

Agency Purpose

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) was created by legislative act on 3-13-1919. It was originally created and currently exists to protect the public's interest through the regulation of chiropractors in the state of Minnesota. M.S. 148.01-148.106 and Minnesota Rules 2500 give the board power to regulate, to license by examination and renewal, and to investigate complaints.

Core Functions

The board accomplishes its mandate by:

- ◆ examining practitioners prior to licensure to ensure that they meet or exceed baseline competence;
- ◆ responding to complaints about chiropractors and enforcing the laws governing the practice of chiropractic in Minnesota; and
- ◆ establishing continuing education (CE) requirements and monitoring compliance with those requirements.

To meet these core functions the MBCE operates under the following four key service strategies while protecting the public and providing services in an efficient and cost-effective manner with a focus on public accessibility:

- ◆ maintains an integrated database of licensee information, registrations, discipline, and complaints;
- ◆ conducts regular board meetings where citizens have input into the review of operations and rulemaking efforts;
- ◆ responds to public requests for information on chiropractors, continuing education sponsors, and licensee's status; and
- ◆ manages funds soundly.

Operations

The seven-member board, appointed by the governor, meets approximately five times a year. The board operates through its committees, most of which meet monthly, and are as follows: executive; rules; three complaint panels; and any additional committees formed only when necessary to address items of policy-making guidance. Meetings are conducted in accordance with the open meeting laws.

The board's office operates with a five member staff whose mission is on a daily basis to:

- ◆ license applicants;
- ◆ approve registrations for: acupuncture, professional firm, graduate preceptorship, and independent examiner;
- ◆ manage funds received;
- ◆ manage continuing education; and
- ◆ investigate complaints.

The board makes much of the information it gathers available to the public at no cost via publication on its web site.

Budget

The board's total direct and indirect expenses for FY 2004-05 biennium are estimated to be \$1.118 million. The board staff includes five full-time equivalent employees.

Of the total budget for the biennium, and estimated \$1.208 million will be collected as non-dedicated revenue which is deposited into the state government special revenue fund. The board collects fees charged to applicants, prospective applicants, licensees, and sponsors of continuing education programs approved by the board. The board is responsible to collect enough revenue to recover all direct and indirect costs.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2004-05:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$1.118 million

Total Estimated Revenues: \$1.209 million

Staff: Five full-time equivalent employees

Minnesota Licensed Chiropractor Statistics

(As of June 30, 2004)

Total Licensed: 2,468

The board is responsible for the costs of services received from the Attorney Generals' Office, Health Professional Services Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. A direct appropriation is given to each of these programs from the state government special revenue fund. The board must ensure that sufficient revenue is collected through its fees to fund their portion of these program costs.

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The web site at: <http://www.mn-chiroboard.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about chiropractors. Types of information available through the web site include: regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, public notices and forms.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2006-07
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	384	384	384	384	768
Forecast Base	384	384	384	384	768
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	349	419	384	384	768
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	6	8	8	8	16
Total	355	427	392	392	784
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	275	327	325	324	649
Other Operating Expenses	80	100	67	68	135
Total	355	427	392	392	784
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Chiropractors, Board Of	355	427	392	392	784
Total	355	427	392	392	784
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.6	