

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

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Program Update:

There are currently 938 experts in our expert database. 406 experts were utilized to review 727 cases in calendar year 2013. **Attachment A** provides the Expert Reviewer Program statistics.

Additional experts are needed in the following specialties:

- Pain Medicine
- Addiction Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Neurosurgery

There are currently 6 sworn investigator vacancies (8% vacancy rate). However, 2 of those positions have individuals who are in background for the vacancy (which reduces the investigator vacancy rate to 5%). There are 2 Supervising Investigator vacancies (10% vacancy rate). The overall vacancy rate for all sworn positions is 8% or 6%, if the vacancies with candidates in background are eliminated.

The Central Complaint Unit received 3,707 complaints in the first two quarters of fiscal year 2012/2013. However, it received 3,952 complaints in the first two quarters of the current fiscal year (2013/2014). If this pattern of increased complaints continues, the complaint intake for this year will be 1,000 more complaints than received in the previous fiscal year.

In January, the investigators received outstanding training that was organized by the Board's training unit and focused on various aspects of prescription drug investigations (search warrants; undercover operations; pharmacy records; and drug profiles). The training was approved by POST for training credits.

The statistical data routinely provided is not available due to the transition to the BreEZe system.