

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board

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Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board

Quick look...

- The Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board (CDP) licensed or certified about 14,600 professionals at the end of FY 2024.
- The Board is currently governed by 13 members, 12 of whom are appointed by the Governor and one of whom is appointed by the Director of Behavioral Health.
- Peer support certification is being transferred from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health¹ to CDP.
- Executive budget recommendations over the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium total about \$3.1 million.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4K90 ALI 930609, Operating Expenses					
\$824,330	\$838,586	\$914,593	\$1,098,720	\$1,337,144	\$1,487,262
% change	1.7%	9.1%	20.1%	21.7%	11.2%
Fund 5CF1 ALI 930600, Peer Support Programs					
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$292,500	\$30,000
% change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	-89.7%
Total Funding					
\$824,330	\$838,586	\$914,593	\$1,098,720	\$1,629,644	\$1,517,262
% change	1.7%	9.1%	20.1%	48.3%	-6.9%

Agency overview

The Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board was established in 2002 to regulate the practice of chemical dependency prevention and treatment. The Board issues licenses and certifications for a variety of chemical dependency professionals. The Board also sets standards of practice, investigates complaints, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance.

The Board’s current governing authority consists of 13 members; 12 members are appointed by the Governor and one ex officio member is appointed by the Director of Behavioral

¹ The executive proposal changes the name of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to this.

Health. The Governor-appointed board members include seven chemical dependency counselors, two prevention consultants or specialists, one physician who has experience practicing in a field related to chemical dependency counseling, and two public members. Of the public members, one must be at least 50 years old. Members are appointed for three-year terms and may serve two consecutive full terms. In addition to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses, Governor-appointed board members also receive a per diem for performing official board business. The executive budget proposes changing board membership or qualifications including by adding one individual with a chemical dependency counselor assistant certificate and one individual who holds a valid peer recovery supporter certificate, youth peer supporter certificate, or family peer supporter certificate. It also replaces the physician member with a specified health care worker or counselor who is employed or contracted by a community addiction services provider or community mental health services provider.

The Board's daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director appointed by the Board's governing authority. Including the Executive Director, there are eight staff.² It receives no General Revenue Fund (GRF) moneys.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal

The Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board's operations are typically funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 – item 930609, Operating Expenses. However, the proposed budget creates new Fund 5CF1 line item 930600, Peer Support Programs, which will be used to fund the transition of the peer support certification for peer recovery supporters, youth peer supporters, and family peer supporters to the Board from the Department of Behavioral Health. According to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), this line will be funded through an intrastate transfer voucher from the Department of Behavioral Health for one-time costs, including eLicense enhancements and other necessary updates needed for this transition. According to OBM, the increases in Fund 4K90 line item 930609, Operating Costs, will also help with ongoing costs related to this transition such as staffing, equipment, and personal services.

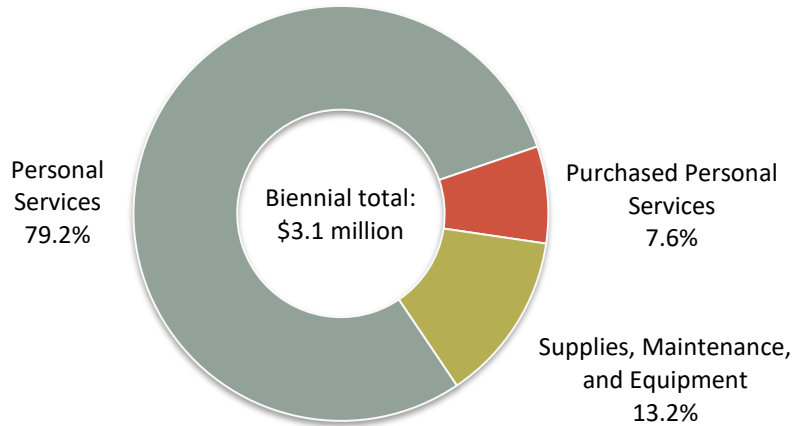
The executive proposal also makes other changes to the law governing chemical dependency professionals including changing the credentialing of prevention specialists and prevention consultants from certification to licensure.

Executive recommendations by expense category

As a regulatory agency, personal services represents the Board's largest expense category. As seen from the chart below, 79.2% of the executive budget recommendations for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium are for personal services; 13.2% are for supplies, maintenance, and equipment; and 7.6% for purchased personal services.

² According to the DataOhio Portal.

**CDP Budget by Expense Category
FY 2026-FY 2027 Biennium**



Operating revenues and expenses

Licensing-related revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, use Fund 4K90 as an operating account into which receipts are deposited and from which expenses are paid. Each licensing board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, i.e., generating enough revenues to cover its expenses. Table 1 below shows the Board’s revenues and expenditures from FY 2019 through FY 2024, as well as the net of revenues less expenditures. The figures below are from the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS).

Table 1. Revenues and Expenditures, FY 2019-FY 2024						
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Revenue	\$678,283	\$606,927	\$719,637	\$847,057	\$830,788	\$908,438
Expenses	\$558,690	\$624,237	\$649,429	\$824,330	\$838,586	\$914,593
Net	\$119,593	-\$17,310	\$70,208	\$22,727	-\$7,798	-\$6,155

The table below shows the fees for licenses and certificates issued by the Board. Licenses and certificates issued by the Board are required to be renewed on a biennial basis.

Table 2. License Fees	
License	Fee
Initial application	\$50
Renewal	\$150
Gambling Disorder Endorsement	\$50
Registered Applicant	\$25

Licensure

To carry out its regulatory responsibility, the Board establishes standards of practice and licenses and certifies chemical dependency professionals. Licenses and certificates are available to individuals who meet academic, pre-professional, and examination requirements for their field of practice. Licenses and certificates issued by the Board are required to be renewed biennially. Table 3 shows the number of active licenses from FY 2022 to FY 2024.

License Type	FY 2022	FY 2023	Percent Change	FY 2024	Percent Change
Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant	4,776	5,213	9.1%	5,467	4.9%
Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant Preliminary	2,700	2,644	-2.1%	2,783	5.3%
Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II	466	518	11.2%	551	6.4%
Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor III	1,278	1,346	5.3%	1,268	-5.8%
Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor	1,198	1,219	1.8%	1,433	17.6%
Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor – Clinical Supervisor	1,308	1,268	-3.1%	1,212	-4.4%
Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant	280	418	49.3%	541	29.4%
Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist	181	192	6.1%	185	-3.6%
Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant	160	162	1.3%	167	3.1%
Registered Applicant for Prevention Certification	809	873	7.9%	883	1.1%
Gambling Disorder Endorsement*	47	66	40.4%	114	72.7%
Total	13,203	13,919	5.4%	14,604	4.9%

*According to the LBO Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Report.

Investigation and enforcement

The Board's regulatory obligations also include investigating complaints that allege a violation of the code of ethics established for each field of practice. Complaints received by the Board are reviewed to determine whether the Board has the legal authority to take action.

According to the Board's Annual Report, in FY 2024, the Board received 239 new ethics complaints and a total of 155 cases were completed.

Continuing education

Licensees and certificate holders must meet continuing education requirements for renewal. During the two-year renewal cycle, the Board requires licensees and certificate holders to obtain a number of hours of continuing education with a specified number of hours in the particular field of practice. According to R.C. 4758.51, the following continuing education hours are required: 20 for prevention specialist assistant certificate holders, six for individuals holding a gambling disorder endorsement, and 30 hours for other licensed professionals. However, if a licensee is age 65 or older, the number of hours of continuing education are reduced to 20, and if an individual holds an international certificate from the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium, the number of hours of continuing education is the same as the number required by the Consortium.