Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Supervisory Investigative Panel of the State Dental Board

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The State Dental Board is entrusted to protect Ohioans through legislation, licensure, education, and enforcement of laws and rules with fairness and integrity. Specifically, the Board is empowered by Revised Code (R.C.) Chapter 4715 to administer and enforce the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry and to investigate any violation of Ohio's Dental Practice Act.

Currently, 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 (2) Board members, the Board's Secretary and Vice-Secretary, who are are annually elected by their fellow Board members to their offices. All members of the State Dental Board are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The purpose of SIP is to ensure that investigations are supervised by two licensed dentists who can advise Board staff as they conduct their investigations. Pursuant to R.C. Section 4715.033, all subpoenas issued by the Board shall be authorized by the SIP. SIP may ask to meet with the individual who is the subject of an investigation per R.C. Section 4715.034. 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 by closing the case.

Under R.C. Section 4715.034, once SIP makes a recommendation to the Board regarding a case, SIP members are prohibited from participating in any Board 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 two (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, coronal polishers, and dental x-ray machine operators, as well as individuals under investigation for unlicensed practice. The Board has received an average of 426 complaints per year over the past five years. The SIP relies on the Board's four investigators, Chief Legal Counsel, and other Board staff to investigate cases, prepare cases for review, and to carry out any recommendations or monitoring.

SIP must make a recommendation to the Board within one (1) year of supervising the investigation or two (2) years if investigating an allegation of a dentist providing or allowing someone under their supervision to provide 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 (2) 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 4K90 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 State Dental Board is the governing entity of SIP and has thirteen (13) Board members. Under R.C. Section 4715.02, nine (9) of these members are dentists, three (3) are dental hygienists, and one (1) is a public member who is not associated with or financially interested in the practice of dentistry. The Board meets eight (8) times a year and members are paid $19.55 an hour.

The annual salary compensation for eleven (11) Board members (non-SIP) is approximately $1,251.20 per member or $13,763 in aggregate. The annual salary compensation for the two (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.

Additional notes