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**AT A GLANCE**

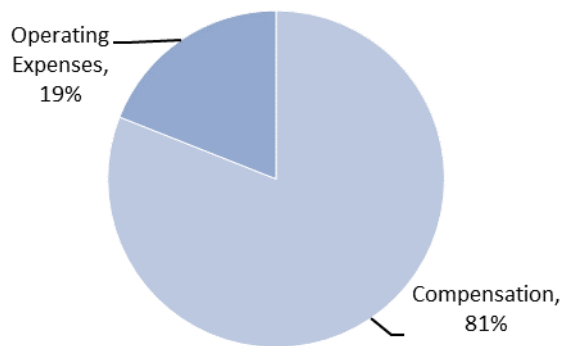
- Regulates 3,370 licensees & license applicants: 2,800 licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT); 279 licensed associate marriage and family therapists (LAMFT); and 291 license applicants
- Issues an average of 320-340 new licensees annually (approximately 170-180 LMFT and 150-160 LAMFT)
- Processes 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.

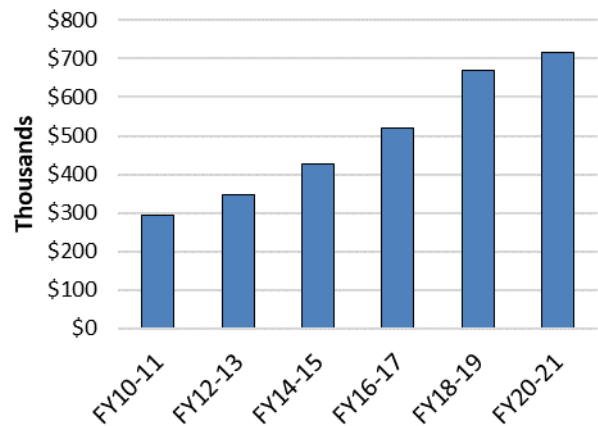
**BUDGET**

**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.

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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.