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Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy

Agency Profile 1

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

AT A GLANCE

Licensing

- 9,443 active licenses and temporary permits
- 2,314 new licenses and temporary permits issued
- 2,363 new license and temporary permit applications received
- 11,951 licenses and temporary permits renewed

Complaints

- 407 new complaints received
- 580 complaints closed
- 48 disciplinary actions taken

Staff

- 8.0 full time equivalent employees

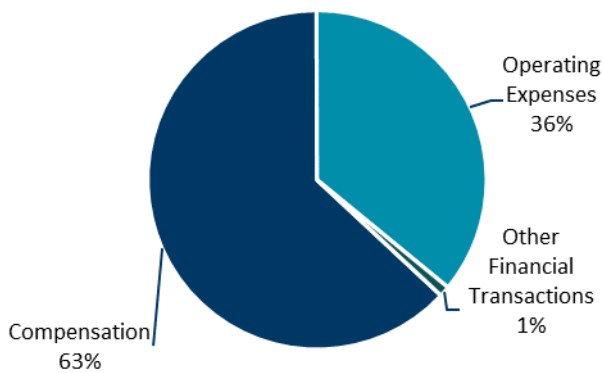
FY 23 and FY24 data

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.

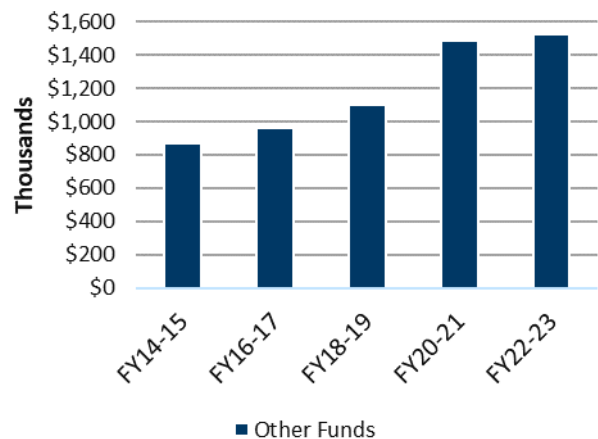
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2023 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), the Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), the 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 temporary 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

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of new licenses issued	Quantity	Automated Licensure Information Management System (ALIMS)-Board’s data system	The number of new licenses issued by the Board each fiscal year continues to increase.	FY23-1,111 FY24-1,203
Percent of Licensee’s renewing online	Quality	ALIMS-Board’s data system	The number of licensees renewing online has increased around 15% since FYs 21 and 22.	FY23-5309 (92%) FY24-5659 (92%)

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of disciplinary actions take	Quantity	ALIMS-Board's data system	As the total number of licensees increases, the number of disciplinary actions taken by the Board increases.	FY23-27 FY24-28

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>).