

**DIRECTORS REPORT  
TO THE OHIO BOARD OF DIETETICS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002**

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## **I. HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION**

The five-member Ohio Board of Dietetics was created by Am. Sub. H.B. 570 of the 116th General Assembly and enacted into law on July 1, 1987. The function of the Board is to regulate the profession of dietetics in the State of Ohio pursuant to Chapter 4759 of the Ohio Revised Code.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the dietitian licensure law is to protect the public from harmful, incompetent, or negligent nutritional practices. The Board accomplishes its mission as follows:

- o Establishes standards of professional responsibility and practice for Ohio dietitians**
- o Issues licenses and limited permits**
- o Investigates complaints and determines disciplinary action**
- o Administers a minimal competency examination**
- o Requires continuing education to ensure competent practice of dietitians.**

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Ohio's law is a **mandatory** licensure law requiring everyone who practices dietetics as defined in the law to be licensed, unless specifically exempted. "The practice of dietetics" means any of the following, as specified in Section 4759.01(A) of the Revised Code:

- 1) Nutritional assessment to determine nutritional needs and to recommend appropriate nutritional intake, including enteral and parenteral nutrition;**
- 2) Nutritional counseling or education as components of preventive, curative, and restorative health care;**
- 3) Development, administration, evaluation, and consultation regarding nutritional care standards**

### **BOARD MEMBERS AND MEETINGS**

Board members are appointed by the Governor for five year terms. The Board is comprised of three dietitians, one public member and one dietetic educator who holds a doctoral degree. The Board usually holds six regular meetings per year, and holds sub-committee or other meetings as needed. Meetings are usually held in the Vern Riffe Center in Columbus and are open to the public. In FY 2002 the Board held six regular meetings.

Board members are paid an hourly rate for the performance of official Board business. This rate is established by the General Assembly and currently ranges from \$18.43 to \$19.55 per hour. The Board member's initial appointment date determines the hourly rate. Additionally, all Board members are reimbursed at the state per diem rate for travel, meals and miscellaneous expenses.

**Past Board Members:**

**Carol McLaughlin, Cleveland - Dietitian Member \*\***  
**Margaret Horvath, Youngstown - Dietitian Member**  
**Edith Lerner, Cleveland - Dietetic Educator Member**  
**Cheryl Boyce, Columbus - Public Member**  
**Anita Howe, Cincinnati - Dietitian Member**  
**Mable Hardeman Edwards, Columbus - Public Member**  
**Bradley Sinnott, Columbus - Public Member**  
**Susan Rudge, Oxford - Dietetic Educator Member**  
**Darlene Rogers, Youngstown - Public Member**  
**Anne Coble Voss, Columbus - Dietitian Member**  
**Alice Giffin, Wooster - Dietitian Member**  
**Tonda Hollenback, Bowling Green - Public Member**  
**James G. Behnke, Middletown - Dietitian Member**  
**Roberta S. Hurley, Dietitian Educator Member**  
**Lori Mooney, Dublin - Dietitian Member**

**\*\* First Board Chairman, appointed in July 1987; Reappointed by Gov. Voinovich and served until expiration of second term on June 30, 1995.**

**Current Board Members & Terms:**

<b>Claire Adkins, Akron - Dietitian Member</b>	<b>8/1/2000 to 6/30/2003</b>
<b>Jonathan Hughes, Dublin - Public Member</b>	<b>2/7/2001 to 6/30/2004</b>
<b>Lorna Fuller, Cleveland - Dietitian Member</b>	<b>7/7/2000 to 6/30/2005</b>
<b>David Holben, Athens - Dietitian Educator Member</b>	<b>7/1/2001 to 6/30/2006</b>
<b>Cynthia Blocksom, Cincinnati - Dietitian Member</b>	<b>7/1/2002 to 6/30/2007</b>

**Ohio Dietetic Association Liaison:**

**Patricia McKnight**

**STAFF**

**Administrative staff includes: a Director (Executive Secretary), a Compliance Specialist (Administrative Assistant/investigator), and an Office Assistant. These are all full-time equivalent positions. In addition, one intermittent clerical position assists with licensure renewal activities. Hearing officers, court reporters and additional clerical services are contracted on a temporary basis as needed.**

**FY 2001 Staff:**

**Patricia Cullen---Office Assistant**  
**Beth Shaffer---Compliance Specialist**  
**Emily Adams (5/29/2001-8/10/2001)-- Clerical Intermittent**  
**Allison Grauer (5/7/2002 - 8/23/2002) -- Clerical Intermittent**  
**Kay Mavko -- Executive Secretary / Director**

**Over 3,100 licenses are issued annually, which includes issuance of approximately 125 Limited Permits. Licensees must meet minimum academic requirements, complete a pre-professional experience, and pass a licensure examination. Continuing education is required for license renewal.**

## II. 2002 HIGHLIGHTS

### COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

It is the Board's general philosophy to educate and inform the public regarding the dietitian licensure law which promotes compliance with the law.

#### National activities:

- 1) Ms. Shaffer attended the National Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas.
- 2) Ms. Mavko attended the American Dietetic Association meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

#### Ohio activities:

1) Board members and staff spent a significant amount of time and effort opposing House Bill 314. HB 314 would strip the board of much of its authority, and would allow the unlicensed practice of nutrition and dietetics by individuals who could practice with no educational or practice requirements or oversight. The bill was introduced by proponents who are not qualified to practice dietetics in Ohio, and who have been the subject of investigation by the board. They appear to be seeking removal of the regulatory oversight of nutrition practitioners. They have complained about the board and its operations to various legislators, the Governor's office, and the Inspector General's office.

The activities surrounding HB 314 resulted in a record number of requests for public information from our agency. We provided over 4,000 pages of records to the bill sponsor.

Board members and staff have attempted to accurately educate concerned parties about the board and its activities. We have met individually with the members of the Commerce and Labor Committee on numerous occasions, have testified before the committee twice regarding this issue, and have attempted to work with the bill sponsor and committee chairman to seek a solution that will continue to protect the citizens of Ohio.

The first priority of the board continues to be the health and safety of the citizens of Ohio by regulating the practice of dietetics. Therefore, it is anticipated that continued efforts and agency resources will be needed to oppose HB 314.

2) The Board continues to work closely with other Ohio professional health licensing boards. OBD director participates in an ad-hoc group of Ohio Regulatory Boards. The group's major efforts this past year have been to focus on acquisition and implementation of a new licensing system, and securing technical support for computer hardware and systems following the termination of such services by DAS. Shared concerns and efforts to improve services provided by the Central Service Agency were addressed. The group also monitored legislation that could affect the boards, and monitored the Department of Health sponsored Healthcare Workforce Shortage Taskforce meetings.

3) There was no significant activity regarding the Dietetic Technician licensure bill, HB 288 - that was re-introduced to the legislature in May of 2001. The purpose of the bill is to license Dietetic Technicians within Chapter 4759 of the ORC. Due to the conflicting nature of HB 314, the Chairman of the Commerce and Labor Committee has agreed not to put HB 288 on the committee agenda until the issues surrounding HB 314 are resolved.

4) Director Mavko participated as a member of the committee that revised both the Nursing Home administrative rules and the administrative rules for Residential Care Facilities. Input from licensees practicing in long term care was included.

5) Three Board members and two staff members attended the Ohio Dietetic Association annual meeting. Ms. McKnight and Ms. Mavko presented a brief update on legislative matters affecting the practice of dietetics in Ohio.

6) The Ohio Dietetic Association and the Board sponsored the annual legislative conference for dietetic practitioners which was held at the Riffe Center on April 10th. The conference was well attended and afforded another opportunity for dietitians and dietetic technicians to speak with Ohio legislators about issues, including HB 314.

#### **Agency Activities:**

1) Board staff continue to precept dietetic student interns for various experiences which ranged from one day to two weeks in length. This year, ten interns participated in experiences relating to licensure, enforcement, investigation of complaints, and regulation in dietetics at the board office.

2) The agency newsletter, AOB D Communique® was published three times. Its purpose is to keep licensees and other interested parties informed regarding the activities of the Board, disciplinary actions, public meetings, status of legislation, new guidelines, and current licensure issues and trends in Ohio.

3) The Board developed and produced a brochure A Licensed Dietitians In Ohio® that presents facts that consumers need to know about the practice of dietetics and licensed dietitians in Ohio. The brochure will be used to educate the public whenever possible.

4) Staff continue to provide presentations on licensure, regulation, and complaint handling/enforcement activities to Ohio dietetics programs at universities/colleges (graduate, undergraduate and internship programs), dietetic technician programs, and to professionals working in the field. In FY 2002 staff spoke to 12 dietetic programs, four dietetic technician programs, three hospital dietetics staff meetings, the ODA legislative workshop, and one dietetic association meeting. Additionally, Ms. Mavko was a speaker at the National Kidney Foundation's Renal Symposium in September 2001, the Ohio Kidney Foundation annual meeting in May 2002, and the Ohio Dietetic Educators meeting in November 2001. These presentations reached over 550 persons.

5) All license application forms were reviewed and revised by the Board. The renewal application was simplified and the collection of unnecessary information was reduced.

6) The agency policy and procedures manual was reviewed and revised. Hearing policies were adopted and will be proposed as administrative rules during the Board's next five-year rule review.

7) The Board has continued development of its web-site. Additions to the site included the consumer brochure, and updated application forms.

8) A subcommittee of the board was engaged to examine the provision of A general nutrition education® by unlicensed persons. The committee recommended that the Board revise administrative rule 4759-2-01 OAC to better define general non-medical nutrition education. The Board approved the subcommittee's recommendations and will include the proposed revisions in the upcoming five-year administrative rule review and amendments.

- 9) The agency was audited by Auditor of State staff, and no deficiencies were reported. A couple of process suggestions were made and incorporated into agency procedures.

### III. LICENSURE/EXAMINATION ACTIVITY

FISCAL YEAR 2001 LICENSURE ACTIVITY		
LICENSES/PERMITS ISSUED	FY 2002	FY 2001
Initial Licenses/Reactivations	148/25	190/11
Renewals	3,005	2,807
Reinstatement of lapsed or disciplined licenses	18	24
Limited Permits	126	98
Totals	3,322	3,130

The Ohio Board of Dietetics accepts passing of the Registration Examination for dietitians that is sponsored by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) as one of the requirements for licensure in Ohio . Beginning in FY 2000 CDR changed to a computer administered examination, that resulted the Board amending sections 4759.05, 4759.06 ORC and 4759-4-08 OAC.

### IV. REVENUES/EXPENDITURES

State professional licensing boards are required to be financially self-supporting from revenues generated through license fees. Licensure and renewal fees are deposited into the 4K9 rotary fund that was established for the professional Boards and Commissions. Revenues generated through OBD's licensing and renewal fees directly support its own operations.

Fees were last increased in FY 1994 and have been adequate to meet expenditures. It is estimated that expenses for FY 2003 will out-strip revenues, and the agency will need to seek a fee increase. The board reviewed various fee structures, and moved to seek an increase in the 2004-2005 biennium.

<u>FEES</u>	
Application- Initial license	\$110
Reinstatement - Inactive license	\$110
Reinstatement - Lapsed, revoked, or suspended license	\$165
Renewal license	\$ 80
Limited permit & renewal	\$ 55
Late fee (applies to renewal application postmarked after 6/30)	\$ 40
Duplicate license or permit	\$ 20

<b>REVENUE</b>		
	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>
<b>License Application Fees</b>	<b>\$18,660</b>	<b>\$28,789</b>
<b>Renewal Fees</b>	<b>\$241,261</b>	<b>\$224,562</b>
<b>Late Fees</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$2,805</b>
<b>Limited Permit Fees</b>	<b>\$6,930</b>	<b>\$5,390</b>
<b>Miscellaneous (Public records request, dup IDCARDS, etc.)</b>	<b>\$242</b>	<b>\$190</b>
<b>Total Revenue posted</b>	<b>\$270,293</b>	<b>\$261,736</b>

**Note: Some revenue posted for FY 2002 applies to licenses issued in FY 2001 or FY 2003.**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>
<b>Payroll/Purchased Services</b>	<b>\$217,022</b>	<b>\$199,375</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$41,574</b>	<b>\$36,537</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$48</b>
<b>Other (refunds)</b>	<b>\$216</b>	
<b>Prior year encumbrances</b>	<b>\$3312</b>	<b>\$12,952</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$262,124</b>	<b>\$248,912</b>
<b>Net +</b>	<b>\$8,169</b>	<b>\$12,825</b>

**The excess funds from FY 2002 are maintained in the 4K9 fund to off-set unanticipated expenditures. These appropriations may only be used with Controlling Board approval. However, in 2002 the legislature approved a bill that allows the Director of Budget and Management to transfer funds from various rotary funds (including the 4K9) to the general revenue fund. It has been announced that the Director will transfer four million dollars from the 4K9 fund, and that the Ohio Board of Dietetics will pay a share of that amount.**

## V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

### COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Cases to start</b>	31	26	36	37	32	33	31
<b>New Cases</b>	90	113	131	103	113	108	85
<b>Total Investigated cases</b>	121	139	167	140	145	141	116
<b>Cases Closed</b>	95	103	130	108	112	110	96
<b>Cases Pending</b>	26	36	37	32	33	31	20

### SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN OR INITIATED IN FY 2002

<b>CEASE AND DESIST LETTERS</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CITATIONS / NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>HEARINGS HELD</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LICENSED WITH PROBATIONARY CONDITIONS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>LICENSED WITH CONDITIONS AND LETTER OF CAUTION</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Limitd Permit eligiible</b> 1	
<b>Reinstatement applicant</b> 1	
<b>LICENSED WITH LETTER OF CAUTION</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Supervised Limited Permit</b> 1	
<b>New Limited Permit</b> 1	
<b>Reinstatement</b> 1	

<b>DENIED LICENSURE</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>REFERRED TO OTHER BOARDS</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>SIGNED CONSENT AGREEMENTS</b>	<b>2</b>

## **CATEGORIES OF 116 INVESTIGATED CASES FISCAL YEAR 2002**

<b>ALLEGED UNLICENSED PRACTICE BY THOSE NOT MEETING QUALIFICATIONS FOR A LICENSE</b>	
<b>DIETARY SUPPLEMENT SALES</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>FITNESS / PERSONAL TRAINERS</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>OTHER LICENSED PROFESSIONALS</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>CLAIMING EXEMPTIONS 4759.10 (B) OR (E)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DIETETIC TECHNICIANS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>WELLNESS</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>ALTERNATIVE</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>ALLEGED VIOLATIONS BY THOSE MEETING QUALIFICATIONS FOR A LICENSE</b>	
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<b>ALLEGED VIOLATIONS BY THOSE MEETING QUALIFICATIONS FOR A LICENSE</b>	
<b>DIETITIAN APPLICANTS</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>LICENSE EXPIRED WITHOUT REASON</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>ALLEGED IMPAIRMENT</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>ALLEGED FAILURE TO MEET CONTINUING EDUCATION</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>ALLEGED VIOLATION OF STANDARDS OF PRACTICE</b>	<b>5</b>

**CATEGORIES OF INVESTIGATED CASES**  
**FISCAL YEAR 1996 - 2001**

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>ALLEGED UNLICENSED PRACTICE</b>							
<b>PRODUCT SALES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>FITNESS/PERSONAL TRAINER</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>OTHER LICENSED PROFESSIONALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS B&amp;E</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>WELLNESS</b>						<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>ALTERNATIVE</b>						<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DIETITIAN APPLICANTS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>EXPIRED LICENSES-NO REASON</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>ALLEGED IMPAIRMENT</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>ALLEGED MORAL CHARACTER VIOL.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF STANDARDS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>ALLEGED FAILURE TO MEET CE REQUIREMENTS</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

FISCAL YEAR	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
TOTAL INVESTIGATED CASES	121	139	167	140	145	141	116

**FISCAL YEAR 2002 ENFORCEMENT TRENDS**

1. **Eighty-five complaints were filed in FY 2002 and represents a significant decrease from the past three year average of 108. Although HB 314 activities may have contributed to an increased awareness about the law, progressive and consistent education most likely is the reason for the decrease in the number of complaints filed.**
  
2. **There were fewer complaints filed for violation of title {4759.02 ORC and 4759-2-01(K)OAC} than in the past four years. The board has sought and in most cases achieved voluntary compliance through education about the law when persons claiming exemptions use titles tending to indicate that they are dietitians, nutritionists, nutrition consultants or nutrition counselors. The board has an obligation to ensure that persons claiming exemptions do not miscontrue an exemption to mean that they can hold themselves forth as if licensed to practice dietetics. Bulletins #3, and #6, and Guideline E have been used extensively to assist in educating persons claiming exemptions. It is also noted that that there appears to be an increase in nutrition activities provided under alternative health care names.**
  
3. **Fewer complaints were filed for dietetic program graduates who begin practice prior to receiving licenses. Since 1997 the board has supported the efforts of staff to educate students about Ohio=s licensure law, requirements and application process. Dietitians from other states (particularly border states) have also improved in compliance. This is attributed to an increased awareness about regulation as they have implemented licensure programs in their own states. Forty-three states now have some form of regulation of the practice of nutrition and dietetics.**
  
4. **This year, in addition to categorizing the investigated complaints related to persons who do not meeting qualifications for licensure, we reviewed the credentials of the practitioners involved in 25 of the cases that were investigated and closed. The training claimed by the practitioners varied greatly and includes: a home study nutrition course from a fitness association; a home study nutrition course from a college not regionally accredited granting a PhD in holistic nutrition; degree in education; certification in hypnosis; certification in dark field microscopy earned from a dietary supplement company; physical therapy assistant; pharmacist; chiropractor; dietetic technician; baccalaureate dietetic graduate; certified natural health practitioner; wife of a deceased professional; personal trainers; and independent distributors and health food salspersons. Eleven had no known credentials.**
  
5. **In summary, education has been a major enforcement tool for the Board. Students, licensees, and those seeking exemptions from licensure have been consistently educated. Also, schools and home study programs identified as not meeting qualifications for the requirements have been educated. This year, the Board published a brochure to educate consumers about the scope of practice and where to find a licensed dietitian or nutritionist.**

***SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN OR INITIATED BY THE BOARD  
FISCAL YEAR 2002 (JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2002)***

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

**Rebecca Sens - Ravenna**

Based on allegations of unlicensed practice, use of title, and failure to meet requirements of limited permit license pursuant to 4759-4-08 OAC, notice of opportunity for hearing issued 12/6/01 proposing to deny limited permit license.

**FINAL ACTION**

**Cynthia Wagner Robbins (L#3972)- Circleville**

Based on allegations of failure to meet continuing education requirements, Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued on 9/8/00 proposing to deny renewal of license. An amended Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued on 11/30/00. Hearing was held on 2/22/01. Licensure denied. Adjudication hand delivered 6/5/01. Closed by the Board 7/13/01.

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

**#01OBD98-(#5107- Probation) Columbus**

Consent Agreement: Probationary conditions imposed on initial license to practice dietetics based on court probationary terms. Effective 7/26/01. License issued 7/26/01.

**Rebecca Sens - Ravenna**

Consent Agreement: Limited permit licensure denied for failure to meet requirements. Conditions and limitations imposed for consideration of issuance of initial license based on unlicensed practice and use of title. Agreement effective 1/25/02.

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

**Patricia Maroney (#4865) - Glen Dale, WV**

License to practice dietetics in Ohio surrendered on February 26, 2002

**LICENSE ISSUED WITH LETTER OF CAUTION**

Limited permit applicant -Columbus, OH\*

Reinstatement applicant -Columbus, OH\*

Limited permit applicant -Ashtabula, OH

Reinstatement applicant -Newark, OH

Supervised limited permit applicant-Columbus, OH

*\*issued on condition of completing a Board assignment*

**LONG RANGE GOALS**

**Enforcement Goals**

- C Continue to educate dietitians and students regarding Ohio licensure and Ohio limited permits in order to decrease unlicensed practice.**
- C Continue to monitor complaints involving weight control programs for trends in practice as indications for changes in legislation for public protection.**
- C Review the use of bulletins and guidelines as appropriate educational tools to clarify exemptions and guide licensees in practice to accomplish voluntary compliance.**
- C Continue to assess issues related to telecommunication practice in Ohio and act as liaison to other entities in order to protect the public.**
- C Develop complaint tracking processes that will expedite investigations.**

- C **Monitor billing and reimbursement issues related to Medical Nutrition Therapy services.**
- C **Continue to consider use of guided peer assistance in cases that do not rise to the level of disciplinary action.**

#### **OFFICE OPERATIONS GOALS:**

- C **Implement the licensing software whenever it is acquired.**
- C **Continue to develop full service Internet resources to support board mission and activities. Implement on-line verification of licenses. Continue to train staff to be able to support our site.**
- C **Revise license renewal processes for FY 2004 to either include bank lock box services or self process renewal forms and revenues.**

#### **EDUCATION / TRAINING GOALS:**

- C **Provide staff with training to support technology for new licensure software, website, use of File Maker, and other software.**
- C **Continue to support opportunities to enhance Board member effectiveness by allocating funds for participation in professional conferences/board member training seminars.**
- C **Continue to communicate with members of the General Assembly about OBD's role and the practice of Dietetics in the state. Assist them in identifying OBD as a resource for information about the practice of dietetics.**
- C **Develop guidelines and educational materials to inform non-registered Ohio licensees about "Professional Development 2001". Schedule educational seminars in FY 2003 to instruct licensed non-registered dietitians about completing the self assessment and portfolio.**
- C **Continue to offer a training experience for dietetic interns at the Ohio Board of Dietetics in order to better inform them about licensure and regulatory responsibilities in dietetic practice.**
- C **Continue OBD involvement at Ohio Dietetic Association state meetings and at district meetings in order to increase the understanding of licensing - its benefits to the profession and to the public. Offer for OBD staff to speak to district associations.**

## **NETWORKING GOALS:**

- C Continue to support public awareness of the Ohio Board of Dietetics and the Dietitian Licensure Law and encourage public participation by providing an open forum at Board meetings;**
- C Continue to investigate developing a national federation of Dietetic Licensure Boards.**
- C Work with other licensing boards to develop collaborative practice agreements where boundaries are in dispute. Monitor and influence the development of new practice models. Assert our definition of competency in dietetic practices.**

## **COMMUNICATION GOALS:**

- C Continue to develop OBD web site, and e-mail access for licensees and the public. Implement on-line license verification.**
- C Communicate rule revisions that result from the five year administrative rule review process. Re-print the Laws and Rules, update all guidelines and bulletins to reflect changes made.**
- C Participate in efforts to educate the public about the health care regulatory laws. Use *ALicensed Dietitians In Ohio: Facts Consumers Need to Know* brochure**
- C Develop strategies to help licensees understand the role and procedures of the Board.**

## **LEGISLATIVE GOALS:**

- C Continue to maintain awareness of H.B. 288 Dietetic Technician Licensure bill, provide information as requested, and work with proponents to ensure that the bill is enforceable if enacted and does not jeopardize the current licensure law.**
- C Lobby to oppose the progress of HB 314 proposing to eliminate the authority of the Board to investigate and seek injunctions against persons not licensed but who practice dietetics, and requiring the Board to be reviewed by the Sunset Review Committee. As introduced, the bill would destroy the dietetic licensure law, and**

**jeopardize the nutritional health and well-being of Ohioans by removing the current oversight and protection related to dietitians practice, and authority over the practice of nutrition and dietetics.**

- C Investigate adding a law-related continuing education requirement to the continuing education rules.**
- C Complete the required five-year administrative rule review process, revise and re-print the law and rule booklets.**