

Agency Purpose

The Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice was created 1995 and is mandated by Minnesota Statutes 148.621 – 148.633 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 3250 to protect the public through the regulation of dietitians and nutritionists in the state of Minnesota. Regulation is accomplished through initial licensure examination, annual license renewal and required continuing education requirements.

The mission of the board is:

- ◆ promoting the public's interest in receiving quality dietetic and nutrition services from competent dietitians and nutritionists;
- ◆ protecting the public by ensuring that all licensed dietitians and nutritionists meet the educational and practical requirements specified in law; and
- ◆ protecting the public by setting standards for quality dietetic and nutrition services.

Core Functions

The board fulfills its mission by:

- ◆ reviewing and approving examination standards to insure knowledge of applicants for licensure as dietitians and nutritionists;
- ◆ reviewing of continuing education required to maintain knowledge for the safe practice of dietetics and nutrition;
- ◆ managing complaints alleging violation of board statutes and rules through initial committee review, thorough investigation, and disciplinary conferences with licensees to determine whether legal action against a dietitian or nutritionist is warranted; and
- ◆ providing accurate information about licensure requirements, standards of practice and disciplinary process to the public, licensees, and other interested parties.

Operations

- ◆ The board is comprised of seven individuals appointed by the governor, of which two are licensed dietitians and two are licensed nutritionists.
- ◆ The board serves consumers, licensed dietitians, licensed nutritionists, applicants for licensure, other governmental agencies, third party payers and sponsors of continuing education courses. Services are delivered through direct communication (telephone, mail, e-mail, and in-person).
- ◆ The Board's Education Committee reviews programs for maintenance of knowledge in the area of dietetics and nutrition practice.

Key Goals

- ◆ Maintain excellence in the regulation of dietetic and nutrition care.
- ◆ Increase use of online license renewal by licensees.
- ◆ Implement an online application service in 2009.

Key Measures

- ◆ Public protection – the board's website offers several services to the public including viewing disciplinary orders, access to information on complaint process and obtaining forms and information regarding how to file a complaint, and viewing individual licensee disciplinary history.
- ◆ Online services – the board offers license verification, address and contact information changes, license renewals, information for licensees.

At A Glance

Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Statistics FY 2008 – 2009

Board members: Seven, including two licensed dietitians, two licensed nutritionists, and three public members, appointed by the governor.

New licenses issued:	113
Dietitian -	113
Nutritionist -	0
Total Licensed:	1,081
Dietitian -	1,020
Nutritionist -	61

- ◆ Licenses will be issued to applicants monthly allowing applicants to accept dietetic/nutrition employment opportunities in a timely manner.
- ◆ New online service for licensure applications added this biennium, with a goal of 30% of all applications completed online.
- ◆ Public information – the board offers a public website, newsletters, presentations, public outreach, brochures, and real people answering the phone during business hours.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2008-09 are estimated to be \$308,000, which includes 0.75 FTE 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 \$156,000 in FY 2008-09, 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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<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	2010-11
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	103	119	119	119	238
Forecast Base	103	119	105	105	210
Change		0	(14)	(14)	(28)
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					-5.4%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Carry Forward					
State Government Spec Revenue	0	39	0	0	0
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	74	148	105	105	210
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	7	7	7	7	14
Total	81	194	112	112	224
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	60	77	65	67	132
Other Operating Expenses	21	117	47	45	92
Total	81	194	112	112	224
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Dietetics & Nutrition Bd.	81	194	112	112	224
Total	81	194	112	112	224
 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Current Law		Biennium 2010-11
			FY2010	FY2011	
<i>Non Dedicated Revenue:</i>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	81	75	119	119	238
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	81	75	119	119	238
<i>Dedicated Receipts:</i>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue	81	75	119	119	238