# **DIETETICS & NUTRITION PRACTICE**

Agency Profile

# **Agency Purpose**

The Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is responsible for protection of the public through the regulation of dietitians and nutritionists in the State of Minnesota. The Board was established in 1995 under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination, renewal, required continuing education, as well as investigation and resolution of complaints against licensees.

The mission of the board is:

- Protect the public through licensure of qualified dietitians and nutritionists
- Protect the public by ensuring that all licensees provide competent dietetic and nutrition care
- Protect the public by setting standards for quality dietetic and nutrition services
- · Promote public interest in receiving quality nutrition care from competent dietitians and nutritionists

### At a Glance

### Credentialing Services

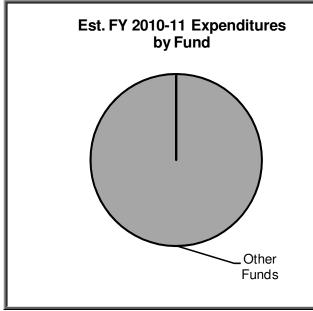
- 1,300 Renewed Licenses
- 100 New Licenses

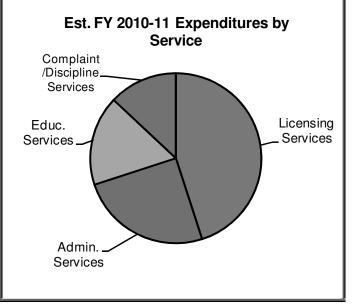
### Complaint Review

- Reviewed ten complaint files
- Prepared five complaint files for committee
- Resolved four complaint files

### **Education Services**

- 1,300 reviews of reported continuing education
- 130 audits of reported continuing education
- 50 continuing education program approvals





Source: Consolidated Fund Statement.

Source: Board expenses allocated to the services provided by the board.

### **Strategies**

The board accomplishes its mission of Public Protection by:

- Providing information and education to the public, other interested parties, and licensees
- Setting standards of practice and conduct for licensees
- · Verifying that applicants meet set standards for initial licensure
- Verifying that licensees meet continuing competence requirements

### **Operations**

The Board serves the consumers of dietetic/nutrition services by licensing as dietitians and nutritionists only those persons the board has determined meet the established education, experiential and examination requirements. The board serves the dietetic/nutrition community by providing verification of credentials to other state and federal agencies.

The Board is committed to public protection and to responsible, efficient, and cost-effective services. The seven-member Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice (three public members, two licensed dietitians, and two licensed nutritionists) set the direction for the Board, oversee the agency's activities.

# **Key Activity Goals & Measures**

### **Key Goals**

- Promote quality dietetic/nutrition from licensed dietitians and nutritionists
- Maintain excellence in dietetic/nutrition regulation
- Initiate and complete rulemaking for continuing education audit requirements
- Implement online application process

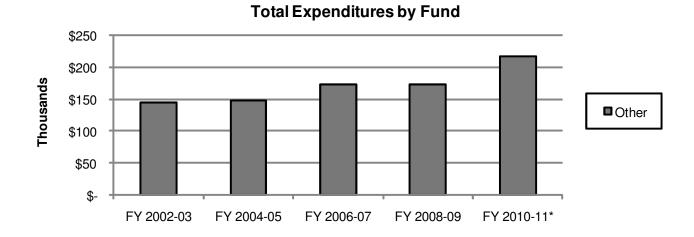
## **Key Measures**

- Public protection the Board's website offers several services to the public; verification of licensure, downloadable complaint forms along with information of the complaint process
- Online services licensees are able to update contact information, record continuing education and complete annual license renewal
- Licenses are issued monthly to applicants meeting all licensure requirements
- Manual license verifications to other licensing jurisdictions are completed within 24 hours of receipt of request

## **Budget Trends Section**

The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures. The board is estimated to collect \$161,000 in FY 2010-11, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund.

From this fund, the board receives a direct appropriation to pay for agency activities such as salaries, rent, costs for disciplinary/contested cases and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation. In FY 2010-11, total expenditures for these purposes are estimated at \$217,000. The chart below shows funding trends over the last five biennia for the direct and open appropriation.



<sup>\*</sup> FY 2010-11 is estimated, not actual. Source data for the previous chart is the Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS) as of 07/31/10.

Board fees are also responsible for covering a prorated share of support functions provided outside of the Board itself. These include legal support (Attorney General), statewide e-licensing system development and operations (Office of Enterprise Technology), centralized administrative support (Health Boards Administrative Services Unit) and funding for services to health professionals (Health Professionals Services Program). In FY 2010-11, some of the health boards' reserves in the state government special revenue fund were also transferred to the general fund. The table below displays direct and open appropriation expenditures, external support costs (prorated share), and the general fund transfers (prorated share) estimated in FY 2010-11.

Board's Direct and Open Appropriations	FY 2010-11 (in thousands) \$ 217
Board's External Support Costs and Transfers (prorated Share)	4.4
<ul> <li>Attorney General support</li> </ul>	14
E-licensing support	8
<ul> <li>Central administrative service unit</li> </ul>	11
<ul> <li>Health professional service program</li> </ul>	2
General fund transfer	151
Total	403
Fees Collected by Board	\$161
Prorated Surplus/(Deficit)	(242)

In most years, Board fee revenues exceed direct expenditures and external support costs, and as directed by law, the surplus is used to maintain a reserve in the state government special revenue fund. It should be noted here that the FY 2010-11 transfers to the General Fund, along with unanticipated increases in the support costs discussed above, have resulted in the Board's fee revenue not covering its prorated costs and transfers.

# **External Factors Impacting Agency Operations**

The number of licensees regulated by the Board continues to rise, as do the number of complaints and the complexity of the cases.

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	Dollars in Thousands				
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
Direct Appropriations by Fund				:	
State Government Spec Revenue				1 ! !	
Current Appropriation	105	105	105	105	210
Forecast Base	105	105	105	105	210
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2010-11				}	0%
Expenditures by Fund		ı	1	į	
Direct Appropriations				į	
State Government Spec Revenue	80	145	105	105	210
Open Appropriations	00	0	100		2.0
State Government Spec Revenue	0	0	6	6	12
Total	80	145	111	111	222
Expenditures by Category					
Total Compensation	68	87	75	76	151
Other Operating Expenses	12	58	36	35	71
Total	80	145	111	111	222
Expenditures by Program		j		1 1 1	
Dietetics & Nutrition Bd.	80	145	111	111	222
Total	80	145	111	111	222
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2010	Budgeted FY2011	Currei FY2012	nt Law FY2013	Biennium 2012-13
Non Dedicated Revenue:					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	81	79	79	78	157
Other Revenues:					
State Government Spec Revenue	(8)	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	73	79	79	78	157
Dedicated Receipts:					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue	73	79	79	78	157