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Agency Purpose

The Board of Physical Therapy (Board) was created in 1999 and is mandated by Minnesota Statutes 148.65 – 148.78 and Minnesota Rules 5600.0100 – 5601.3200. The Board is responsible for protection of the public through the regulation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in the state of Minnesota. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination and renewal, as well as investigation and resolution of complaints.

The vision of the Board is:

- ◆ to ensure that Minnesota citizens receive quality physical therapy services from competent physical therapists; and

The mission of the Board is:

- ◆ to protect the public through licensure of qualified physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, and to provide timely and impartial resolution of complaints against licensees.

Core Functions

The Board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ establishing standards for initial licensure;
- ◆ responding to complaints about physical therapists and enforcing the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Minnesota;
- ◆ ensuring that physical therapists meet the standards for licensure renewal;
- ◆ identifying physical therapists who fail to maintain the minimum standards necessary for the provision of safe and quality care;
- ◆ when warranted, providing timely and appropriate disciplinary or corrective action;
- ◆ establishing continuing education requirements and monitoring compliance with those requirements; and
- ◆ providing accurate information and education to the public, other interested parties, and licensees.

Operations

The Board serves consumers (patients and clients as well as family members and friends of patients), licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, applicants for licensure, employers, governmental agencies, third party payers, and sponsors of education courses. Board functions include providing public protection through the review of and resolution of complaints and discipline of licensees when warranted; the provision of education and resource information to the public and licensees; the granting of initial Minnesota licenses to qualified individuals; the renewal of annual licenses; and the review and approval of continuing education courses. Services are delivered through direct communication (telephone, mail, email, and in-person), the board's website, and presentations to licensees and students in Minnesota physical therapist and physical therapist assistant educational programs.

Key Goals

- ◆ Implement initial PT and P.T.A. license applications from the Board's website by the end of FY 2009, with goal of 50% of initial applications being received online.
- ◆ Process online annual license renewals within two business days of receipt of all licensing requirements and renew 75% of licensees online (P.T.A.s are a new category of licensee and they will be renewing for the 1st time in FY 2009).
- ◆ Develop a comprehensive continuing competency proposal for legislative or rulemaking initiative by the end of FY 2010.

At A Glance	
MN Licensed Physical Therapist Statistics	
(As of June 30, 2008)	
Total New PTs Licensed:	400
Total New P.T.A.s Licensed:	900*
Total New Licensees: 1,300	
* P.T.A. licensure enacted in 2007 session	
Total PTs Licensed:	3,800
Total P.T.A.s Licensed:	900
Total Licensed: 4,700	
Age of licensees:	
Under 40 yrs old	47%
Under 50 yrs old	75%
Addresses of licensees:	
Metro Twin Cities	52%
Greater Minnesota	34%
States adjacent to MN	9%
Other	4%
Educational programs in MN	
Physical Therapists:	4, approx 150 grads/yr
Physical Therapist Ass'ts:	3, approx 75 grads/yr
Total Complaints:	60
Total Resolved Complaints:	45

Key Measures

- ◆ Public protection – the Board's website offers services to the public including viewing board disciplinary orders, accessing information on the complaint process, printing forms and information regarding how to file a complaint, and viewing individual licensee licensure status and disciplinary history.
- ◆ Online services – the Board offers license verification, address and contact information changes, license renewals, information for licensees, printable initial licensure application forms and instructions, printable continuing education application forms and instructions, and printable physical therapy statutes and rules.
- ◆ Public information – Board website, newsletters, presentations, public outreach, brochures, real people answering the phone during business hours.
- ◆ Currently the Board has 88% of its licensees using the online renewal service.
- ◆ Initial Licensure of Physical Therapist Assistants. Statute revision in FY 2007 established initial licensure for physical therapist assistants (P.T.A.s). 1,200 initial P.T.A. applications were submitted during FY 2008.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2008-09 are estimated to be \$741,000, which includes 3.0 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, Office of Mental Health 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 \$891,000 in FY 2008-09, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and sponsors of continuing education programs.

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The website at: <http://www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about physical therapists. Types of information available through the website include: regulatory news and updates, public notices, search and verification of licensure status, Minnesota PT statutes and rules, complaint and report information and forms, disciplinary orders, and licensure application forms and instructions.

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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	306	295	295	295	590
Recommended	306	295	295	295	590
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					-1.8%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Carry Forward					
State Government Spec Revenue	8	0	0	0	0
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	251	350	295	295	590
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	3	5	6	6	12
Total	262	355	301	301	602
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	187	234	241	240	481
Other Operating Expenses	75	121	60	61	121
Total	262	355	301	301	602
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Physical Therapy Bd	262	355	301	301	602
Total	262	355	301	301	602
 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	 2.5	 3.0	 2.9	 2.8	

PHYSICAL THERAPY 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	519	372	406	406	812
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	519	372	406	406	812
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue	519	372	406	406	812