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AT A GLANCE

- The Board’s main function is to protect the public through the regulation of nearly 7,000 physical therapy professionals, including physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs).
- 7,481 total licensees (5,601 PTs and 1,880 PTAs)
- 568 new licenses issued (425 PTs and 143 PTAs)
- 42 total complaints
- 34 resolved complaints
- 13 discipline orders
- 49 total open complaints on 6/30/17; 1 open longer than one year
- 1,133 Continuing Education courses reviewed

FY2017 data

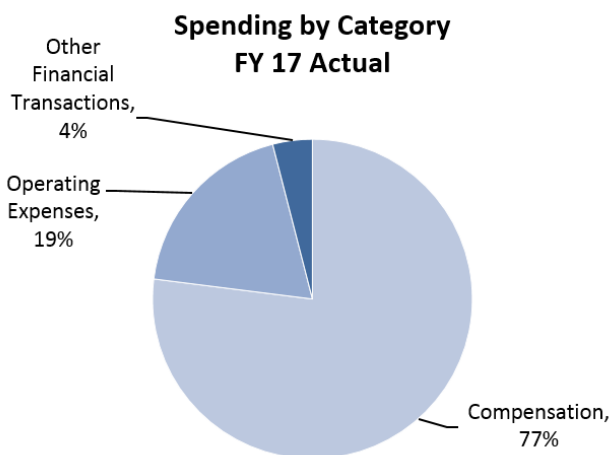
PURPOSE

The Board works to ensure that people in Minnesota are safe. We license qualified applicants, and make sure that physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) maintain competence. We thoroughly investigate complaints against licensees, provide timely and impartial resolution, and when necessary, discipline licensees.

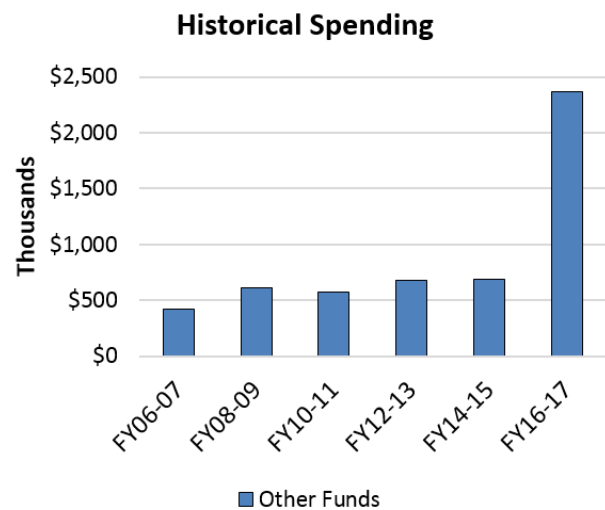
Our mission is to ensure that Minnesotans receive appropriate physical therapy from competent PTs and PTAs.

- **All Minnesotans have optimal health**
- **People in Minnesota are safe**
- **Efficient and accountable government services**

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



FY 04-15 includes spending for Physical Therapy. FY 16-17 includes Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP) and Physical Therapy spending.

Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees and receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees in the amount sufficient to cover direct and indirect expenditures. Funds are 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 expenses such as salaries, rent, costs associated with disciplinary/contested cases and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation. Fees have not been raised since 1995.

In addition to Board operations, licensure fees fund activities that support multiple boards and/or other agencies. Some of these are: the Administrative Services Unit (inter-board), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, and Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board).

STRATEGIES

Our agency is funded by fees paid for licensing and continuing education program approvals.

The three primary services that the Board engages in to regulate providers of physical therapy are:

1. **Licensure:** assurance that those approved for Minnesota licensure have met minimum standards established by the Board. These standards primarily include successful completion of education from an accredited program and passing a national examination, both of which help establish that the candidate is competent to practice. The Board also reviews the candidates’ backgrounds to evaluate their fitness to practice. Beginning in May 2015, the Board has required that candidates for initial licensure complete a fingerprint background check, providing additional information for the Board to consider when making licensure decisions.
2. **Continued Competence:** the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy uses continuing education (CE) requirements as a measure of the licensees’ involvement and commitment to staying engaged in the profession. The Board has established a two-year CE cycle, during which each licensed professional must complete a minimum of 20 hours of CE activities that have significant intellectual or practical content dealing primarily with matters directly related to the practice of physical therapy or professional responsibility.
3. **Complaint Resolution:** when there is concern raised that a licensee may have violated the Practice Act, the Board initiates an investigation of the complaint and works to bring the matter to resolution. Physical therapy professionals are held to a high expectation of practice and ethical behavior as outlined in the statutes and rules governing them and enforced by the Board. Appropriate and timely resolution of complaint matters ensures that questionable behaviors are addressed and prevented from continuing.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Percent of licensees using the online annual license renewal system	98%	99.6%	FY17
Quality	Percent of licenses renewed the same day Board receives the completed renewal application	99%	99%	FY17
Quality	Percent of complaint cases resolved in less than one year	78%	98%	FY17

M.S. 148.65-148.78 and M.R. 5601.0100-5601.3200 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148.65>) provide the legal authority for the Board of Physical Therapy

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Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY16	Actual FY17	Actual FY18	Estimate FY19	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY20	FY21	FY20	FY21

Expenditures by Fund

1201 - Health Related Boards	289	344	386	673	557	559	557	559
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	21	20	18	20	20	20	20	20
Total	310	364	404	693	577	579	577	579
Biennial Change				424		59		59
Biennial % Change				63		5		5
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

Expenditures by Program

Physical Therapy Bd	310	364	404	693	577	579	577	579
Total	310	364	404	693	577	579	577	579

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	239	246	254	299	297	304	297	304
Operating Expenses	71	111	150	394	280	275	280	275
Other Financial Transaction		7						
Total	310	364	404	693	577	579	577	579

Full-Time Equivalents

	2.49	2.80	3.02	3.20	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05
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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY16	Actual FY17	Actual FY18	Estimate FY19	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY20	FY21	FY20	FY21
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		105		132				
Direct Appropriation	394	419	518	531	547	549	547	549
Open Appropriation				10	10	10	10	10
Transfers Out		50						
Cancellations		130						
Balance Forward Out	105		132					
Expenditures	289	344	386	673	557	559	557	559
Biennial Change in Expenditures				427		57		57
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				67		5		5
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	2.49	2.80	3.02	3.20	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	1	0	1					
Receipts	20	20	17	20	20	20	20	20
Balance Forward Out	0	1	0					
Expenditures	21	20	18	20	20	20	20	20
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(3)		2		2
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(7)		6		6
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	Biennium 2020-21
Direct				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2019 Appropriations	531	531	531	1,062
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		16	18	34
Forecast Base	531	547	549	1,096
Total Governor's Recommendations	531	547	549	1,096
Open				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2019 Appropriations	10	10	10	20
Forecast Base	10	10	10	20
Total Governor's Recommendations	10	10	10	20
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	20	20	20	40
Forecast Base	20	20	20	40
Total Governor's Recommendations	20	20	20	40
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	20	20	20	40
Total Governor's Recommendations	20	20	20	40
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	654	656	656	1,312
Total Governor's Recommendations	654	656	656	1,312