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AT A GLANCE

Licensing services through August 22, 2018

- 3955 total number of active occupational therapist licensees
- 1246 total number of active occupational therapy assistant licensees
- 22 total number of currently active temporary occupational therapist licensees
- 14 total number of currently active temporary occupational therapy assistant licensees

Complaint Services- FY ending 6/30/2018 January 1, 2018- June 30, 2018

- 8 complaints open/received**
- 7 complaints closed

Staff

- 2.0 full time equivalent employees currently employed
- full time equivalent employee position (open)

*Occupational Therapy Licensing transitioned from MN Department of Health to MN Board of Occupational Therapy Practice (Board) fully 4/19/2018

**This includes active complaint files transitioned from MN Department of Health January 2018.

PURPOSE

The Minnesota Board of Occupational Therapy Practice exists to protect the public through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of occupational therapy to reasonably ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice. Licensing of occupational therapy practitioners began in 1996 under the umbrella of the Minnesota Department of Health. The Board was established in 2018 under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 148 transitioning all licensing activities from the Minnesota Department of Health to the newly formed Board. The Board carries out its mission by granting qualified applicants the privilege to practice in Minnesota and by investigating complaints related to the statutory obligation of licensed individuals to provide competent, ethical care.

The Board contributes to the statewide outcomes:

- **People in Minnesota are safe**
- **All Minnesotans have optimal health**
- **Government services are efficient and accountable**

BUDGET

The Board of Occupational Therapy was established January 1, 2018. Prior to January 1, 2018 this program was under the Department of Health.

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 (inter-board), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, and the Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board).

STRATEGIES

The Board of Occupational Therapy Practice promotes and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Minnesota, accomplishes its public protection mission, and contributes to statewide outcomes by:

- Issuing licenses to practice only to qualified individuals;
- Administering the license renewal process;
- Responding to inquiries, complaints, and reports regarding applicants and licensees;
- Investigating and resolving complaints;
- Maintaining a comprehensive website that provides information to licensees, applicants, the public, and any other interested parties;
- Ensuring inquiries are managed in a timely and efficient manner;
- Educating stakeholders, licensees, potential licensees, educational programs, and the public;
- Conducting ongoing analysis of regulatory body best practice to ensure effective decision making

RESULTS

The information included below was generated using the Board’s licensure and regulatory database. The information demonstrates data collected and extrapolated from licensing at the Minnesota Department of Health along with the Board’s licensing activities. The total number of licensees continues to increase annually. Complaint data will be more reflective of current metrics at the end of FY19.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity*	Number of new licenses issued: Occupational Therapist Occupational Therapy Assistants	244 111	262 93	FY 2017 & FY 2018
Quantity*	Number of licensees renewing: Occupational Therapist Occupational Therapy Assistants	2031 713	2665 564	FY 2017 & FY 2018

*Includes Minnesota Department of Health Data. Licensing responsibility did not begin with the Board until April 17, 2018.

The Board’s activities are governed by Minnesota Statutes sections 148.6401 to 148.6449 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148>) and Minnesota Statutes chapter 214 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=214>).