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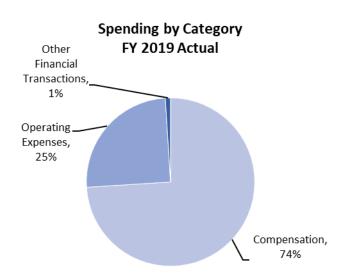
## **AT A GLANCE**

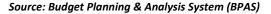
- Regulates 3,233 licensees & license applicants: 2,586 licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT); 284 licensed associate marriage and family therapists (LAMFT); 363 supervised license applicants (as of 08/15/2020)
- Issues an average of 340 new licensees annually (approximately 180-190 LMFT and 150-160 LAMFT)
- Processes an average of 575 license-related applications annually (initial/exam, LAMFT, LMFT, reciprocity)
- Annually receives and investigates an average of 70-75 complaints
- 100% fee-supported

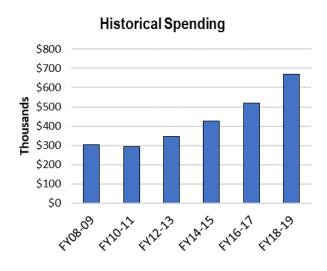
#### **PURPOSE**

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy's mission is to protect the public and ensure a standard of competent and ethical care through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy. The Board's priorities include timely and consistent processing of applications, thorough and effective investigation of complaints, equal access to all Board disciplinary and corrective action license orders and a customer service-driven model that emphasizes timely response to stakeholder requests.

### **BUDGET**







Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees collected from applicants, licensees and continuing education sponsors; the Board receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees 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. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation.

In addition to Board operations, fees collected fund legal services provided by the MN Office of the Attorney General and also fund joint health licensure board entities, such as the Administrative Services Unit, the Health Professionals Services Program and the Criminal Background Check Office, which serve the state's health licensure boards as part of a collaborative, cost-effective system.

Initial license and license renewal fees are over 80% of collected revenue with application filings (14%) and continuing education program applications (5%) accounting for the remainder of other revenue received.

## **STRATEGIES**

To accomplish the Board's mission, we:

- Set standards for initial licensure, including a review of each applicant's education and training;
- Administer an examination of each applicant's knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy in Minnesota prior to issuing marriage and family therapy license;
- Annually review qualifications and renew licenses of current, qualified licensees;
- Investigate complaints made against licensees and applicants, and allegations of unlicensed practice of marriage and family therapy;
- Take disciplinary or corrective action against a licensee or applicant when warranted by conduct and necessary to protect the public;
- Review and approve all continuing education programs used by licensees to meet continuing education requirements for license renewal;
- Monitor and enforce continuing education requirements for license renewal;
- Maintain mandated and educational information on a public website;
- Work collaboratively with academic institutions and national and state marriage and family therapy
  professional associations to identify, discuss and address issues involving the education, licensure and
  practice of marriage and family therapists;
- Provide information about licensure and standards of practice to citizens and other business entities;
- Collaborate and assist other governmental entities, including the MN Department of Human Services, MN
  Department of Health, Health Professional Services Program, and MN Department of Revenue, on
  matters involving licensed health care professionals in Minnesota.

## **RESULTS**

Type of Measure	Name of Measure	Previous	Current	Dates
Quantity*	Number of licensees (LAMFT & LMFT)	2,565	2,793	FY17 (year-end); FY19 (year-end)
Quantity	Program Sponsor and LMFT CE program approval applications reviewed and processed	1,943 (374 CE sponsor apps; 1,569 LMFT apps)	3,108 (405 CE sponsor apps; 2,703 LMFT apps)	Calendar year 2017; Calendar year 2019
Quality	Responded to stakeholder inquiry received by email or telephone within 3 business days	Office policy required this response rate, but formal statistics were not yet maintained.	92% (On average, 9 out of 10 emails/voicemails received an initial response within 3 business days)	Prior to 2019; Calendar year 2019

Type of Measure	Name of Measure	Previous	Current	Dates
Results	Transition of MN LMFT License Examination from oral to written format due to COVID-19 health emergency	182 oral license exams	38 oral exams administered 1/1/20-3/13/20; No exams 3/15/20-7/15/20; 48 written exams administered 7/15/20-8/20/20 on 8 exam dates. Exam backlog eliminated in under 6 weeks.	Calendar year 2019; Calendar year 2020

<sup>\*</sup>Source: ALIMS licensing database system.

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is authorized by M.S. 148B.29-.392 (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148B) and operates pursuant to Administrative Rule 5300 (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=5300). The Board is also governed by provisions found in various Minnesota Statutes, including chapters 13, 13D, 14, 15 and 214.

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# **Agency Expenditure Overview**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base	
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Expenditures by Fund						
1201 - Health Related Boards	303	353	334	439	384	384
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	4	9	6	9	9	9
Total	307	362	340	448	393	393
Biennial Change				119		(2)
Biennial % Change				18		(0)
Expenditures by Program						
Marriage & Family Therapy Bd	307	362	340	448	393	393
Total	307	362	340	448	393	393
Expenditures by Category						
Compensation	235	270	278	296	297	299
Operating Expenses	72	89	62	152	96	94
Other Financial Transaction	0	3				
Total	307	362	340	448	393	393
Full-Time Equivalents	2.55	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

# **Agency Financing by Fund**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast	Forecast Base	
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	
1201 - Health Related Boards							
Balance Forward In		78		50			
Direct Appropriation	363	362	384	389	384	384	
Transfers Out		5					
Cancellations		83					
Balance Forward Out	60		50				
Expenditures	303	353	334	439	384	384	
Biennial Change in Expenditures				117		(5)	
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				18		(1)	
Full-Time Equivalents	2.55	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In		1	1			
Receipts	5	8	5	9	9	9
Balance Forward Out	1					
Expenditures	4	9	6	9	9	9
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2		3
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				13		17

# **Agency Change Summary**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2021 Appropriations	389	389	389	778
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		(5)	(5)	(10)
Forecast Base	389	384	384	768
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	9	9	9	18
Forecast Base	9	9	9	18
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	9	9	9	18
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	405	405	405	810