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Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy

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<https://mn.gov/boards/behavioral-health/>

AT A GLANCE

Licensing

- 9,443 active licenses and temporary permits
- 2,314 new licenses and temporary permits issued
- 2,363 new license and temporary permit applications received
- 11,951 licenses and temporary permits renewed

Complaints

- 407 new complaints received
- 580 complaints closed
- 48 disciplinary actions taken

Staff

- 8.0 full time equivalent employees

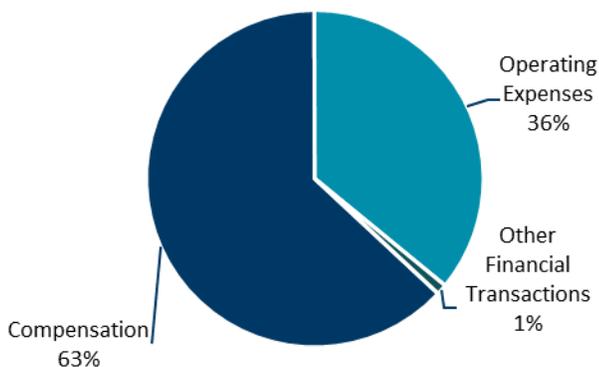
FY 23 and FY24 data

PURPOSE

The Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy exists to regulate the practices of alcohol and drug counseling, professional counseling, and professional clinical counseling in the State of Minnesota. Regulation of these professions is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public when they receive mental health and substance use counseling services. The Board carries out its mission through effective licensure and enforcement of statutes and rules that ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice.

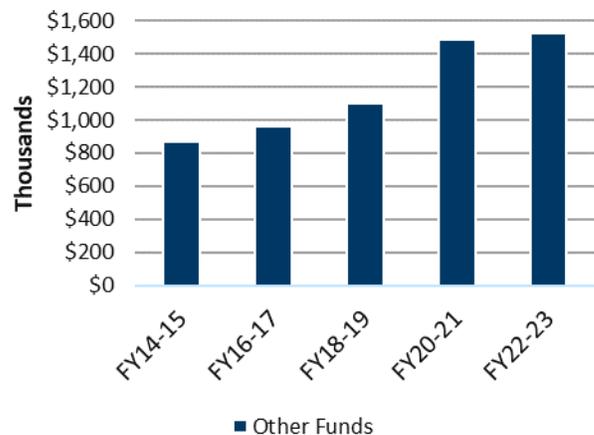
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2023 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

Licensure fees fund the Board and we receive 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.

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

STRATEGIES

The Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy promotes and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Minnesota and accomplishes its public protection mission by:

- Setting educational, supervision, and examination requirements for initial licensure as a licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC), or licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC).
- Issuing the LADC license or temporary permit, LPC license, or LPCC license to practice only to qualified individuals.
- Setting the requirements for renewal of a license or permit and administering the renewal process.
- Setting standards of ethical practice.
- Responding to inquiries, complaints and reports regarding applicants and licensees.
- Investigating complaints of alleged violations of statutes and rules, holding educational and disciplinary conferences with licensees and applicants, taking disciplinary or corrective action when appropriate against practitioners who fail to meet minimum standards of practice, and reporting public actions to national databanks.
- Maintaining a website that provides information to the public about complaints and discipline, including a list of disciplinary and corrective actions taken by the Board.
- Offering online services from the Board’s website, including license verification and links to the full text of public disciplinary orders the Board has adopted against licensed professionals.
- Approving continuing education activities.
- Providing information about licensure requirements and standards of practice to students, applicants, licensees, and other interested parties.

RESULTS

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of new licenses issued	Quantity	Automated Licensure Information Management System (ALIMS)-Board’s data system	The number of new licenses issued by the Board each fiscal year continues to increase.	FY23-1,111 FY24-1,203
Percent of Licensee’s renewing online	Quality	ALIMS-Board’s data system	The number of licensees renewing online has increased around 15% since FYs 21 and 22.	FY23-5309 (92%) FY24-5659 (92%)

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of disciplinary actions take	Quantity	ALIMS-Board's data system	As the total number of licensees increases, the number of disciplinary actions taken by the Board increases.	FY23-27 FY24-28

The Board's activities are governed by Minnesota Statutes sections 148B.50 to 148B.593 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148b.50>) and Minnesota Rules chapter 2150 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=2150>) (professional counseling and professional clinical counseling), Minnesota Statutes chapter 148F (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148F>) and Minnesota Rules chapter 4747 (<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/rules/?id=4747>) (alcohol and drug counseling), and Minnesota Statutes chapter 214 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=214>).

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Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

Expenditures by Fund

1201 - Health Related Boards	690	778	876	1,349	1,139	1,139
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	28	26	33	40	30	30
Total	718	804	908	1,389	1,169	1,169
Biennial Change				775		41
Biennial % Change				51		2

Expenditures by Program

Behavioral Health & Therapy	718	804	908	1,389	1,169	1,169
Total	718	804	908	1,389	1,169	1,169

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	526	508	598	724	755	782
Operating Expenses	188	292	310	664	413	386
Other Financial Transaction	4	5	0	1	1	1
Total	718	804	908	1,389	1,169	1,169

Full-Time Equivalents

	6.14	6.36	6.89	7.50	7.50	7.50
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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
1201 - Health Related Boards						
Balance Forward In		217		146		
Direct Appropriation	877	875	1,022	1,203	1,139	1,139
Transfers Out		225				
Cancellations		89				
Balance Forward Out	187		146			
Expenditures	690	778	876	1,349	1,139	1,139
Biennial Change in Expenditures				756		53
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				52		2
Full-Time Equivalents	6.14	6.36	6.89	7.50	7.50	7.50

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	11	10	12	10		
Receipts	27	28	30	30	30	30
Balance Forward Out	10	12	10			
Expenditures	28	26	33	40	30	30
Biennial Change in Expenditures				19		(13)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				36		(17)

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Direct				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2025 Appropriations	1,203	1,203	1,203	2,406
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		(64)	(64)	(128)
Forecast Base	1,203	1,139	1,139	2,278
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	40	30	30	60
Forecast Base	40	30	30	60
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	30	30	30	60
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	2,121	2,121	2,121	4,242