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Agency Purpose

The Minnesota Board of Pharmacy (Board) was established in 1885. Minnesota Statutes chapters 151 and 152 provide the Board with the authority to act as the licensure agency for pharmacists and businesses involved in the legitimate distribution of prescription drugs in Minnesota.

The mission of the Board is:

- ◆ to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by fostering the provision of quality pharmaceutical care to the citizens of Minnesota through the examination and licensure of pharmacists, the regulation of the practice of pharmacy, and the inspection of licensed pharmacies, wholesalers, manufacturers; and
- ◆ to ensure that prescription drugs are provided to the public in a safe and effective manner by qualified licensees.

Core Functions

- ◆ setting educational and examination standards for initial and continuing licensure;
- ◆ conducting unannounced inspections of all pharmacies, drug wholesale houses, drug manufacturers, medical gas distributors, and controlled substance researchers in Minnesota;
- ◆ responding to public and agency inquiries and complaints regarding the licensure and conduct of applicants, registrants, and licensees;
- ◆ setting standards of practice and conduct for licensees and pursuing disciplinary action when necessary to ensure those standards are met; and
- ◆ providing information and education about licensure requirements, standards of practice and Minnesota drug law to licensees, registrants, and the public.

Operations

The Board's operations have an impact on the public and on licensees and registrants. Board staff provides information directly to the public in response to inquiries concerning the legal requirements and standards for pharmacy practice. When responding to complaints from the public, the Board conducts an investigation and takes disciplinary action when appropriate. The public also benefits from the inspections carried out by Board Surveyors. The inspections identify licensees that are not following the best standards of practice and encourage adherence to those standards. The Board promotes use of best standards by promulgating formal rules, developing and distributing informal guidelines, providing feedback to licensees during inspections and complaint investigations, and posting useful information on the Board's website. The Board helps ensure the competency of individuals working in the pharmacy field by setting requirements for the education, training and examination of licensees and registrants.

Key Goals

- ◆ The Board shares the Minnesota Milestone goal that state citizens will be healthy. By promoting best standards for pharmacy practice, the Board helps achieve the goal of reducing premature deaths.
- ◆ Allow licensees, registrants and citizens online access to as many services as possible.
- ◆ Help reduce the abuse of prescription drugs.
- ◆ Resolve consumer complaints in a timely fashion.
- ◆ Increase the number of completed facility inspections.

Key Measures

- ◆ Passage of rule changes necessary to promote the use of best standards of practice.
- ◆ Upgrade of website and licensing database to allow for more online services and easier access to documents and information.
- ◆ Implementation of the Controlled Substances Prescription Electronic Reporting System.

At A Glance

MN Board of Pharmacy Statistics (For fiscal year ending June 30, 2008)

Board members: Seven, five pharmacists and two public members, appointed by the Governor
Staff: 11 Full-time employees
Licensees and registrants: 19,554
Complaints received: 94
Complaints resolved: 76
Disciplinary orders issued: 11

- ◆ Number of complaints resolved – the percent increase from year to year will be monitored.
- ◆ Number of facilities inspected – the percent increase from year to year will be monitored.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2008-09 are estimated to be \$3.155 million, which includes salary for 11 full-time equivalent employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent and other operating expenditures. The Board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. The Board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

The Board is estimated to collect \$3.111 million in FY 2008-09, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is primarily comes from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and registrants. Civil penalties account for a small portion of Board revenues.

The Board was awarded a federal grant of \$395,899 that will be used to implement the Controlled Substances Prescription Electronic Reporting System.

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The website at:

<http://www.phcybrd.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about the Board of Pharmacy. Types of information available through the website include; regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, public notices and forms.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium 2010-11
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	1,375	1,442	1,442	1,442	2,884
Recommended	1,375	1,442	1,388	1,388	2,776
Change		0	(54)	(54)	(108)
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					-1.5%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Carry Forward					
State Government Spec Revenue	56	0	0	0	0
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	1,330	1,487	1,388	1,388	2,776
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	0	41	25	25	50
Statutory Appropriations					
Federal	0	200	196	0	196
Total	1,386	1,728	1,609	1,413	3,022
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	1,091	1,243	1,160	1,150	2,310
Other Operating Expenses	295	485	449	263	712
Total	1,386	1,728	1,609	1,413	3,022
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Pharmacy, Board Of	1,386	1,728	1,609	1,413	3,022
Total	1,386	1,728	1,609	1,413	3,022
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	10.4	11.0	10.3	9.8	

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Change Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>				
	FY2009	Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
		FY2010	FY2011	2010-11
<i>Fund: STATE GOVERNMENT SPEC REVENUE</i>				
FY 2009 Appropriations	1,442	1,442	1,442	2,884
Technical Adjustments				
One-time Appropriations		(29)	(29)	(58)
Program/agency Sunset		(25)	(25)	(50)
Subtotal - Forecast Base	1,442	1,388	1,388	2,776
Total Governor's Recommendations	1,442	1,388	1,388	2,776
<i>Fund: STATE GOVERNMENT SPEC REVENUE</i>				
Planned Open Spending	41	25	25	50
Total Governor's Recommendations	41	25	25	50
<i>Fund: FEDERAL</i>				
Planned Statutory Spending	200	196	0	196
Total Governor's Recommendations	200	196	0	196

PHARMACY BOARD

Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Governor's Recomm. FY2010 FY2011		Biennium 2010-11
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	1,580	1,533	1,533	1,533	3,066
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	1,580	1,533	1,533	1,533	3,066
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Grants:					
Federal	0	200	196	0	196
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	200	196	0	196
Agency Total Revenue	1,580	1,733	1,729	1,533	3,262