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Board of Marriage and Family Therapy

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AT A GLANCE

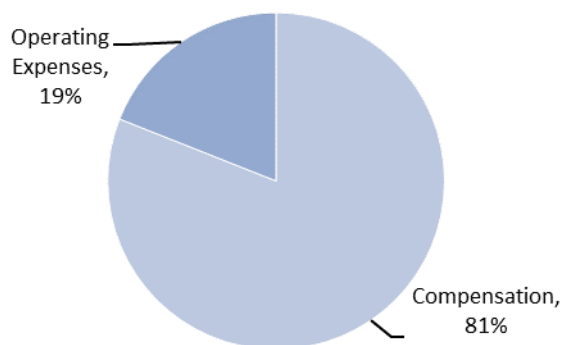
- Regulates 3,370 licensees & license applicants: 2,800 licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT); 279 licensed associate marriage and family therapists (LAMFT); and 291 license applicants
- Issues an average of 320-340 new licensees annually (approximately 170-180 LMFT and 150-160 LAMFT)
- Processes an average of 485 license-related applications annually (initial/education, LAMFT, LMFT, reciprocity)
- Receives and investigates an average of 70-75 complaints annually
- 100% fee-supported

PURPOSE

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy's mission is to protect the public and ensure a standard of competent and ethical care through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy. The Board's priorities include timely and consistent processing of applications, thorough and effective investigation of complaints, equal access to all Board disciplinary and corrective action license orders, and a customer service-driven model that emphasizes timely response to stakeholder requests.

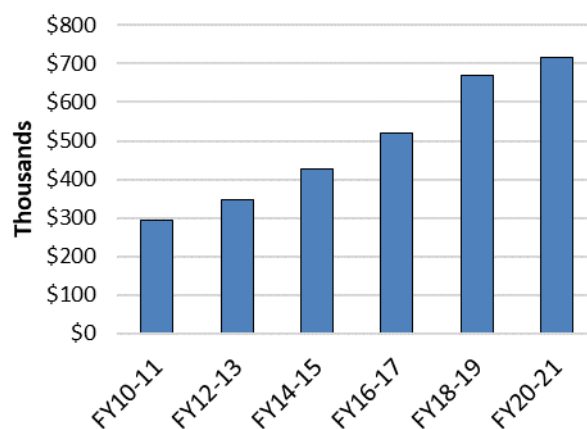
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2021 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees collected from applicants, licensees, and continuing education sponsors; the Board receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees 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. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation.

In addition to Board operations, fees collected fund legal services provided by the MN Office of the Attorney General and joint health licensure board entities, such as the Administrative Services Unit, including SMART services contracted with through the MN Department of Administration, the Health Professionals Services

Program, and the Criminal Background Check Office, which serve the state's health licensure boards as part of a collaborative, cost-effective system.

Initial license and license renewal fees are over 80% of collected revenue with application filings (14%) and continuing education program applications (5%) accounting for the remainder of other revenue received.

STRATEGIES

To accomplish the Board's mission, we:

- Set standards for initial licensure, including a review of each applicant's education and training.
- Administer an examination of each applicant's knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy in Minnesota prior to issuing marriage and family therapy license.
- Annually review qualifications and renew licenses of current, qualified licensees.
- Investigate complaints made against licensees and applicants and allegations of unlicensed practice of marriage and family therapy.
- Take disciplinary or corrective action against a licensee or applicant when warranted by conduct and necessary to protect the public.
- Review and approve all continuing education programs used by licensees to meet continuing education requirements for license renewal.
- Monitor and enforce continuing education requirements for license renewal.
- Maintain mandated and educational information on a public website.
- Work collaboratively with academic institutions and national and state marriage and family therapy professional associations to identify, discuss, and address issues involving the education, licensure, and practice of marriage and family therapists.
- Provide information about licensure and standards of practice to citizens and other business entities.
- Collaborate and assist other governmental entities, including the MN Department of Human Services, MN Department of Health, Health Professional Services Program, and MN Department of Revenue, on matters involving licensed health care professionals in Minnesota.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity*	Number of licensees (LAMFT & LMFT)	2,793	3,041	FY19 (year-end); FY22 (year-end)
Quantity	Program Sponsor and LMFT CE program approval applications reviewed and processed	3,108 (405 CE Sponsor apps; 2,703 LMFT apps)	3,912 (371 CE sponsor apps; 3,541 LMFT apps)	Calendar year 2019; Calendar year 2021
Quality	Staff response to stakeholder inquiry received by email or telephone within 3 business days	Quality response implemented FY2019. Formal statistics not maintained.	On average 92% of emails / voicemails received an initial response from Board staff within 3 business days	Prior to FY2019; FY2019 – FY2022

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Results	Transition of MN LMFT License Examination from oral to written format due to COVID-19	182 oral license exams Oral licensure examinations ended 3/13/2020. No exams administered 3/15/20-7/15/20. Written examination procedures implemented 7/15/2020.	139 (2020) 171 (2021)	Calendar year 2019; Calendar year 2020 Calendar year 2021

*Source: ALIMS licensing database system.

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is authorized by M.S. 148B.29-.392 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148B>) and operates pursuant to Administrative Rule 5300 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=5300>). The Board is also governed by provisions found in various Minnesota Statutes, including chapters 13, 13D, 14, 15 and 214.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1201 - Health Related Boards	334	370	357	466	410	410	443	456
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	6	6	6	9	7	7	7	7
Total	340	375	363	475	417	417	450	463
Biennial Change			122		(4)		75	
Biennial % Change			17		(0)		9	
Enacted Budget Change from Base							79	
Enacted Budget % Change from Base							9	

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24FY25		Enacted Budget FY24FY25	
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		54		56				
Direct Appropriation	384	389	413	410	410	410	443	456
Cancellations		73						
Balance Forward Out	50		56					
Expenditures	334	370	357	466	410	410	443	456
Biennial Change in Expenditures				119		(3)		76
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				17		(0)		9
Enacted Budget Change from Base								79
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								10

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	1	1	2	2				
Receipts	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7
Balance Forward Out		2	2					
Expenditures	6	6	6	9	7	7	7	7
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3		(1)		(1)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				28		(8)		(8)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
<i>Direct</i>				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2023 Appropriations	410	410	410	820
Forecast Base	410	410	410	820
Change Items				
Maintain Current Service Levels		33	46	79
Total Enacted Budget	410	443	456	899
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	9	7	7	14
Forecast Base	9	7	7	14
Total Enacted Budget	9	7	7	14
<i>Revenue Change Summary</i>				
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	7	7	7	14
Total Enacted Budget	7	7	7	14
<i>Non-Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	436	436	436	872
Change Items				
Fee Change		302	302	604
Total Enacted Budget	436	738	738	1,476

(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 Marriage and Family Therapy.

1201 - Health Related Boards Fund Cost (Savings)	0	33	46	79	46	46	92
Expenditures	0	33	46	79	46	46	92

Fee Change

This provision increases nine fees administered by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy related to application and licensure. The increased fees are required to meet ongoing, required Board operating costs.

1201 - Health Related Boards Fund Cost (Savings)	0	(302)	(302)	(604)	(302)	(302)	(604)
Revenues	0	302	302	604	302	302	604