



## Ohio Sunset Review Committee

### *Agency Questionnaire*

Agency Name: **Ohio State Dental Board**

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives:

The Ohio State Dental Board is entrusted to promote service excellence in dentistry and to protect the public through licensure, education and enforcement of standards with fairness and integrity. Specifically, the Board is empowered by Revised Code chapter 4715 to administer and enforce the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry and investigate any violation of these laws and rules.

The Supervisory Investigative Panel (SIP) is empowered by R.C. section 4715.032 to supervise all of the Board's investigations. The SIP is composed of two Board members, the Board's Secretary and Vice Secretary, who are appointed by the Governor and are annually elected by their fellow Board members to their offices.

The purpose of SIP is to ensure that investigations are supervised by two licensed dentists who can advise Board staff as they conduct their investigation. Upon the conclusion of an investigation, SIP must make a recommendation to the Board regarding the disposition of a case. Under R.C. section 4715.034, SIP can recommend that the Board pursue disciplinary action, seek an injunction, enter into a consent agreement with a licensee, refer a licensee to the Board's quality intervention program, or terminate the investigation.

Under R.C. 4715.034, once SIP makes a recommendation to the Board regarding a case, SIP members are prohibited from participating in any deliberations regarding the case. SIP enables the remaining Board members to adjudicate a case fairly without learning about any uncharged allegations or evidence that was not admitted during the administrative hearing process under R.C. chapter 119, thereby ensuring that the respondent facing discipline receives a fair adjudication before the Board.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff:

The SIP consists of 2 Board members who work 20 hours per week on reviewing cases, meeting with Board staff and formulating recommendations to the full Board.

SIP supervises Board investigations of complaints regarding dentists, dental hygienists, EFDAs, and dental x-ray machine operators as well as unlicensed individuals under investigation for unlicensed practice. The Board has received an average of 472 complaints per year over the past five years. The SIP relies on the Board's four investigators, Chief Legal Counsel, and Chief of Operations to investigate cases, prepare cases for review, and carrying out any recommendations.

SIP is also required to authorize all Board investigative subpoenas per R.C. section 4715.033, and SIP may ask to meet with the individual who is the subject of an investigation per R.C. section 4715.034. SIP must make a recommendation to the Board within one year of supervising the investigation or two years if investigating an allegation of providing dental care that departs from or fails to conform to accepted standards for the profession per R.C. section 4715.034.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding:

The two SIP members are compensated \$19.55 per hour and work 40 hours in a pay-period. They each earn approximately \$20,332 per year. Funding comes from the 4K9 Fund through fees collected for license applications and renewals.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any:

The Ohio State Dental Board is the governing entity of SIP and has thirteen Board members. Under R.C. section 4715.02, nine of these members are dentists, three are dental hygienists, and one is a public member who is not associated with or financially interested in the practice of dentistry. The Board meets 8 times a year and Members are paid \$19.55 an hour.

The annual salary compensation for 11 Board members (non-SIP) is approximately \$1,251.20 per member or \$13,763 in aggregate. The annual salary compensation for 2 Board members (SIP) is approximately \$20,332 per member or \$40,664 in aggregate. The grand total for all 13 Board members on an annual basis is approximately \$54,427.

Agency-recommended legislative changes to improve organizational efficiency:

None

Additional notes:

None