

Budget Update:

Currently, the Committee has 17.6 months in reserve. (Copy of Fund Condition attached). Due to the inability to secure spending authority via the budget process, it is projected that revenue will continue to outpace expenditures in the current and next fiscal years, thereby increasing the reserve fund.

Licensees:

- ♦ The Bureau/Committee licensed 446 naturopathic doctors since January 2005.
- ♦ There are 46 lapsed and 11 inactive licensees.
- ♦ There are 10 pending applications on file.
- ♦ The Committee's acting executive officer has been advised to deny a pending license application. It is expected that the applicant being denied will request an administrative hearing. The Committee is not funded for this expenditure and will explore its options with the Budget Office.

Licensing statistics per calendar year:

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
149	71	65	58	52	47

Licensing Performance Measures

Licensing performance measures, which are collected from each board/bureau/committee to help track job growth in California, are being collected monthly by DCA. There are no plans to publish those statistics at this time.

Enforcement:

The Committee has cause to initiate investigations and possibly cite licensees and unlicensed persons for possible violations of the Naturopathic Doctors Act. However, due its current budget constraints, the Committee cannot move forward at this time and must explore its options with the Budget Office.

Complaint statistics per calendar year:

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
9	48	46	61	52	58

Enforcement Performance Measures

Enforcement performance measures, which are collected from each board/bureau/committee, are posted on the DCA web site at [http://www.dca.ca.gov/about\\_dca/cpei/quarterly\\_reports.shtml](http://www.dca.ca.gov/about_dca/cpei/quarterly_reports.shtml)

A copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly report is enclosed for your information.

FPPC Form 700

If you have questions regarding the completion of your Form 700, you may call the FPPC advice line 9am - 11:30am and 1:30 – 3:30 toll-free at 1-866-275-3772, press 2. The closer to the filing date, the more difficult it will be to get through, so you are advised to ask your questions early.

#### OSHDP:

The Committee will begin collecting practice information for the Healthcare Workforce Clearinghouse. Compliance is mandatory. A survey will accompany renewal applications and the data will be forwarded to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development for publication beginning July 2012.

#### Strategic Plan

Thanks to Evin in the training unit, who not only facilitated our planning session but also sent it to the Executive office for review, you have a copy of the finalized Strategic Plan in this packet.

#### Expert Reviewer

DCA is creating a contract template for boards/bureaus that pay their expert reviewers. Since the Committee does not currently pay its reviewers, we will continue to ask for qualified NDs to volunteer to review complaints. The "Expert Reviewer" application and information sheet have gone to the Internet team and will be placed on the Committee web site under the "Licensee" button at the top of the web page.

#### BrEZe Project

DCA is replacing its 20+ year old registration and enforcement system with a modified off-the-shelf product. The Medical and Osteopathic Boards and the Naturopathic Committee are scheduled to convert to the new system in the first phase slated for January 2013. The vendors competing for the contract have both implemented large registration and enforcement systems in other states. The system will be programmed to meet the unique needs of each B/B and will not only streamline processes for the Committee but will also make report and management tools available in real time. It will give licensees the ability to process licensing applications, renewals, and other transactions utilizing credit and debit cards and will post those transactions on our website along with enforcement action.

#### Closed Session Protocols

A copy of Closed Sessions Protocols affecting all boards, prepared by DCA's Legal Office, is enclosed for your information.