

Agency Purpose

The Board of Psychology is the agency of the state that licenses and regulates licensed psychologists (LP) and licensed psychological practitioners (LPP), under the authority of M.S. 148.88-148.98 and related rules.

The mission of the board is to protect the public from the practice of psychology by unqualified persons and from unethical and unprofessional conduct by persons licensed to practice psychology.

Core Functions

The board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ reviewing applicants' education and training for compliance with board requirements for licensure;
- ◆ requiring that applicants pass a state and a national standardized examination on the practice of psychology;
- ◆ educating the public about the requirements for licensure and the rules of conduct for applicants and licensees;
- ◆ requiring, approving, and establishing continuing education for licensees; and
- ◆ investigating and resolving complaints from the public (including other licensees), which allege violations of the Psychology Practice Act.

Operations

- ⇒ The Board of Psychology is made up of 11 members appointed by the governor.
- ⇒ The board's staff gathers information from applicants about their qualifications for licensure and independently verifies the information from primary sources. If the information is substantiated and meets licensure requirements, board members admit an applicant to examination or to licensure.
- ⇒ The board serves a varied customer base. Primary customers include applicants for examinations and licensure, licensees, the general public, continuing education sponsors, and other government agencies.
- ⇒ Licenses are renewed biennially after licensees meet all renewal requirements, including providing documentation of the required number of continuing education hours.
- ⇒ Consumer complaints are investigated to establish whether a violation of the Psychology Practice Act has occurred and the board adopts any necessary disciplinary or other remedy against an applicant's ability to be admitted to practice or a licensee's license to practice psychology.

Key Measures

- ⇒ Received, reviewed, and approved 103 new licenses, 1,800 renewals, and verified 4,154 licenses for the purpose of credentialing or licensure in other jurisdictions in FY 2006.
- ⇒ Admitted 240 applicants to the national examination and 350 applicants to the state examination in FY 2006.
- ⇒ Opened 132 new complaints and closed 126 complaints in FY 2006.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$2 million, which includes 9.20 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 from the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, Office of Mental Health Practice and the Administrative Services Unit. The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2006-07:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$2 million

Total Estimated Revenue: \$2.237 million

Staff: 9.2 Full-time equivalent employees

Minnesota Licensed Psychologists Statistics (As of June 30, 2006)

Total Licensed: 3,690

The board is estimated to collect \$2.237 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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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	680	680	680	680	1,360
Forecast Base	680	680	680	680	1,360
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	579	781	680	680	1,360
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	10	3	9	9	18
Total	589	784	689	689	1,378
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	436	542	577	597	1,174
Other Operating Expenses	153	242	112	92	204
Total	589	784	689	689	1,378
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Psychology, Board Of	589	784	689	689	1,378
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Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	7.8	9.1	9.4	9.4	

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Agency Revenue Summary

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	1,222	1,028	1,028	1,028	2,056
Other Revenues:					
State Government Spec Revenue	5	3	3	3	6
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	1,227	1,031	1,031	1,031	2,062
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue					
	1,227	1,031	1,031	1,031	2,062