

Agency Purpose

Minnesota Statutes 148.65 - 148.78 and Minnesota Rules 5600.0100 - 5601.3200 authorize the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy to act as the official licensure agency for physical therapists. It was originally created and currently exists to protect the public's interest through the regulation of physical therapists in the state of Minnesota. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination and renewal, as well as investigation and resolution of complaints.

The vision of the board is to ensure that Minnesota citizens receive quality physical therapy services from competent physical therapists.

The mission of the board is to protect the public through licensure of qualified physical therapists and to provide timely and impartial resolution of complaints against physical therapists.

Core Functions

The board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ establishing standards for initial licensure;
- ◆ responding to complaints about physical therapists and enforcing the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Minnesota;
- ◆ ensuring that physical therapists meet the standards for licensure renewal;
- ◆ identifying physical therapists who fail to maintain the minimum standards necessary for the provision of safe and quality care;
- ◆ providing timely and appropriate disciplinary or corrective action when warranted;
- ◆ establishing continuing education requirements and monitoring compliance with those requirements; and
- ◆ providing accurate information and education to the public, other interested parties, and licensees.

Operations

- ⇒ The board consists of nine board members (four physical therapists, one physical therapist assistant, one physician, and three public members) appointed by the governor. The board divides its responsibilities between three subcommittees: the licensure, continuing education, and administration committee; the complaint review committee; and the legislative committee.
- ⇒ On a daily basis the board staff processes documents and responds to inquiries related to initial license applications, continuing education courses, annual license renewals, complaint registrations and investigations, and the physical therapy practice act. Services are delivered through direct communication, the board's web site, and presentations to students in Minnesota physical therapy educational programs and licensed physical therapists.
- ⇒ The board serves the following populations: consumers (patients and clients as well as family members and friends of patients), licensed physical therapists, applicants for licensure, employers, governmental agencies, third party payers, and sponsors of education courses.

Key Measures

- ⇒ In FY 2006 the board processed 212 applications for initial licensure, 3,540 license renewals, and 121 temporary permit applications; reviewed 374 continuing education courses; and investigated and reached final disposition on 37 complaint files.
- ⇒ Annual license renewal applications are fully processed the day they are received. Exam scores are e-mailed to applicants on the day the results are received by the board. Initial licenses are issued, on average, one week after the applicant meets all requirements.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2006-07:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$537,000

Total Estimated Revenues: \$569,000

Staff: 2 Full-time equivalent employees

Minnesota Licensed Physical Therapist Statistics

(As of June 30, 2006)

Total Licensed: 3,600

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$537,000, which includes 2.0 full-time equivalent employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent, and other operating expenditures. The board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, Office of Mental Health Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

The board is estimated to collect \$569,000 in FY 2006-07, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and sponsors of continuing education programs.

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The web site at: <http://www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about physical therapists. Types of information available through the web site include: regulatory news and updates, public notices, search and verification of licensure status, Minnesota Physical Therapy statutes and rules, complaint and report information and forms, disciplinary orders, and licensure application forms and instructions.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	210	207	207	207	414
Forecast Base	210	207	207	207	414
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					-0.7%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	200	217	207	207	414
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	5	4	6	6	12
Total	205	221	213	213	426
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	161	162	167	172	339
Other Operating Expenses	44	59	46	41	87
Total	205	221	213	213	426
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Physical Therapy Bd	205	221	213	213	426
Total	205	221	213	213	426
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	1.9	1.9	3.0	3.0	

PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	298	297	298	299	597
Other Revenues:					
State Government Spec Revenue	(5)	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	293	297	298	299	597
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue					
	293	297	298	299	597