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AT A GLANCE

Credentialing Services

- 2,467 license renewals
- 395 new licenses issued

Education Services

- 36 education programs reviewed

Complaint Review

- 10 complaints investigated

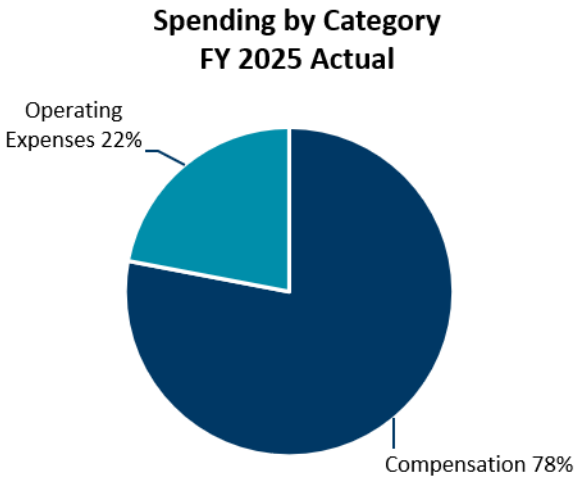
PURPOSE

The Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice protects the public through licensure of dietitians and nutritionists, establishment of continuing education standards, and investigation and resolution of complaints against licensees and unlicensed individuals engaging in the practice. The Board was established in 1995 under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 148 and Rules 3250.

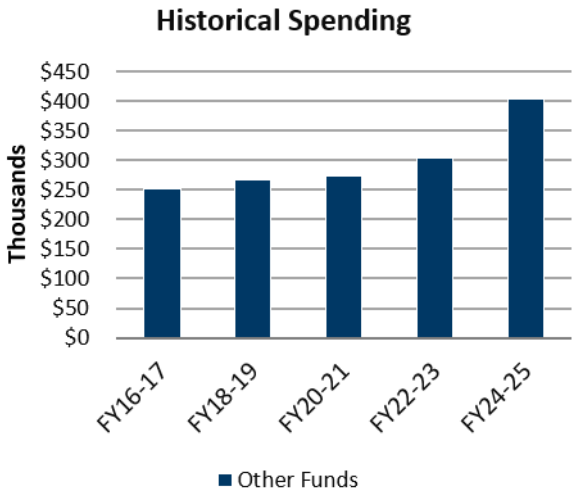
The mission of the Board is to:

- Ensure that all licensees meet the educational and practical requirements specified in law.
- Ensure that all licensees provide competent dietetic and nutrition care.
- Set standards for quality dietetic and nutrition services.
- Promote the public's interest in receiving quality dietetic and nutrition services.

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



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 enough 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 Administrative Services Unit, Health Professionals Services Program, Office of the Attorney General for legal services, and the Criminal Background Check Program.

STRATEGIES

The Board accomplishes its mission through implementation of the following strategies:

- Minnesota requires licensing or certification of dietitians and nutritionists. Initial licensure applications are reviewed to ensure that licenses are granted only when education, pre-professional experience, and national examination requirements are met. A Criminal Background Check is conducted and reviewed on all applicants with follow-up performed on actions disclosed in the report. License renewals ensure that current licensees have completed the required hours of continuing education. The Board follows up on any licensee responding negatively to application renewal practice questions.
- The Board's Complaint Resolution Committee (CRC) receives, investigates, and resolves complaints regarding the conduct or standard of care provided by licensees. The CRC also reviews complaints of unlicensed individuals engaging in the practice.
- The Board trend of new licenses being issued to out-of-state applicants continues with 75% in FY26.
- The Board experienced a 107% increase in new licenses issued from 191 in FY21 to 395 in FY26. The Board's commitment to technology upgrades has contributed to minimal staffing increases to accommodate this increased workload.
- The Board promotes awareness of best practices in the profession.
- The seven-member Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is comprised of 2 licensed dietitians and 2 licensed nutritionists, considered subject matter experts, and 3 public members, as appointed by the Governor. Members are volunteers that receive a per diem and mileage reimbursement for attendance at meetings.

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Percent of new license applications completed online	Quality	ALIMS Database	The Board has a paperless work environment.	FY26 - 100% were completed online resulting in efficiencies.
Increase in number of licenses issued	Quantity	ALIMS Database	FY26 - 395 Licenses granted FY21 - 191 Licenses granted	107% increase of licenses issued
Percent of online renewals	Quality	ALIMS Database	FY26 – 2,467 completed renewals FY21 - 1,931 completed renewals	FY26 100% completed online, resulting in efficiencies.
Length of time to issue licenses upon receipt of all requirements	Quality	ALIMS Database	Board expectation is to issue new licenses within 5 days upon receipt of all documentation.	FY26 – 100% were granted within that timeframe.

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

The Board delivers services that have not yet been evaluated using randomized controlled trials or quasi-experimental methods. While the public protection functions of professional licensing boards are not typically subject to randomized controlled trials, substantial evidence supports the underlying theory that regulatory oversight reduces the risk of harm by establishing minimum qualifications, requiring continuing education, investigating complaints, and imposing corrective action when practitioners fail to meet professional standards.

The statutory authority for the Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is located in Chapter 148.621 – 148.634: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148.621

The rules are located in MN Rules Chapter 3250. https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=3250
Additional statutes pertaining to all health licensing boards are found in Chapters 13, 16, and 214.