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AT A GLANCE

- Regulate over 17,400 dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants
- Issue over 700 new licenses each year
- Investigate over 250 complaints each year
- Maintain and monitor requirements for dental professional continuing education
- Conduct professional development audits for compliance
- Maintain a registry of 150 dental laboratories
- Maintain a registry of over 900 dental professional firms
- Recognition for innovation nationally and internationally; including being the first state to license dental therapists and create a licensing path for internationally trained dentists and specialists
- Participate in examining dental and allied dental professional candidates
- Work toward balanced public policy to promote health, safety, and access to dental care for Minnesotans

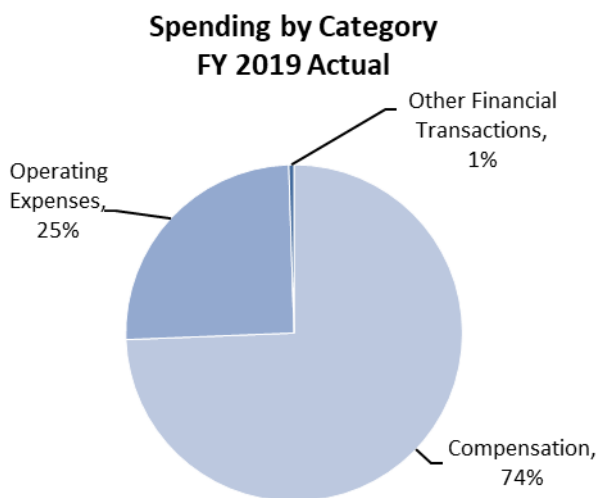
PURPOSE

The mission of the Minnesota Board of Dentistry is to promote and protect public health and safety and ensure that every licensed dental professional practicing in the state meets the requirements for safe, competent, and ethical practice.

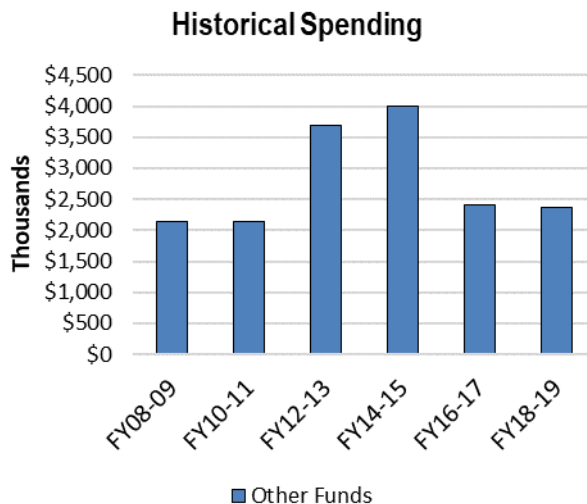
We accomplish our mission of public protection through:

- establishing initial licensure standards (education and examinations)
- continued competence (professional development) standards, and
- enforcing regulations and responding to complaints
- providing resources and education to students and licensees, and
- providing timely and relevant information to licensees via communication outlets

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



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, equipment, professional technical experts, inspection processes, and other operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through appropriation.

In addition to Board operations, licensure fees fund activities that proportionately support multiple boards and/or other agencies. Some of these are: Small Agency Resources Team (SMART), Administrative Services Unit (inter-board); Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board); Prescription Monitoring Program (Pharmacy Board); Office of the Attorney General for legal services; Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board); and the Voluntary Healthcare Provider Program (inter-board).

STRATEGIES

The Board accomplishes its mission through services that include: establishing the educational, examination and other qualification standards for initial licensure as dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, and dental assistants; determining requirements for license renewal, such as professional development (continuing education); accepting, investigating, and resolving complaints regarding licensed dental professionals and unlicensed practice; infection control and anesthesia inspections; tracking compliance of licensees who are under corrective or disciplinary action of the Board; registering professional firms; disseminating public information; and engaging in policy initiatives to ensure that statutes and rules regulating dental professions remain relevant.

The Board achieves its mission by continuous learning and engagement with dental professionals, dental students, and dental professional educational institutions. The Board strives to address complaints in a timely and efficient manner. The Board continues to look for new methods of communication to engage the public in what we do and how we work to ensure safe dental care is provided to the citizens of Minnesota. The Board has implemented an engagement plan to engage the public and professionals. The Board maintain consistency, integrity, and understanding of our licensing process by providing transparency in our requirements for education and consistency in the application and criminal background check processes. These support the process of candidate integrity during licensing and furthers our mission to protect the public by ensuring that Minnesota citizens receive quality dental health care from competent dental health care professionals. We are working with information technology to improve the quality and quantity measures for licensing and the complaint/ compliance process. We are reducing the length of time spent for complaint resolution. We work with all our testing agencies to ensure the integrity of the dental and allied dental professional licensure process. We have been able to lower our costs per licensee by employing paperless renewal methods, electronic notifications and reduce postage costs. We continue to look for methods to streamline operations. We plan on implementing a new database this year and seeking technology to issue electronic blockchain licenses to provide further convenience for licensees, public transparency, and to further conserve integrity and prevent fraud in licensure.

RESULTS

The Board continues to stay current on expectations, opportunities and standards for regulating dental professionals. We have become more effective and efficient in the manner in which we process complaints. We have improved our licensing procedures while maintaining high standards and keeping operating costs low. We have not raised licensing fees for several years and do not intend on raising fees in the next biennium.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Years</i>
Quantity	Number of Dental Therapy Licenses* Number of Advanced Dental Therapy Certifications Issued*	91 48	116 76	FY2016 and FY2020
Quantity & Quality	New Licenses Issued (Goal: under 4 weeks from completion of application)	644	682	FY2016 and FY2020
Quantity & Quality	Complaints Opened Complaints Remaining Open at the End of the Fiscal Year Age of Complaints < 1 year Age of complaints >1 year	161 103 82 21	266 57 53 4	FY2017 and FY2020

*Dental Therapy (DT) is a newer dental profession, with the first licensure beginning in 2011 and the first eligible DT to receive Advanced Dental Therapy (ADT) Certification was in 2013. The Board also prepares test questions, constructs tests, and hosts the ADT Certification examination.

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 214 (enabling statute) <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=214>
Minnesota Statutes Chapter 150A (Dental Practice Act) <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=150A>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>						
1201 - Health Related Boards	1,180	1,131	1,231	1,733	1,450	1,450
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	25	24	20	35	35	35
Total	1,205	1,155	1,250	1,768	1,485	1,485
Biennial Change				658		(48)
Biennial % Change				28		(2)

Expenditures by Program

Dentistry Board	1,205	1,155	1,250	1,768	1,485	1,485
Total	1,205	1,155	1,250	1,768	1,485	1,485

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	871	859	953	1,039	1,039	1,047
Operating Expenses	329	290	297	729	446	438
Grants, Aids and Subsidies		0				
Other Financial Transaction	5	6				
Total	1,205	1,155	1,250	1,768	1,485	1,485

Full-Time Equivalent

	9.78	9.51	10.57	10.80	10.80	10.80
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
1201 - Health Related Boards						
Balance Forward In		269		283		
Direct Appropriation	1,415	1,443	1,514	1,450	1,450	1,450
Open Appropriation	9	13				
Transfers In	18					
Transfers Out	14	100				
Cancellations		493				
Balance Forward Out	248		283			
Expenditures	1,180	1,131	1,231	1,733	1,450	1,450
Biennial Change in Expenditures				653		(64)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				28		(2)
Full-Time Equivalents	9.78	9.51	10.57	10.80	10.80	10.80

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	1	2	4	9	9	9
Receipts	27	26	24	35	35	35
Balance Forward Out	2	4	9	9	9	9
Expenditures	25	24	20	35	35	35
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5		15
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				11		28

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2021 Appropriations	1,450	1,450	1,450	2,900
Forecast Base	1,450	1,450	1,450	2,900
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	35	35	35	70
Forecast Base	35	35	35	70
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	35	35	35	70
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	1,895	1,895	1,895	3,790