Health Quality Investigations Unit



HQIU Renewed Focus

- Consumer Protection
- Identifying and prioritizing ISO cases and those that present the biggest threat to the public
- Avoiding time gaps in investigations
- Providing high quality, thorough investigations
- Investigator Retention

HQIU UPCOMING EVENTS

- Replacement cell phones are being programmed and distributed to HQIU offices (November 2015)
- CNOA (California Narcotic Officers' Association)
 Training-San Francisco (November 2015)
- Medical Consultant Statewide Meeting (Target Date January 2016)
- 805 Joint Training with HQIU investigators and HQE DAGS (Target Date February 2016)

HQIU UPCOMING EVENTS

- Field Training Officer (FTO) pay differential has been approved by the Director and has been forwarded to CalHR for final processing.
- HQIU Retention Pay Proposal was submitted to the Director and it will be included in the collective bargaining process set for Spring 2016.
- Numerous hiring panels are taking place throughout the state to fill vacancies.

ELECTRONIC CASE BINDER



- Developed by Detective Dan Pearce of the San Diego Sheriff's Department.
- Adopted by San Diego Sheriff's Homicide Unit, San Diego P.D. Homicide Unit, and the San Diego District Attorney's Office.
- Recommended to HQIU by San Diego HQIU Investigator Steve Brewer.
- Given to HQIU free of charge.





- No Binders
- No Paper
- EQUALS ON AVERAGE:
- \$7

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS



Health Quality Investigations Unit

CASE NUMBER:	800-2015-00248XX	
CASE NAME:	Subject Physician	
LICENSE NUMBER:		100
INVESTIGATOR:		00
PHONE NUMBER:	(111) 222-3333	98
FIELD OFFICE:	HQIU San Bernardino	
STATUTE DATE:	3/15/18	
DEP. ATTORNEY		
GENERAL		
EXPERT:		

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SUBJECT	SUBJECT
INVESTIGATION REPORT	
Report of Investigation	
ATTACHMENTS	
#1 Copy of Criminal Complaint	
#2 Copy of Subject's CURES Prescriber Profile	
#3 Copy of DEA Investigation Report	
#4 Copy of Toxicology Custody and Control Form	
#5 Copy of letter from Subject's Attorney	
#6 Copy of Urinalysis Results	
#7 Copy of Sentencing Documents	
#8 Copy of Subject's CV and CMEs	
#9 Transcript of May 15, 2014 Subject Interview	
#10 Copy of Expert Opinion	
	AUDIO
	May 15, 2015 Subject Interview
	PROPERTY
	#1 Original Script from The Pharmacy

Current Vacancies

- There are currently 25 Investigator vacancies out of 76 Investigator positions (33%)
- 16 Investigator candidates have been identified and are in background
- There are 6 more anticipated Investigator vacancies (Investigators in background with other agencies)
- SROA hiring rules have resulted in an unprecedented exit of many Investigators who received job reinstatement offers from the agencies that previously laid them off

Current Vacancies

- Retention Pay Proposal is crucial to retaining investigators
- We currently have 25 vacancies, retention pay is worth the investment in investigators who are highly specialized
- The cost of continually re-hiring investigators is almost equal to the amount of the retention pay proposal.

Current Vacancies

- Investigators who have stayed need our support
- Caseloads have doubled
- Ideal caseload is 15-18 complex cases per Investigator
- In many areas of the state Investigators are assigned 30+ complex cases
- We will focus on identifying/working priority cases and eliminating time gaps in non priority cases
- Offer overtime to keep up with the workload

Data Parameters

- Statistical figures comparing case age information cannot be obtained from Breeze Reports. These limitations necessitated staff manually compiling data.
- There is no retrievable data for February 2015, and also no retrievable data for July/August 2014.
- The following slides are monthly comparisons that were manually calculated based on month end statistics.







