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Senator Heather Sanborn, Chair
Representative Denise Tepler, Chair
c/o Legislative Information Office
Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Sanborn and Representative Tepler:

The Board of Licensure in Medicine hereby submits its 2021 Annual Report, in accordance with Title 32 M.R.S. §3269, 8-A. This report consists of certain complaint statistics for calendar year 2021.

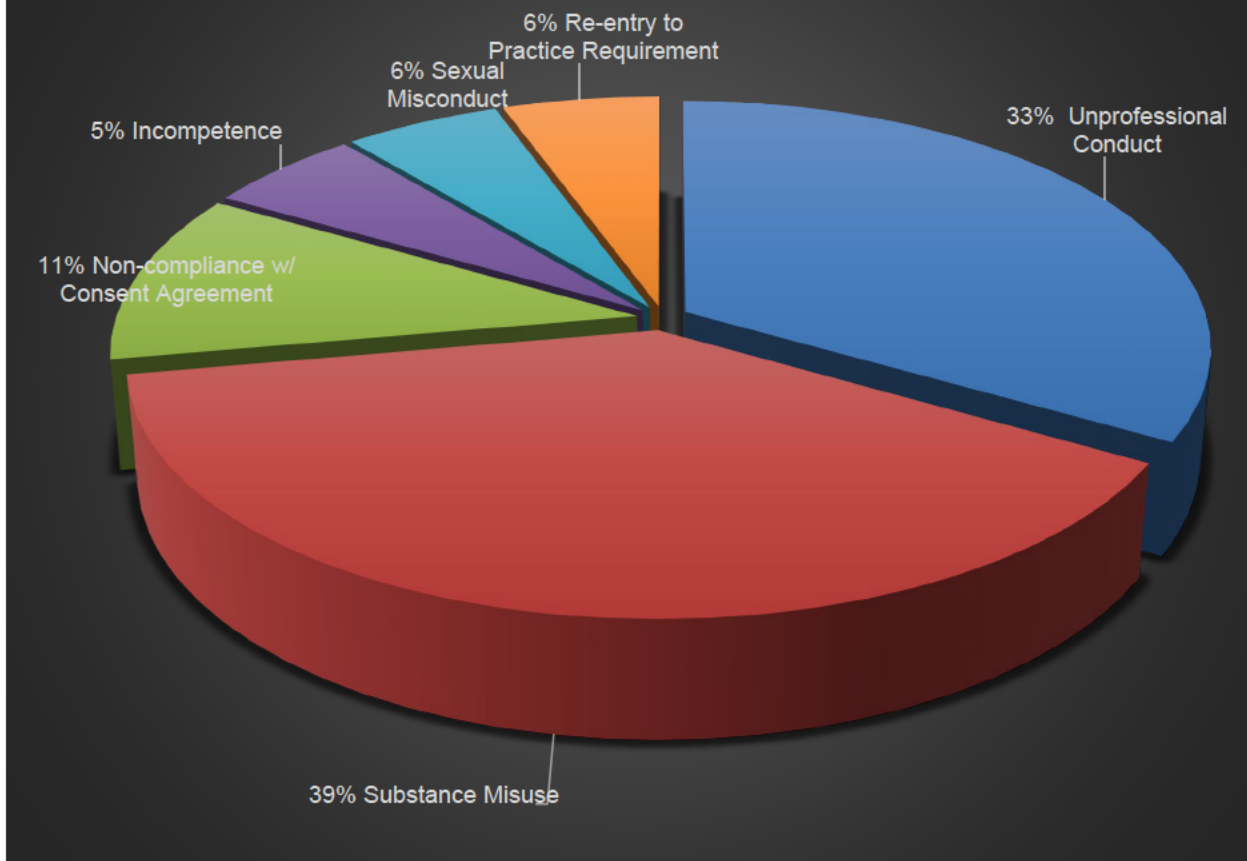
Number of complaints carried forward from 2020	110	
Number of new complaints filed in 2021		<u>180</u>
Total number of active complaints in 2021	290	
Number of complaints dismissed in 2021	123	
Number of complaints resulting in adverse licensing actions in 2021	18	

Also included is a breakdown of 2021 Board adverse licensing actions by classification. Details about each adverse licensing action are available on our public internet site at <https://www.maine.gov/md/complaint/adverse-licensing-actions>.

The following is a breakdown of adverse licensing actions taken in 2021:

Adverse Licensing Actions by Category:	Number of Actions
Unprofessional Conduct	6
Substance Misuse	7
Non-compliance with Consent Agreement	2
Incompetence	1
Sexual Misconduct	1
Re-entry to Practice Requirement	1

2021 Adverse Actions



The Board is also required to submit the number of physician adverse licensing actions tabulated by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). For 2021 the FSMB tabulated 26 actions taken by the Board. However, the FSMB system tabulates a change or reduction in discipline as a new action and breaks some disciplines into multiple reports, which accounts for its variance with the 18 adverse licensing actions actually taken by the Board in 2021. In addition, not all adverse actions taken by the Board are necessarily assigned a complaint number. For example, there may be situations that occur during licensure or re-licensure where the individual withdraws their license while under investigation, which is a reportable adverse licensing action to the FSMB and National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) but does not have a corresponding complaint number in ALMS. In addition, there are sometimes multiple complaints against a single licensee that results in a single global disposition of all of the complaints pursuant to a consent agreement.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the data.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Smith", written in a cursive style.

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Cc: Commissioner Head