

## Goal 4: Enforcement

*The Board protects the health and safety of consumers of optometric services through the active enforcement of the laws and regulations governing the safe practice of Optometry in California.*

<b>Objective 4.1: Review enforcement timing between initial offense and when it is conveyed to the Board to act upon in order to protect the consumer and maintain patient access to care.</b>	<b>Status:</b> NOT STARTED SCD <sup>1</sup> : Jan. 2019
<b>Objective 4.2: Explore the feasibility of participating in the FBI rap back program to expedite and enhance enforcement efforts.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed participation requirements with the FBI and DOJ</li> <li>• Requested assistance from the DCA</li> <li>• Discussed during January 2018 Director's Meeting</li> <li>• DOJ starting stakeholders meeting to determine project plan and resources needed.</li> </ul>	<b>Status:</b> IN PROGRESS SCD: Mar. 2018
<b>Objective 4.3: Research the possibility of changing the statute to require licensees to self-report to the Board within thirty days of conviction or other disciplinary action as a means of expediting and enhancing enforcement efforts.</b>	<b>Status:</b> NOT STARTED SCD: Jun. 2018
<b>Objective 4.4: Research the possibility of requiring licensees to enroll in the national practitioner's databank to expedite and enhance enforcement efforts.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included in Board's Sunset Bill (AB <a href="#">1708</a>) effective January 1, 2018.</li> <li>• As of July 1, 2018, all applicants and licensees will be enrolled in NPDB and be charged \$2 for initial applications and \$4 during renewal to support NPDB.</li> </ul>	<b>Status:</b> COMPLETED Jan. 2018
<b>Objective 4.5: Develop proactive methods to enforce the unlicensed sale and distribution of cosmetic contact lenses.</b>	<b>Status:</b> NOT STARTED SCD: Jun. 2018
<b>Objective 4.6: Establish a partnership with DCA Boards and county and state organizations to identify and address unlicensed activity (e.g. contact lens sales and expired prescriptions) in an effort to protect consumers.</b>	<b>Status:</b> NOT STARTED SCD: Sept. 2018
<b>Objective 4.7: Review the corrective action for compliance (and revise if necessary) in order to deter unlicensed activity</b>	<b>Status:</b> NOT STARTED SCD: Dec. 2018
<b>Objective 4.8: Analyze the 2012 disciplinary guidelines for optometrists and revise where necessary, to promote consistency and fairness with enforcement decisions and enhance consumer protection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer Protection Committee's workgroup developed recommendations for CPC consideration during March 23, 2018 meeting</li> <li>• Recommendations to be considered by full Board during April 20 Board meeting</li> </ul>	<b>Status:</b> IN PROGRESS SCD: Dec. 2018
<b>Objective 4.9: Adopt disciplinary guidelines for opticians to promote consistency and fairness with enforcement decisions and enhance consumer protection.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed multiple times during DOC meetings; held various workgroup meetings</li> <li>• DOC workgroup proposing recommendations during April 19 DOC meeting</li> </ul>	<b>Status:</b> IN PROGRESS SCD: July. 2018
<b>Objective 4.10: Improve working relationships with the Attorney General's Office, Division of Investigation, District Attorneys and other Government Agencies to identify and fix enforcement bottlenecks and streamline enforcement processes.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with DAG Liaison to streamline processes, update transmittal memos, and improve communication throughout all AG Offices</li> <li>• Met with Northern Area Commander at DOI to discuss concerns and improve investigation quality; requesting additional meetings with Southern Area Commander and the Division Chief</li> </ul>	<b>Status:</b> IN PROGRESS SCD: July. 2018
<b>Objective 4.11: Develop and implement a new inspection program using best practices from other existing programs within DCA.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Researched existing inspection programs and presented information during Dec. 2017 CPC meeting</li> <li>• Inspection "tools" being discussed/developed during March 23, 2018 meeting</li> </ul>	<b>Status:</b> IN PROGRESS SCD: July. 2018