



The Governor's Working Group on Richard Strauss
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Director Stickrath and Members of the Governor's Working Group on Richard Strauss,

On behalf of the State Medical Board of Ohio members and staff, I would like to present to you the Board's updated project plan for implementing the Working Group's suggested changes to Medical Board processes and procedures. The board has begun to pull and scan 40 years of closed sexual misconduct cases, and will engage victim advocates and former prosecutors to review them in the coming weeks. Additional trauma-informed training for staff and board members is now scheduled, and the board's sexual misconduct education and outreach initiatives are taking shape.

We look forward to discussing our progress towards these solutions at the Working Group meeting in November, and are certainly available to discuss any of them beforehand should you care to. It continues to be our goal to use the lessons learned from these tragic events to become a more effective regulatory board, supporting our crucial mission of protecting the health and safety of patients in Ohio.

Respectfully,

Michael Schottenstein, M.D.
President, State Medical Board of Ohio
