

Agency Purpose

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) was established in 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 Ch. 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 care 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 and resolve complaints.

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

Key Measures

- ⇒ In FY 2006 the board received 239 applications for licensure, approved 129, processed over 3,600 renewals, and granted 90 registrations. Registrations include areas other than chiropractic licensure, such as acupuncturists, preceptors, independent examiners, and professional firms.
- ⇒ The board received 189 complaints, referred 33 to the Attorney General's Office for investigation, closed 172 complaint cases, and took disciplinary action in 10 cases in FY 2006.
- ⇒ Audits were conducted on 991 continuing education programs in FY 2006, resulting in three sanctions due to audit failures.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2006-07:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$1.147 million

Total Estimated Revenues: \$1.263 million

Staff: 5 Full-time equivalent employees

**Minnesota Licensed Chiropractor
Statistics**

(As of June 30, 2006)

Total Licensed: 2,578

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$1.147 million, which includes five full-time equivalent employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent and other operating expenditures. The board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

The board is estimated to collect \$1.263 million in FY 2006-07, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and sponsors of continuing education programs.

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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 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	419	419	419	419	838
Forecast Base	419	419	414	414	828
Change		0	(5)	(5)	(10)
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					-1.2%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	404	434	414	414	828
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	10	9	9	9	18
Total	414	443	423	423	846
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	327	346	348	355	703
Other Operating Expenses	87	97	75	68	143
Total	414	443	423	423	846
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Chiropractors, Board Of	414	443	423	423	846
Total	414	443	423	423	846
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	632	637	637	637	1,274
Other Revenues:					
State Government Spec Revenue	(3)	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	629	637	637	637	1,274
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue					
	629	637	637	637	1,274