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

### AT A GLANCE

#### Licensing

- 7,787 total number of licenses and temporary permits
- 1,162 new licenses and temporary permits issued
- 1,105 new license and temporary permit applications received
- 6,095 licenses and temporary permits renewed

#### Complaints

- 152 new complaints received
- 145 complaints closed
- 30 disciplinary actions taken

#### Staff

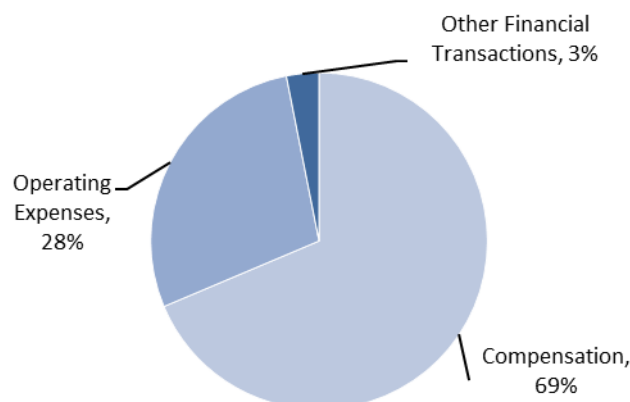
- 7.0 full time equivalent employees

### 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.

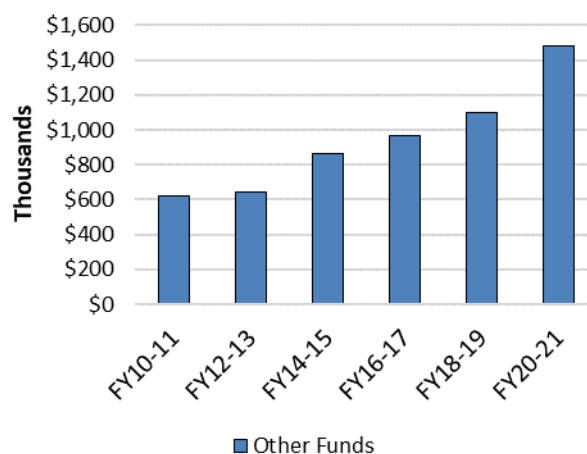
### BUDGET

**Spending by Category  
FY 2021 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), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), 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 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

The information included below was generated using the Board's licensure and regulatory database. The total number of licensees continues to rise.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Number of new licenses issued	971	1,162	FY21 & FY22
Quality	Percent of licensees renewing their licenses online	76%	77%	FY21 & FY22
Quantity	Number of disciplinary actions taken	17	30	FY21 & FY22

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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>).

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1201 - Health Related Boards	699	733	690	1,062	875	875	1,022	1,044
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	25	25	28	38	28	28	28	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,072</b>
Biennial Change			336		(12)		304	
Biennial % Change			23		(1)		17	
Enacted Budget Change from Base							316	
Enacted Budget % Change from Base							18	

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		272		187				
Direct Appropriation	937	858	877	875	875	875	1,022	1,044
Transfers Out		215						
Cancellations		182						
Balance Forward Out	238		187					
Expenditures	699	733	690	1,062	875	875	1,022	1,044
Biennial Change in Expenditures				320		(2)		314
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				22		(0)		18
Enacted Budget Change from Base								316
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								18

**2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In	5	7	11	10				
Receipts	25	29	27	28	28	28	28	28
Balance Forward Out	5	11	10					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				16		(10)		(10)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				32		(15)		(15)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
<b>Direct</b>				
<b>Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards</b>				
FY2023 Appropriations	875	875	875	1,750
Forecast Base	875	875	875	1,750
Change Items				
Maintain Current Service Levels		47	69	116
Additional Staff		100	100	200
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>2,066</b>
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Planned Spending	38	28	28	56
Forecast Base	38	28	28	56
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Revenue Change Summary</b>				
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	28	28	28	56
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Non-Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,680	1,680	1,680	3,360
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>3,360</b>

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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**Maintain Current Service Levels**

This provision provides additional operating funds to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Board of Behavioral Health.

<b>1201 - Health Related Boards Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>138</b>
Expenditures	0	47	69	116	69	69	138

**Additional Staff**

This provision funds a new position to assist the Board's complaint resolution and compliance process, due to the increasing number of complaints and disciplinary orders and the complexity of complaints.

<b>1201 - Health Related Boards Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>
Expenditures	0	100	100	200	100	100	200