20, 2025.

### In-Take Panel Statistics – April 2025

Cases Assigned	04/01	04/04	04/08	04/11	04/15	04/18	04/22	04/25	04/28
Consumer Complaint	4	2	6	2	4	5	4	4	6
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	2	2		1	1	2	4	1	1
Questionable Dispensing							1		
Working Conditions/Minimum Standards					1			1	
Error in Dispensing	2	2		3	1	2	1	1	2
Error in Dispensing with Patient Harm							1		
Questionable Prescribing	1	2							
Illegal Processing of Drug Documents		2							
Trafficking in Drugs									1
Fraud								1	
Adulterated Drugs									1
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs	1	1					1		
Unprofessional Conduct/Gross Immorality			1					1	
Drug Security				1	1				1
Manner of Issuance of a Prescription	1								
Violation of Patient/Physician/Pharmacist Confidentiality	2								
Theft of Drugs			1		1				
OARRS Complaint				1					
Background Investigation				1				1	
Illegal Drug Sales						1			
Operating without a License								1	
Intelligence Information								1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

All Open Cases	New Cases Opened in Past 30 Days (April)	Number of Summary Suspensions in April	Cases Closed in Past 30 Days (April)
592	215	3	220

### Top 10 Cases Opened in April 2025

Case Type	Cases Opened
Consumer Complaint	37
Illegal Processing of Drug Documents	29
Suspicious Purchases	21
Drug Security (18)	18
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	17
Error in Dispensing	16
Theft of Drugs	16
Questionable Prescribing	13
Background Investigation	11
Late Renewal of TDDD/WDDD License	10

### Investigations Summary – April 2025

Monthly Investigations Summary	Total
Current cases open (As of May 27, 2025)	592
Cases opened (April 2025)	215
Complaints received	96
Cases opened from complaints (Intake)	59
Cases opened in the field (Self-Initiated)	76
Admin. cases referred to OBP Legal Department	20
Court orders received	-
Criminal convictions	3
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)	-
Criminal indictments	3
Search warrants executed	1
Summary Suspensions	3
Monthly Inspection Summary	Total
Inspections completed	400
Written Response Required issued	147

### Notable Investigative Events – April

- Board agents executed a search warrant at a Central Ohio residence where the homeowner is suspected of operating an illegal online marketplace that sold foreign sourced peptides for injection to patients. This investigation remains active.
- Columbus physician Mark Fettman pleaded guilty to one count attempted engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, one count attempted money laundering, and three counts of drug trafficking following a board investigation which established that Dr. Fettman was issuing suboxone prescriptions to patient without medical necessity. Dr. Fettman has agreed to forfeit \$570,162. His sentencing is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>.



# Executive Director Report

## FISCAL

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### FY25

Fund	Appropriation	Year-to-date Expenditures	Encumbered	Unexpended
OARRS Grants (3HD0)	\$ 2,015,000	\$ 1,615,925	\$ 85,209	\$ 313,866
Medicaid/OARRS Integration (3HH0)	\$ 1,393,000	\$ 549,801	\$ -	\$ 843,199
Equitable Sharing Treasury (3HM0)	\$ 16,603	\$ 8,092	\$ 1,500	\$ 7,011
Equitable Sharing Justice (3HN0)	\$ 109,288	\$ 45,050	\$ 28,824	\$ 35,414
Law Enforcement Fund (4A50)	\$ 50,000	\$ 19,302	\$ 10,875	\$ 19,823
Operating (4K90)	\$ 13,931,300	\$ 11,101,451	\$ 816,464	\$ 2,013,385
Drug Database Fund (5SG0)	\$ 3,035,000	\$ 2,474,943	\$ 88,206	\$ 471,851
All Funds Total	\$ 20,550,191	\$15,814,564	\$ 1,031,078	\$ 3,704,549

## COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

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- Executive Director Schierholt participated in the following:
  - NASCSA Resolutions/Bylaws Committee Meeting in April
  - RX and Illicit Drug Summit (Nashville)
  - IACP Mid Year Policy Meeting (Dallas)
  - Presented with Justin Macy (NABP) at IACP; session titled "Proliferation of Counterfeit Prescription Medications"
  - NABP Monthly State Executive Director Call
  - Met with various members of the Ohio Senate
  - COCP Meeting
  - Senate Budget Testimony
  - NABP Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

# Policy and Communications

## HIGHLIGHTS

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- HB12 DRUG PRACTICES-RIGHT TO TRY** (GROSS J, SWEARINGEN D) Regarding prescribing, dispensing, and administering drugs and to name this act the Jeff, Dave, and Angie Patient Right to Try Act.  
*Current Status:* 5/21/2025 – **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Health, (Fourth Hearing)
- HB96 OPERATING BUDGET** (STEWART B) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.  
*Current Status:* 5/30/2025 - Senate Finance, (Eighth Hearing)
- HB192 PHARMACY ACCREDITATION, PBM REQUIREMENTS** (BARHORST T, FISCHER T) To limit insurer accreditation requirements for pharmacies, to implement drug cost reporting requirements for pharmacy benefit managers, and to name this act the Community Pharmacy Protection Act.  
*Current Status:* 5/6/2025 – House Insurance, (First Hearing)
- SB209 PATIENT RIGHT TO TRY ACT** (CUTRONA A, RENYOLDS M) Regarding prescribing, dispensing, and administering drugs and to name this act the Jeff, Dave, and Angie Patient Right to Try Act.  
*Current Status:* 5/28/2025 – Referred to Committee Senate Health

## Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution

Total Number of Strips Distributed	Number of FTS Training Handouts Distributed
190,368*	131,600**

(\*Includes 20,000 strips distributed at the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers 2023 Conference; 20,000 strips distributed at the Ohio EMS Medical Director’s Conference; 50 strips distributed at the 2024 ONIC Law Enforcement Drug Summit Networking Event; 8 strips distributed at the 2024 Lyndhurst PD event; and 10 strips distributed to licensees signed up for the OARRS Early Intervention Program.)

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