

OPP Board Decision and Action Agenda June 12, 2013

Welcomed new board member, Brian Weaver, LPO

Mr. Weaver is a partner and practitioner at American Orthopedics in Central Ohio. Appointment date: 5/21/2013, to a term that began 12/6/2012 and ends 12/6/2015. He earned a BS in Biology from Oregon State graduating 1998; Specialty Certifications gained from NUPOC and Newington. He was a tech at American Orthopedics 1998-2001, and has been Certified and Licensed since 2002. More information available [at the website](#).

One seat remains vacant and pending appointment:

- One (1) Pedorthic Practitioner.
- An Orthotic/Prosthetic Practitioner seat opens in December 2013.

Appointment authority lies with the Office of the Governor. Please see the online application:

<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Application%20Final.pdf>

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued to Michael P. Marmer regarding Application for Licensure in Pedorthics.

The Notice was approved based on applicant's failure to meet statutory requirements and failure to respond to Notices of Incomplete Requirements. Per the terms of the statute and the Notice, Mr. Marmer has 30 days from issuance of the notice to request a hearing.

Consent Agreement cleared

The Board accepted Farah Ghazala's withdrawal of a license application which had formed the basis for a Consent Agreement that has been in effect since 2008. Although passing the license exam, Mr. Ghazala did not have an approved application at the time, and did not meet the minimum educational requirement of a Bachelors degree. The agreement allowed him time to obtain the degree. With application withdrawal, the agreement was determined to be moot.

Eleven new licenses issued; upgrade reported.

Prosthetics

DROWNE, Daniel - TEMP
MURKA, Mark – TEMP
SHELBURNE, Michael – TEMP
WELLS, Jeffrey

Orthotics-Prosthetics

PANDORA, Nicole
SAUNDERS, Sean – TEMP

Orthotics

GROSSER, Katrina - TEMP
GORE, Thomas - TEMP

Pedorthics

RAGOZZINO, Virginia – TEMP
FLORES, Annette – TEMP
SHAW, Eric – TEMP (second issuance)

Upgrades

GRIFFIN, Christopher – TEMP to LPED

Withdrawals

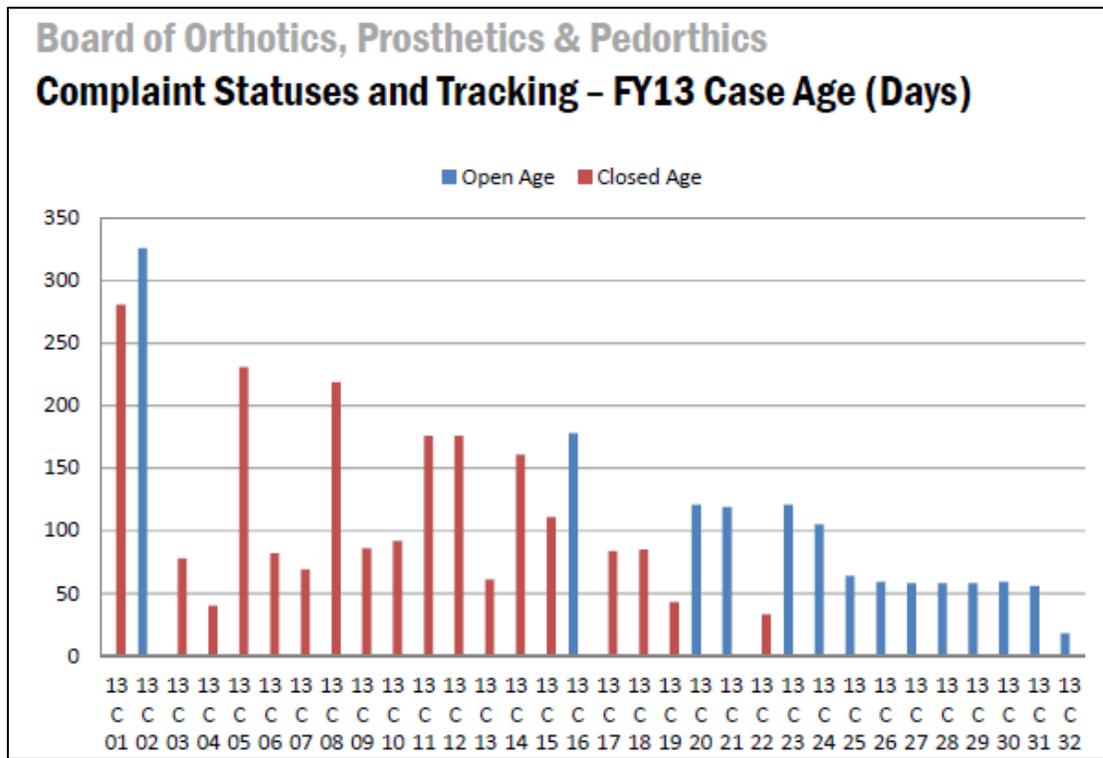
GHAZALA, Farah

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Complaint statuses and tracking

The Board accepted a Complaint Status report with no discussion.

- Complaint/case volume is up; days to file closure is down.
- Two (2) prior year complaint files were recommended to close as in compliance/educative; seven (7) FY13 files were closed as in compliance, no fault, or no jurisdiction.
- Thirty-two (32) complaint files were opened in FY13 through May 2013, seven (7) remain in process.
- It was noted that about 75% of complaint files processed address unlicensed practice allegations.



Database Details, Agency Administration, and Coding Concerns

Director reported on a pair of matters that are related to the agency’s set-up in the state of Ohio’s IT environment, and which may involve licensees in goal-and-outcome oriented data gathering for statewide healthcare planning in the near future.

- **New Licensing Database Set-Up** – State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services through its IT Division has engaged in a procurement competitive bidding process and has initiated implementation activities for a newer, more robust, enterprise-wide licensing and regulation database. Procurement specifications required that the package allow for individual agency configuration, so as to address the widely varying needs of all prospective client agencies,

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including not only allied healthcare licensing (Medical, Nursing, OT-PT-AT, Counselor and Social Workers, Psychology, Dietetics, OPP and more) but also entities as diverse as the Department of Commerce Real Estate Licensing Division, the newer Casino Control Commission, the Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission, Engineers and Surveyors, Architects and Landscape Architects ... it's a long list. Staff has been working closely to assure the end product meets the current and future needs of the OPP Board and its licensed constituency. Business rules, system requirements, "kill questions," do-loops, valid values, checklist items, required vs. optional entry, system logic. All must be addressed on the front end.

- **Minimum Data Set for Healthcare and Workforce Planning** -- There are activities under way to obtain better, more comprehensive data toward providing identifiable metrics with the goals and objectives of producing a statistically sound basis for various healthcare planning initiatives. Are there healthcare occupations that are under-represented in the Ohio workforce? Is there an Ohio "brain drain" that negatively affects the state's healthcare planning and implementation needs? What are the under-served areas of the state and under-represented cultural groups, and what processes can be engaged to address identified needs? ***Licensees across the allied healthcare spectrum may be required in the not too distant future to respond to a series of questions on a mandatory basis when performing license renewal.*** Perform a browser search for "Health Policy Institute of Ohio" to learn more.

Mission Statement Review

The Board affirmed the current 7-point mission statement, tweaking the wording in the last bulletpoint:

- License application receipt, process, review, approval, issuance and renewal
- Review and approve educational standards and providers
- Assist and enforce compliance with continuing education requirements
- Rule review and promulgation promoting stakeholder input and involvement
- Investigate complaints of unlicensed practice and allegations against licensees
- Emphasize compliance over enforcement
- Fairness in enforcement process, evidence demonstrate respect for rights of licensees and interests of consumers

OPPCE Audit for 2013 Renewals Nears Completion

46 Licensees were selected for OPPCE Audit (100% of sub group 3). Audit letters were mailed May 2, 2013, to all but 2 licensees who still have open remediation agreements. As of Board meeting date, 44 responses had been received. A detailed review of the responses was pending.

The renewal due January 31, 2014, marks the cycle requiring OPPCE attestation for about 75% of the Board's licensees. See guidance on [OPPCE requirements](#) at the website "Licensees" tab.

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Long in the Seat, and Getting Long in the Tooth

Director Levy urged Board members to begin planning, together with associates in the licensed constituency and other stakeholders, for the next generation of Board staff leadership.

He noted that he has enjoyed his work with the Board since mid-2002, but in about a year's time two factors important to state of Ohio employee retirement planning will come together for his planning horizon: 20 years of service to the state of Ohio; 60 years of life on the planet. The importance of planning in this regard has been highlighted both by Workforce Planning initiatives driven at high levels of state of Ohio policy leadership, and by personal circumstances.

He also noted that he is not planning any imminent departure, and his goal is to be able to work a statutory overhaul of the Practice Act through successful passage and implementation before voluntarily passing any baton or other assistive device.

The Director serves at the pleasure of the Board.



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