



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

# Georgia Boards of Dentistry & Pharmacy



Presentation to: The DCH Board

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# Mission

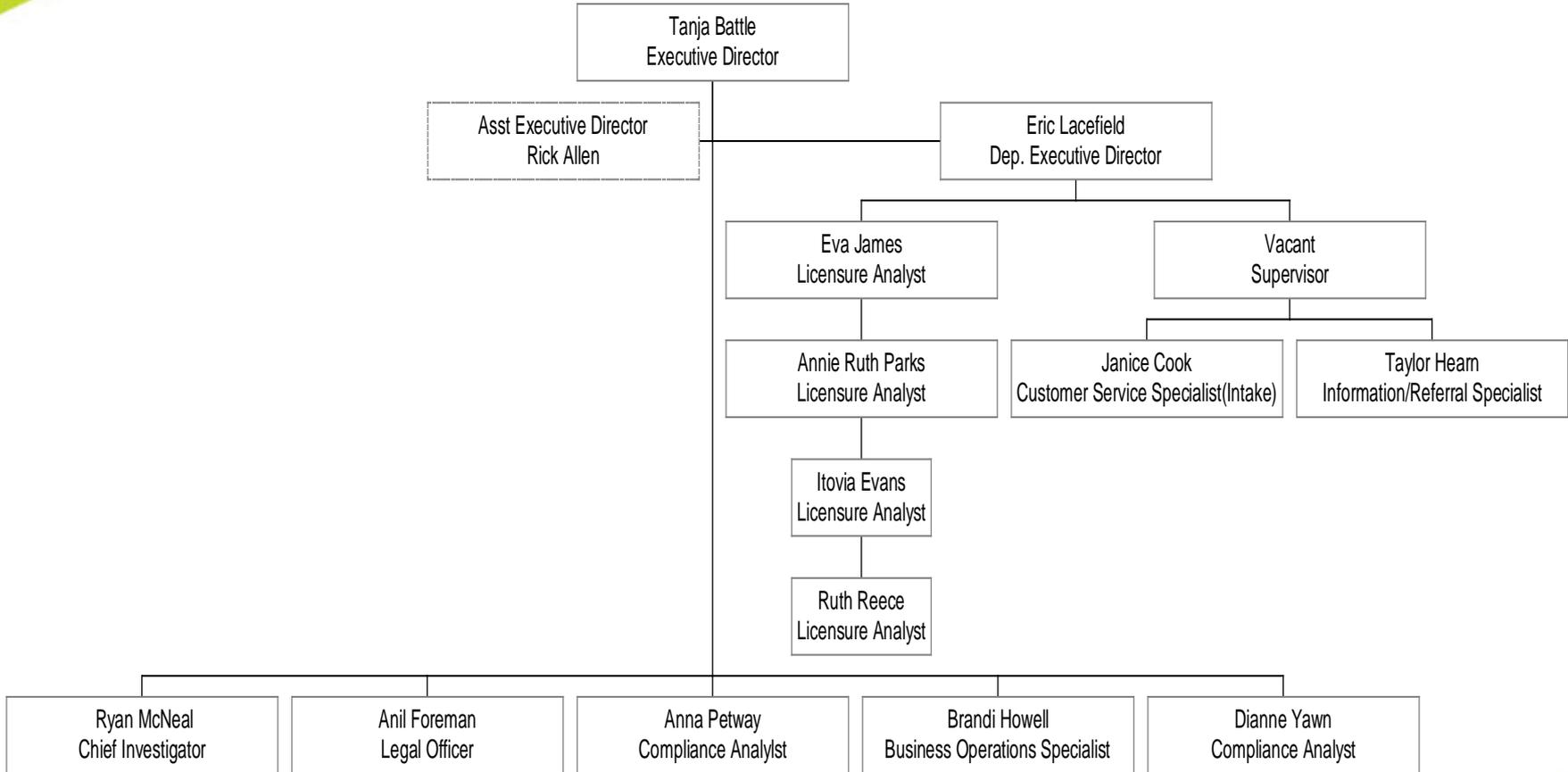
## The Georgia Department of Community Health

We will provide Georgians with access to affordable, quality health care through effective planning, purchasing and oversight.

*We are dedicated to A Healthy Georgia.*



# STAFF OF THE BOARDS



# GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY



# COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

- 11 members:
  - Richard G. Bennett, D.M.D. (President)
  - Logan Nalley, Jr., D.M.D. (Vice-President)
  - Rebecca B. Bynum, R.D.H.
  - Randy Daniel, D.M.D.
  - Tracy Gay, D.M.D.
  - Thomas P. Godfrey, D.M.D.
  - Steve Holcomb, D.M.D.
  - Antwan L. Treadway, D.M.D.
  - H. Bert Yeargan, D.D.S.
  - Connie Engel (Consumer Member)
- Appointed and commissioned by the Governor
- Terms of 2 (hygienist), 4 (consumer), or 5 (dentist) years
- Representation by Department of Law: Bryon A. Thernes, Esq., Assistant Attorney General



# MEETINGS and COMMITTEES

- At least one per month, typically the first or second Friday
- 13 Committees:
  - CE Audit
  - Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia
  - CRDTS Steering
  - Dental Hygiene
  - Education
  - Examination
  - Injectable Pharmacologics
  - Investigative
  - Legislative
  - Licensure by Credentials
  - Licensure Overview
  - Long Range Planning
  - Rules



# LICENSURE OVERVIEW

- Active Licensees – 12,941 as of April 1, 2014
  - Dentists: 5,731
  - Faculty: 99
  - Hygienists: 7,111
- License Types
  - Dentist
    - Faculty
    - Provisional
    - Public health
    - Volunteer
  - Dental Hygiene
    - Faculty
    - Provisional
  - Other
    - Injectable pharmacologics registration
    - Conscious sedation permit
    - Deep sedation/general anesthesia permit



# LICENSURE OVERVIEW, ctd.

- Administrative review of applications: less than 25 business days
  - Receipt by Board staff
  - Review by Licensing Analyst
  - Transfer of complete application to appropriate Board Committee
  - Issuance of license or permit and ratification by Board
- Applications:
  - By examination: complete application, degree transcript, national board scores, National Practitioner Data Bank self-query report, jurisprudence examination, criminal history information, CPR certification, references
  - By credentials: complete application, degree transcript, license verification, national board scores, jurisprudence examination, National Practitioner Data Bank self-query report, criminal history information, CPR certification, DEA registration, employment affidavit, malpractice questionnaire, references
  - Jurisprudence examination administered by Board
- Renewal applications
  - Expiration date: December 31 of odd-numbered years; revocation on July 1 of even-numbered years
  - Continuing Education: CPR certification, 40 hours (dental) and 22 hours (hygiene)

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

- Protecting the public health and welfare in the practice of dentistry
  - Evaluation of applications for licensure of dentists and hygienists
    - Applications Received – July 1, 2013 to Present
      - Dentists 239
      - Dental Faculty 6
      - Sedation Permits 109
      - Volunteer Dental 2
      - Dental Hygienists 286
      - Temporary Dental Hygienists 2
      - Dental Hygienists Faculty 3
      - » Total Rec'd 647
      - » Total Issued 531
    - Regulation of dental assistants
      - Regulating and enforcing standards of practice
      - Investigation of failures to conform to minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing dental practice
      - Reporting of adverse actions to National Practitioner Data Bank (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), State of Georgia Office of Inspector General

# DENTAL COMPLAINTS

- Received July 1 to Present
  - 221
- Cases Closed with No Action- 99
- Cases Closed with Disciplinary Action-26

# INVESTIGATIONS

- Investigative Committee Membership:
  - Dr. Bert Yeargan (Chair)
  - Dr. Logan Nalley, Jr.
  - Dr. Steve Holcomb
  - Dr. Tracy Gay
- Meetings:
  - At least once monthly
  - Conduct informal investigative interviews
  - Provide recommendations to full Board
  - P.O.S.T. Certified
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# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- Legal authority to reprimand (publicly or privately) licensees and permit-holders
  - May revoke, suspend, issue terms and conditions, limit practice, fine, or otherwise sanction licensees or permit-holders
  - Public disciplinary actions available on Board website
- Final adverse actions reported to National Practitioner Data Bank (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) and State of Georgia Office of Inspector General

# ADDITIONAL DUTIES

- Adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules regarding licensure, practice of dentistry and hygiene, and any other functions necessary for Board to protect the public health and welfare of the citizens of the state
- Consideration of and denial or approval of requests for rule variances and waivers
- Gathering of census data on practicing dentists and hygienists
- Open Records Requests

# UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Promulgation of rules regarding mobile and portable dental facilities
- Review of other state laws and rules on teledentistry and expanded duties for dental assistants
- Update of Board policy manual

# GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY



# RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

- Promotion, preservation, and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare by control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy
- Licensure, control and regulation of pharmacy facilities and personnel

# COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

- 8 members:
  - Al McConnell, President
  - Laird Miller, Vice-President (Cognizant member)
  - Mike Faulk
  - Chris Jones
  - Tony Moyer
  - Bill Prather
  - Robert Warnock
  - James Bracewell, Consumer Member
- Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate
- Term of 5 years
- Representation by Department of Law: Janet B. Wray, Esq., Senior Assistant Attorney General



# LICENSURE OVERVIEW

- Active Licensees – 40,651 as of April 1, 2014
  - Facilities: 4,737
    - Hospitals, Retail, Wholesalers, Manufacturers, Researchers
  - Pharmacists: 14,413
  - Interns: 4,286
  - Technicians: 17,215
- Applications Received since July 1, 2013
  - Pharmacists 582
  - Pharmacy Technicians 3,858
  - Pharmacy Interns 570
    - » Total Rec'd 5,009
    - » Total Issued 4,217

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- Administrative review of applications: less than 25 business days
  - Receipt by Board staff
  - Review by Licensing Analyst
  - Transfer of complete application to GDNA, where applicable
- Pharmacist applications:
  - By examination: complete application, degree transcript, 1500 internship hours, NAPLEX/MPJE, practical examination
  - By reciprocity: complete application, degree transcript, license verification, MPJE, practical examination
  - Practical examination administered by Board in January, June and August
- Facility application
  - Complete application, personnel certification
  - Where facility is in Georgia, an inspection by GDNA



# PHARMACIST EXAMINATION

- Administered by the Board in January, June, and August
- Held at the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy, Mercer University College of Pharmacy and South University School of Pharmacy
- Interview of candidates by Board members
- Parts of the examination:
  - North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)
  - Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)
  - Compounding Examination
  - Patient Care Module
  - Errors and Omissions Examination
- Passing score: average of 75, not less than 70 on each section

# COMPLAINTS

- Complaints Received July 1- Present
  - 178
- Complaints Closed with No Action- 47
- Complaints Closed with Disciplinary Action – 106
  
- Investigations- The Georgia Drugs & Narcotics Agency serves as the investigative arm of the Board.

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- Upload of public disciplinary documents to Board website