

Quarterly Management Report

THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FIRST QUARTER—FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

Board of Optometry Member Elected President of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry

Florida Board of Optometry member Robert M. Easton, O.D., F.A.A.O., has been elected as the 2006-2007 president of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO). Dr. Easton, who is a solo optometrist in Fort Lauderdale, has been a member of the Florida Board of Optometry since he was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush in 1999.

Dr. Easton has served as chair of the Board's Probation, Examination, Continuing Education and Unlicensed Activity Committees. He was vice-chair of the Board for 2003-2004 and was elected as chairman in 2005. The 1982 University of Houston graduate was also selected as an ARBO representative for the past three years. In 2002, he was appointed to serve as a member of the National Board Examination Review Committee and was selected as chair in 2003.

While enrolled at the University of Houston, Dr. Easton completed his externship at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami. Upon earning his degree, he became a trustee for the Broward County Optometric Association and then become the association's president. In 1986, Dr. Easton was elected trustee of the Florida Optometric Association (FOA) and served as its president from 1993 to 1994.

During Dr. Easton's tenure with FOA, he established the Vision Care Section for the Florida Public Health Association and initiated dialogue with the Florida Society of Ophthalmology to work on joint legislation to improve relations between the professions. In 1996, Dr. Easton became a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

Dr. Easton is currently serving his second term with the Florida Board of Optometry, which will end in 2007. He likes to stay physically active by boxing, kick-boxing and participating in Tae Kwon Do, in which he has earned a black belt. Dr. Easton is also a humanitarian. He participated in a mission trip to Carapungo, Ecuador during Spring Break of 2005.



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Board of Massage Therapy Executive Director and Vice Chair Receive Statewide Awards

Florida Board of Massage Therapy Executive Director Pamela King and Board Vice Chair Lynda Solien-Wolfe, L.M.T., have been selected by the Florida State Massage Therapy Association (FSMTA) as 2006 recipients of statewide awards. King was honored with the FSMTA President's Award for her outstanding leadership as executive director of the Board of Massage Therapy. Solien-Wolfe received the Association's Charles Canfield Award for her dedication to the Board.

"I commend Pamela and Lynda for being acknowledged on a state level by the Florida Massage Therapy Association," said DOH Secretary M. Rony François, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D. "Their recognition is a testimony of the continuing efforts of the Florida Board of Massage Therapy and the Department of Health to promote quality health practices and protect patient and consumer safety."

"Since Pam has been executive director of the Board of Massage Therapy, the relationship between the Florida State Massage Therapy Association and the Board of Massage has never been better," said Immediate Past President of the FSMTA Mike McGillicuddy, L.M.T. "I believe this cooperative effort helps improve the profession."

McGillicuddy chose Solien-Wolfe for the Canfield Award due to her exceptional work on the Board of Massage Therapy. The Canfield Award was named after a special past member of the Board. It is only awarded to an outstanding member currently serving on the Board. In addition to being vice chair of the Board, Solien-Wolfe has served on the continuing education units review committee and is the current Board community outreach chair.

Board of Chiropractic Medicine Member Receives Chiropractor of the Year Award

Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine member Ron Wellikoff, D.C., has been selected as Chiropractor of the Year by the Florida Chiropractic Association (FCA). Wellikoff was honored with the association's top award at the FCA annual convention in Orlando.

"I truly commend Dr. Wellikoff for being chosen as Florida's top chiropractor," said Florida Department of Health Secretary M. Rony François, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D. "He has served his profession and the State of Florida well and deserves this recognition."

"Ron has served as a role model for the chiropractic profession in Florida for many years," said Florida Board

of Chiropractic Medicine Chair Salvatore LaRusso, D.C. "He continuously exceeds the Board's expectations by presenting only the highest levels of commitment and service to the chiropractic profession."

Dr. Wellikoff is a 1976 graduate of New York Chiropractic College and has been in practice in Florida for 30 years. In addition to being a former FCA president, he has also served as FCA liaison to the Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine for 28 years. During his professional career, Dr. Wellikoff has been a practitioner, author of a basic practice manual for new practitioners, a lecturer for numerous Chiropractic colleges and postgraduate of CE programs.

DOH Investigation Leads to Arrest in South Florida

The Florida Department of Health's (DOH) South Florida Unlicensed Activity (ULA) Unit's joint investigation with the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) has led to the arrest of Djouraboy G. Yakoubov for the unlicensed practice of dentistry, which is a third degree felony.

"All dental procedures should be conducted by a trained and licensed dentist in a sterile dental facility. Indeed, we want to foster high quality procedures so that consumers receive safe services," said DOH Secretary M. Rony François, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D. "The Department is committed to putting an end to unlicensed health care activity in Florida to ensure the safety of our citizens and visitors."

Yakoubov was arrested at the House of Golds, a jewelry establishment within the 7th Avenue Flea Market, located at 13995 NW 7th Avenue in Miami. On July 13, 2006, Yakoubov offered to take the dental impressions of an undercover MDPD detective for the purpose of supplying the officer a cosmetic dental structure or grillz. After the arrest, MDPD officers confiscated numerous dental instruments, dental mold-making equipment and grillz.

According to DOH records, Yakoubov is not licensed to practice dentistry in Florida. The House of Golds advertised there was a licensed dentist on the premises. However, Yakoubov stated to police and DOH ULA investigators that the dentist had not visited the establishment for over three months and that he had produced all of the grillz at the establishment.

DOH has several resources to combat unlicensed activity:

- Consumers are encouraged to use DOH's Web site www.flhealthsource.com where they can conveniently view the license information of their health care practitioner.
- Complaints may be filed anonymously by completing and mailing the complaint form on the DOH Web site or calling 1-877-HALT-ULA or 1-877-425-8852.

First Quarter ULA Statistics

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| Complaints Received | 170 |
| Referred for Investigation | 139 |
| Investigations Completed. | 168 |
| Cease and Desists Issued | 67 |
| Referrals to Law Enforcement. | 139 |
| Arrests | 37 |

ULA Finances - July 1, 2006 - September 30, 2006

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| Beginning Cash Balance | \$4,731,641 |
| Revenues | \$287,008 |
| Expenditures* | \$240,728 |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$4,777,921 |

*Expenditures coded in error to a funding source other than ULA category will be corrected in the Cash Balance reports for period ending December 31, 2006.

**To Report Unlicensed Activity call:
1-877-HALT-ULA**



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| BOARD | COMPLAINTS RECEIVED | LEGALLY SUFFICIENT | INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED | CITATIONS ISSUED | DISMISSED BY PANEL | PC FOUND | PC FOUND DISMISSED | FINAL ORDERS | CONSUMER SERVICES | INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES | LEGAL SERVICES | TOTAL SERVICES |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ACUPUNCTURE | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 13 | 29 |
| ANESTHESIOLOGY ASSISTANTS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ATHLETIC TRAINERS | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| CERTIFIED NURSING ASST | 434 | 268 | 282 | 4 | 156 | 50 | 14 | 65 | 94 | 148 | 514 | 756 |
| CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE | 211 | 139 | 66 | 51 | 27 | 45 | 7 | 45 | 104 | 25 | 146 | 275 |
| CLINICAL LAB PERSONNEL | 17 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 14 | 24 |
| CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS | 10 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 22 |
| DENTAL HYGIENISTS | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 0 | 8 | 29 |
| DENTAL LABORATORIES | 3 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 14 |
| DENTISTRY | 244 | 153 | 136 | 18 | 99 | 28 | 7 | 11 | 141 | 88 | 248 | 477 |
| DIETETICS AND NUTRITION | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| DRUGS, DEVICES & COSMETICS | 67 | 93 | 219 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 94 | 616 | 713 |
| ELECTROLYSIS | 26 | 23 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 16 |
| ELECTROLYSIS FACILITIES | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECH | 21 | 15 | 25 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 100 | 111 |
| HEARING AID SPECIALISTS | 25 | 17 | 19 | 0 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 36 | 53 |
| MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS | 31 | 28 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 94 | 114 |

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| MASSAGE THERAPY | 153 | 149 | 26 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 21 | 36 | 31 | 180 | 247 |
| MEDICAL PHYSICISTS | 4 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 9 |
| MEDICINE | 1,743 | 462 | 481 | 28 | 549 | 85 | 12 | 56 | 2,561 | 533 | 1,618 | 4,712 |
| MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS | 19 | 6 | 13 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 29 | 49 |
| MIDWIFERY | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 16 |
| NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NURSING - ARNP | 62 | 40 | 42 | 0 | 33 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 57 | 21 | 107 | 185 |
| NURSING - LPN | 264 | 213 | 181 | 26 | 81 | 77 | 7 | 71 | 97 | 98 | 450 | 645 |
| NURSING - RN | 414 | 241 | 236 | 12 | 80 | 106 | 12 | 102 | 166 | 137 | 685 | 988 |
| NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS | 116 | 51 | 65 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 40 | 5 | 90 | 135 |
| OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY | 6 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 13 |
| OPTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS | 8 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 16 |
| OPTICIANRY | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 16 | 28 |
| OPTOMETRY | 13 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 23 | 32 |
| OPTOMETRY BRANCH OFFICES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ORTHOTISTS & PROSTHETISTS | 101 | 99 | 8 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 34 | 46 |
| OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE | 141 | 42 | 59 | 1 | 53 | 20 | 3 | 14 | 229 | 58 | 156 | 443 |
| PARAMEDICS | 38 | 32 | 17 | 0 | 12 | 24 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 123 | 145 |
| PHARMACIES | 217 | 104 | 154 | 5 | 104 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 92 | 141 | 149 | 382 |

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| PHARMACISTS | 221 | 206 | 120 | 37 | 89 | 42 | 7 | 43 | 18 | 86 | 263 | 367 |
| PHYSICAL THERAPY | 24 | 24 | 15 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 23 | 36 |
| PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS | 25 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 40 | 15 | 34 | 89 |
| PODIATRIC MEDICINE | 37 | 9 | 18 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 12 | 79 | 192 |
| PSYCHOLOGY | 48 | 28 | 14 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 40 | 64 |
| RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY | 30 | 24 | 14 | 0 | 20 | 17 | 0 | 29 | 22 | 8 | 33 | 63 |
| REFERRED NON- JURISDICTIONAL | 5,187 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1,336 | 2 | 8 | 1,346 |
| RESPIRATORY CARE | 8 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 28 | 45 |
| SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATH/AUDIO | 13 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 6 | 12 | 50 |
| TOTAL FOR ALL BOARDS | 9,998 | 2,562 | 2,311 | 227 | 1,463 | 602 | 94 | 535 | 5,321 | 1,623 | 6,048 | 12,992 |

Board and Council Appointments • July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006

| Name | Board or Council | Board Position |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| John Beebe | Medicine | Consumer |
| Marisa Brunett | Athletic Training | Athletic Trainer |
| Dennis Frisch | Podiatric Medicine | Podiatric Physician |
| Timothy McCluney, Jr. | Orthotists and Prosthetists | Orthotist |
| Donall Mobley | Nursing | LPN |