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**AT A GLANCE**

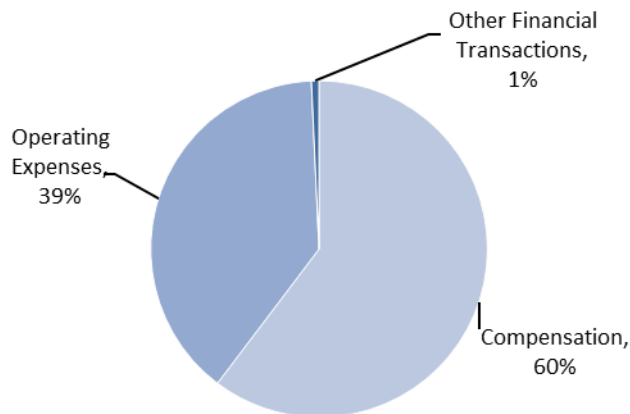
- The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) licenses and regulates over 3,000 active and 150 inactive Doctors of Chiropractic (DC)
- In addition to the DC license, the MBCE issues sub-registrations in Acupuncture, Animal Chiropractic, independent examination, professional firms, and a graduate preceptorship program
- The board is composed of 5 professional members (licensees of the board) and 2 public members
- The board employs five full time staff

**PURPOSE**

The mission of the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) is to protect the public through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of chiropractic to ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice in the profession.

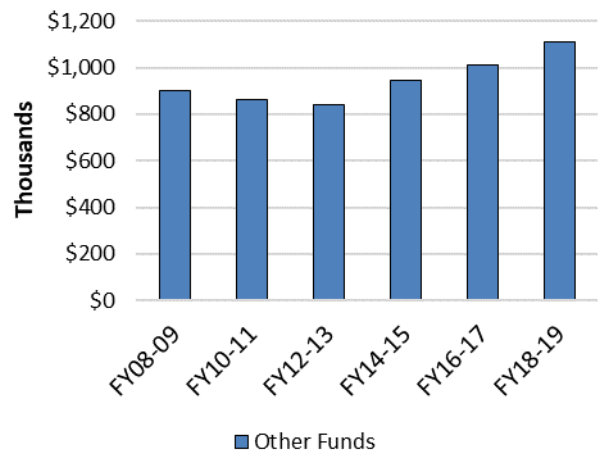
**BUDGET**

**Spending by Category  
FY 2019 Actual**



*Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)*

**Historical 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.

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 (interboard) replaced by the Small Agency Resource Team in circa 2019, Health Professionals Services Program (interboard), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, and the Criminal Background Check Program (interboard).

## STRATEGIES

The Board protects the public and ensures the competency of doctors of chiropractic by:

- Reviewing the education and credentials of applicants for licensure
- Allowing externships under a licensed doctor of chiropractic for recent graduates
- Collaborating with other states to assess legal, educational and professional trends
- Approving continuing education programs and auditing licensees for these requirements
- Receiving, reviewing and if necessary, investigating complaints from the public
- Initiating educational meetings or disciplinary action with licensees where necessary
- Maintaining a website with relevant information for licensees and members of the public
- Promulgating rules where additional direction may be required
- Monitoring budget data to ensure efficient utilization of fiscal resources

The Board partners with the 1) National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, which provides the necessary professional testing for licensure in Minnesota; 2) the Minnesota Attorney General's office as the attorney for the Board; and 3) The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards, an information repository for chiropractic regulation across the United States, as well as internationally. This organization also provides a national database of disciplinary actions, assisting the Board in licensing / regulatory decisions.

## RESULTS

Type of Measure	FY 2015-2016	FY 2017-2018
Number of complaints	295	252
Number of violations	97	70
Continuing Education (CE)	FY 2011-2016	FY 2017-2018
CE audit deficiencies	917	364
CE audit failure* terminations	35	16

Notes:

\*Audit failure means a licensee had a CE deficiency that was not rectified, and their license was terminated.

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M.S. 148.01 to 148.107 <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148> and M.R. 2500.0100 to 2500.7090 <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/2500.0100/> provide legal authority to the MBCE.