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SUBJECT: Complaint Disclosure Policy	POLICY # E-06-2	DATE ADOPTED: 5/18/2006
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DISTRIBUTE TO: All Staff /Board Members	APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Policy: Upon a request from the public, The Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) releases complaint information in the form of an accusation once an accusation is prepared and filed by the Attorney General's Office, with certain exceptions. Following are exceptions to this policy, where complaint information is disclosed in lieu of or prior to the filing of an accusation.

1. A citation, fine, and/or order of abatement may be disclosed after the issuance of a citation. (Under Sections 125.9 and 148 of the Business and Professions Code and Section 1886 et. seq. Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations), the Board may issue citations, fines, and orders of abatement in lieu of an accusation.
2. An interim suspension order (ISO) may be disclosed upon filing of the ISO.
3. An action taken by the Board pursuant to Penal Code Section 23 may be disclosed, upon the Board's appearance or filing. (Under Section 23 of the Penal Code, the Board may intervene in a criminal case to obtain a court order to suspend or restrict practice of marriage and family therapy, licensed educational psychology, or licensed clinical social work in advance of the filing of an accusation.)

Accusations and ISOs are allegations of wrongdoing for which there has not been a final determination. These actions and decisions resulting from these actions are matters of public record and will be disclosed.

Implementation: Immediate

Attachment: None