



Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Ohio Dentist Loan Repayment Program Advisory Board
Agency Name _____

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The Ohio Dentist Loan Repayment Program (ODLRP) Advisory Board was established in 2004 in accordance with ORC 3702.92 to provide guidance for the ODLRP. Later, with the establishment of the Ohio Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program (ODHLRP) in 2015, the Board was given the additional responsibility of providing guidance to the ODHLRP. The ODLRP and the ODHLRP are operated by the Ohio Department of Health to improve access to dental care for Ohio's underserved communities by recruiting and retaining general and pediatric dentists and dental hygienists who agree to practice in rural and urban shortage areas and to serve patients regardless of their ability to pay. The programs provide up to \$50,000 for repayment of outstanding dental and dental hygiene school loans for selected dentists and dental hygienists who commit to an initial two-year contract. A maximum of \$120,000 is available to those program participants who practice for four years under a loan repayment contract.

According to ORC 3702.94 and 3702.966, the Board, annually submits a report to the Governor and General Assembly describing the operations of the ODLRP and the ODHLRP during the previous calendar year.

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

The Ohio Dentist Loan Repayment Program (ODLRP) Advisory Board generally meets once each year. The work of the six-member board is supported by staff of the Ohio Department of Health Primary Care Office. Two staff, the Oral Health Workforce Coordinator and Primary Care Office Administrator, provide support for the program including promotion of the program to potential participants and sites; technical assistance to applicants and participants; scoring and ranking of program applicants according to program rules; preparation of loan repayment contracts; monitoring of payments to lenders; drafting of the required annual report and providing additional information to Board members as requested. The Board reviews the ranking of program applicants and provides direction on the yearly funding methodology.

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

There are no funds appropriated for the Ohio Dentist Loan Repayment Program (ODLRP) Advisory Board. Board members are not compensated or reimbursed for travel.

The loan repayment program (not the Advisory Board) is funded by \$40 from each dentist license renewal fee, \$20 from each new dentist license fee in odd-numbered years and \$40 from each new dentist license fee in even-numbered years. These fees generate approximately \$275,000 every other year for implementation of the ODLRP.

The Ohio Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program (ODHLRP) is funded by \$10 from each dental hygienist license renewal fee. These fees generate approximately \$75,000 every other year for implementation of the ODHLRP.

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

The Ohio Dentist Loan Repayment Program Advisory Board has six members who serve without compensation. The members represent the following:

- * Ohio Department of Health (1)
- * Ohio Department of Higher Education (1)
- * Ohio Dental Association (4)

HB 33 (135th General Assembly) contained language that removed the four legislative members from the ODLRP.

Additional notes

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