



August 22, 2024, Quarterly Board Meeting

Division of Investigation, Health Quality Investigation Unit Update to the Medical Board of California

HQIU has made progress on the pending workload and cases over a year old as demonstrated in our updated graphs in Board agenda item 7B.

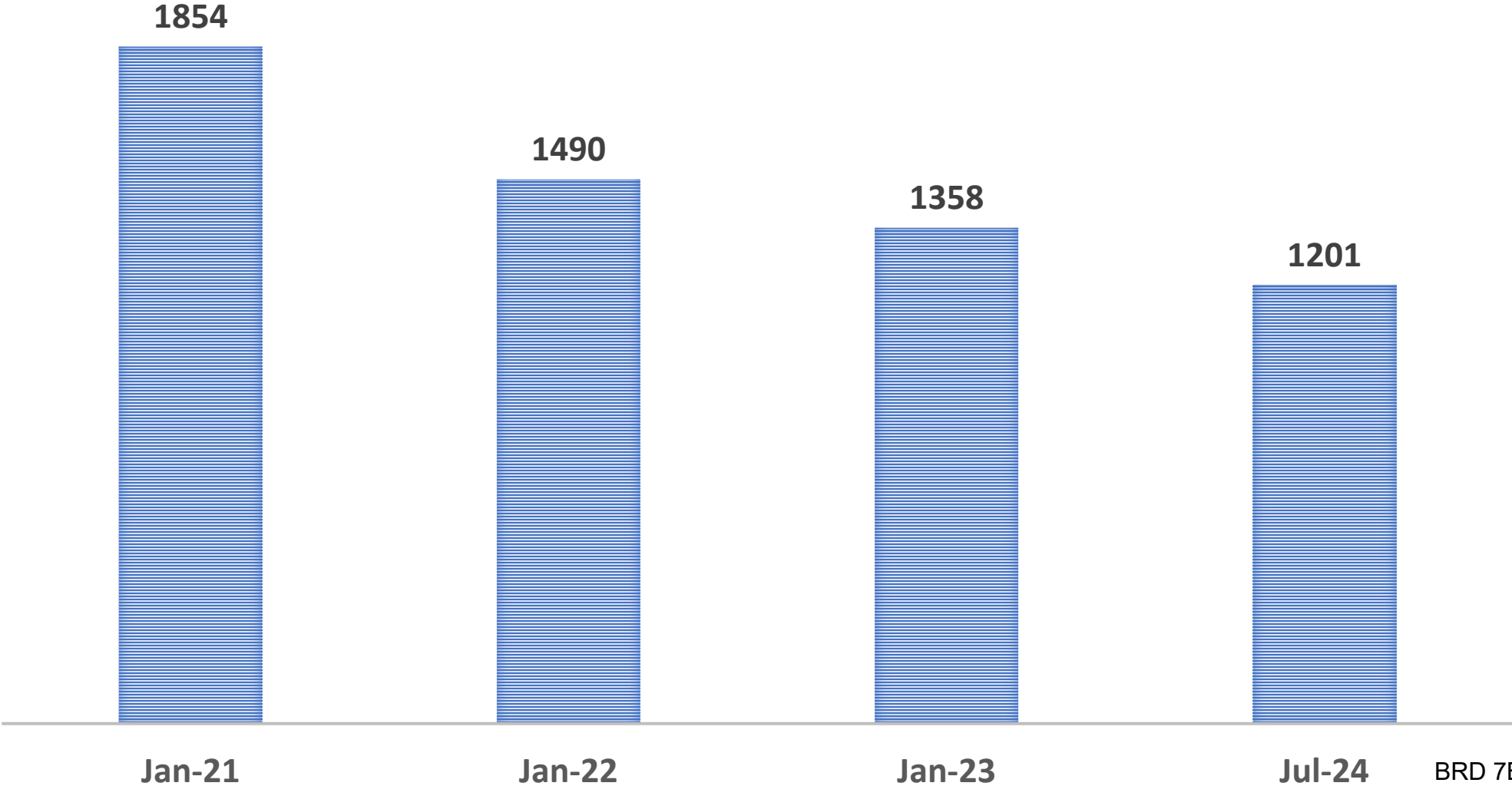
HQIU currently has 19 Investigator vacancies, equaling a 23% vacancy rate. Five new investigators started in July with two additional candidates cleared and pending start dates. There are 20 candidates in background, seven of which are in the final psychological and medical portion of the process. We hope to have final clearances soon. In the meantime, we continue to screen new applications for each HQIU office on a repetitive 30-day cycle so we can quickly fill the remaining vacancies.

In June 2024, members of the Health Quality Enforcement Section of the Attorney General's Office and HQIU staff met to discuss Business and Professions Code section 2234, subdivision (g), and enforcement of the statutory requirement that physicians attend and participate in subject interviews within a 30-day timeframe after scheduling.

In July 2024, HQIU Medical Consultants held their biannual meeting. These biannual meetings have proven to be extremely valuable for the Medical Consultants allowing for collaboration on best practices, new ideas and efficiencies.

In addition to sharing an automated monthly report with case status updates, HQIU leadership continues to hold weekly meetings with Board staff to discuss cases, answer questions and resolve issues efficiently. We look forward to participating in discussions with Board staff and the HQE Section of the Attorney General's Office to discuss the Enforcement Monitor's report and implement a more collaborative working relationship between investigators and attorneys to improve enforcement outcomes.

Pending Investigations JAN 2021 (1,854) - JUL 24 (1,201)



HQIU Investigations Over 365 Days Jan 2021 - Jul 2024

