

Osteopathic Medical Board of California

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ATTENTION: Members, Osteopathic Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Executive Report
STAFF CONTACT: Ralph Correa, Probation Monitor

REQUESTED ACTION:

This report is intended to provide the Members of the Osteopathic Medical Board of California (Board) with an update on the probation program. No action is needed.

Website information

All probationary discipline and probationary summaries are up to date on the Board's website.

Total Numbers of physicians on probation

As of today's date, there are 35 licensees on active probation. A thorough audit of every case has been conducted and 32 cases were found to require compliance guidance.

Review of cases

The Board's probation unit has implemented new probation unit procedures and a timely overhaul of the entire program has been undertaken. This resulted in the creation of 52 new documents to assist in a more effective program. I have implemented intake interviews which will be done prior to or on the effective date of probation. Intake interviews are done to discuss with the probationer their Decision terms and conditions in their entirety. Quarterly reviews have also been implemented to allow a discussion of the compliance of such conditions, set reminders, and discuss non-compliance issues. As of day, each of the probationers has received at least one quarterly review.

Four (4) Probationers have completed their probation and four (4) new probationers were added these past two quarters, ending with a total of thirty-five (35) probationers. Six (6) are tolling out of state and not receiving credit towards completion of probation.

Non-Compliance

Seven (7) probationers were found not in compliance for minimum of 6 months to two years, which resulted in an immediate corrective action plan. Those (7) probationers were found to be in violation of the following: Course enrollment, completion of course requirements, compliance with a practice monitor and costs recovery.

Diversion Program

Four (4) licensees on probation are participating in the Board's Diversion program.

There were several matters that needed to be discussed in terms of the communication between the diversion program and the OMBC. The Board found that certain matters should have been better communicated to the Board's Probation Monitor. Director Calderon and I have recently discussed these concerns with the contractor, and it was agreed upon that the probation monitor will be included in all decision making of Board probationary referrals. This is extremely important as you all are aware that the Board is ultimately responsible for the participants licensure.

At this time this concludes my report, no action is needed, and I would be happy to answer any questions.