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AT A GLANCE

- The Board’s main function is to protect the public through the regulation of nearly 8,000 physical therapy professionals, including physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs).
- 7,957 total licensees (6,059 PTs and 1,898 PTAs)
- 994 new licenses issued (753 PTs and 241 PTAs)
- 70 total complaints
- 59 resolved complaints
- 16 discipline orders
- 10 total open complaints on 6/30/2020; 1 open longer than one year
- 2,047 Continuing Education courses reviewed

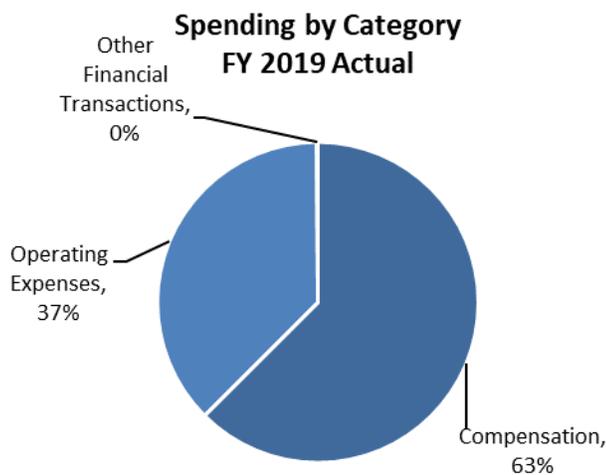
FY2019 & FY2020 data

PURPOSE

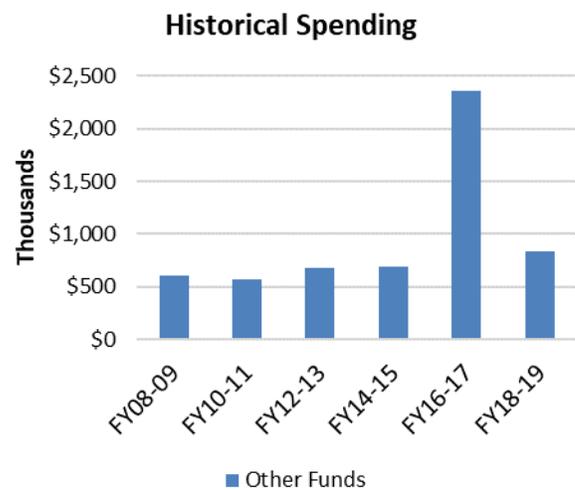
The Board works to ensure that people in Minnesota are safe. We license qualified applicants, and make sure that physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) maintain competence. We thoroughly investigate complaints against licensees, provide timely and impartial resolution, and when necessary, discipline licensees.

Our mission is to ensure that Minnesotans receive appropriate physical therapy from competent PTs and PTAs.

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



FY 14-15 includes spending for Physical Therapy. FY 16-17 includes Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP) and Physical Therapy spending.

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, costs

associated with disciplinary/contested cases and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation. Fees have not been raised since 1995.

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

STRATEGIES

Our agency is funded by fees paid for licensing and continuing education program approvals.

The three primary services that the Board engages in to regulate providers of physical therapy are:

1. **Licensure:** assurance that those approved for Minnesota licensure have met minimum standards established by the Board. These standards primarily include successful completion of education from an accredited program and passing a national examination, both of which help establish that the candidate is competent to practice. The Board also reviews the candidates’ backgrounds to evaluate their fitness to practice. Beginning in May 2015, the Board has required that candidates for initial licensure complete a fingerprint background check, providing additional information for the Board to consider when making licensure decisions.
2. **Continued Competence:** the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy uses continuing education (CE) requirements as a measure of the licensees’ involvement and commitment to staying engaged in the profession. The Board has established a two-year CE cycle, during which each licensed professional must complete a minimum of 20 hours of CE activities that have significant intellectual or practical content dealing primarily with matters directly related to the practice of physical therapy or professional responsibility.
3. **Complaint Resolution:** when there is concern raised that a licensee may have violated the Practice Act, the Board initiates an investigation of the complaint and works to bring the matter to resolution. Physical therapy professionals are held to a high expectation of practice and ethical behavior as outlined in the statutes and rules governing them and enforced by the Board. Appropriate and timely resolution of complaint matters ensures that questionable behaviors are addressed and prevented from continuing.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Percent of licensees using the online annual license renewal system	99.6%	99.8%	FY19 & FY20
Quality	Percent of licenses renewed the same day Board receives the completed renewal application	99%	99%	FY19 & FY20
Quality	Percent of complaint cases resolved in less than one year	98%	98%	FY19 & FY20

M.S. 148.65-148.78 and M.R. 5601.0100-5601.3200 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148.65>) provide the legal authority for the Board of Physical Therapy

Physical Therapy, Board of

Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23

Expenditures by Fund

1201 - Health Related Boards	386	415	368	728	549	549	564	564
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	18	18	19	20	20	20	20	20
Total	404	433	386	748	569	569	584	584
Biennial Change				297		4		34
Biennial % Change				35		0		3
Governor's Change from Base								30
Governor's % Change from Base								3

Expenditures by Program

Physical Therapy Bd	404	433	386	748	569	569	584	584
Total	404	433	386	748	569	569	584	584

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	254	271	210	268	314	316	314	316
Operating Expenses	150	162	177	480	255	253	270	268
Other Financial Transaction		0						
Total	404	433	386	748	569	569	584	584

Full-Time Equivalents

	3.02	2.98	2.02	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
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Physical Therapy, Board of

Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base FY22 FY23		Governor's Recommendation FY22 FY23	
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		165		179				
Direct Appropriation	518	531	547	549	549	549	564	564
Open Appropriation		10						
Transfers Out		150						
Cancellations		141						
Balance Forward Out	132		179					
Expenditures	386	415	368	728	549	549	564	564
Biennial Change in Expenditures				294		2		32
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				37		0		3
Governor's Change from Base								30
Governor's % Change from Base								3
Full-Time Equivalents	3.02	2.98	2.02	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	1	0	2					
Receipts	17	20	17	20	20	20	20	20
Balance Forward Out	0	2						
Expenditures	18	18	19	20	20	20	20	20
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3		1		1
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				8		3		3
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2021 Appropriations	549	549	549	1,098
Forecast Base	549	549	549	1,098
Change Items				
MN.IT Cost Reduction and Appropriation Transfer		15	15	30
Total Governor's Recommendations	549	564	564	1,128
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	20	20	20	40
Forecast Base	20	20	20	40
Total Governor's Recommendations	20	20	20	40
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	20	20	20	40
Total Governor's Recommendations	20	20	20	40
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	678	678	678	1,356
Total Governor's Recommendations	678	678	678	1,356

Board of Physical Therapy

FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget Change Item

Change Item Title: MN.IT Cost Reduction and Appropriation Transfer

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
ASU (Transfer from BELTSS to Dentistry)				
General Fund*				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	(647)	(647)	(647)	(647)
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Pharmacy, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	65	65	65	65
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Dentistry, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	40	40	40	40
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	25	25	25	25
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Optometry, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
BELTSS				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Social Work, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	50	50	50	50
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	22	22	22	22
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Podiatric Medicine, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Veterinary Medicine, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	10	10	10	10
Revenues	0	0	0	0

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Dietetics and Nutrition Practice, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Physical Therapy, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Behavioral Health and Therapy, Board of				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	35	35	35	35
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	(325)	(325)	(325)	(325)
FTEs	0	0	0	0

*There is no General Fund impact to the health licensing boards listed in Fiscal Impact chart.

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends the Health-Related Licensing Boards’ IT expense reorganization and reduction. The Administrative Services Unit (ASU) is authorized by Minn. Stat. 214.107 and serves as an agent to the Health-Related Licensing Boards. ASU is seeking a \$647,000 reduction in its FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriation and a corresponding \$322,000 increase in appropriation for twelve (12) Health-Related Licensing Boards (Table 1) for a net reduction of \$325,000. This appropriation decrease is the result of the Health-Related Licensing Boards’ restructuring and reduction of IT-related costs. The appropriation increases for the twelve (12) Health-Related Licensing Boards will fund IT expenses previously paid by ASU.

Rationale/Background:

Since the creation of MN.IT Services in 2012, funds to pay all technology-related costs of the Health-Related Licensing Boards have been appropriated to ASU as the boards’ agent. MN.IT staff were assigned to the boards and costs consolidated and paid by ASU. As part of its IT restructuring efforts, the Health-Related Licensing Boards worked with MN.IT to reduce the number of MN.IT staff directly assigned to the boards and move to direct-billing. This requires a transfer of the appropriation for IT-related costs from ASU to certain boards.

The Health-Related Licensing Boards are fee-supported agencies. The Boards are required by Minnesota Statutes to collect enough revenue to cover all direct-appropriated and indirect costs. The Health-Related Licensing Boards’ collected fee revenues are deposited into the State Government Special Revenue fund to cover the boards’ IT-related costs. This reduction does not impact the State’s General Fund.

Proposal:

The Health-Related Licensing Boards’ IT reorganization includes reduction of FTEs including software developer position and IT manager position. Database support and project management services will now be paid as needed by contract instead of by assigned FTE. These staffing changes result in a \$325,000 annual reduction in ASU’s appropriation. The remaining IT-related costs have been itemized and allocated to the boards and related programs for payment as direct expenditures beginning in FY 2022. The itemization and allocation results in a \$647,000 reduction in the ASU appropriation and an appropriation increase for twelve (12) boards to cover IT-related costs which will now be direct-billed.

This proposal is impacted by the transfer of the ASU appropriation from the Board of Executives for Long Term Services and Supports (BELTSS) to the Board of Dentistry beginning in FY 2022, which was submitted as a separate change item. The ASU appropriation for MN.IT will be reduced by \$647,000 (from \$1,214,000 to \$567,000) when it transfers from BELTSS to Dentistry.

Impact on Children and Families:

The Health-Related Licensing Boards work to promote public protection, including the protection of the children and families of the State of Minnesota. This change will not impact the boards' ability to continue to protect the people of Minnesota.

Equity and Inclusion:

The Health-Related Licensing Boards do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. This change will not impact the boards' ability to provide services for all people of the State of Minnesota, without discrimination.