

Agency Purpose

Minnesota Statutes 148B.01-148B.28 authorizes the Minnesota Board of Social Work to license social workers and regulate social work practice in the state of Minnesota. The board is authorized to promulgate rules, which are found in Minnesota Rules Ch. 8740.

The board's mission is to *ensure citizens of Minnesota quality social work services by establishing and enforcing profession standards.*

The board's vision is to *protect the public through licensure of qualified social workers and to provide timely and impartial resolution of complaints against social workers.*

Core Functions

The board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ setting and administering minimum educational, supervision, and examination requirements for initial licensure as a social worker;
- ◆ setting and administering requirements for renewal of licensure;
- ◆ setting standards of ethical practice;
- ◆ responding to inquiries, complaints, and reports regarding applicants, licensees, temporary license holders, and unlicensed practitioners;
- ◆ investigating complaints of alleged violations of statutes and rules, holding educational and disciplinary conferences with licensees, and taking legal action when appropriate against licensees who fail to meet minimum standards of practice;
- ◆ approving continuing education programs; and
- ◆ providing information about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public and other interested parties.

Operations

- ⇒ The board consists of 10 licensed social workers and five public members appointed by the governor.
- ⇒ The board normally meets six times per year, although additional subcommittees meet as needed.
- ⇒ The board benefits and affects the public by ensuring that licensed social workers meet and maintain minimum standards of competence and ethical practice.
- ⇒ Current issues affecting the board are posted on the board's web site.

Key Measures

- ⇒ In FY 2006, 853 licenses were issued across all categories of social work licenses.
- ⇒ The board received 89 complaints in FY 2006, down 22% from FY 2005, and closed 120.
- ⇒ Currently the board has 58% of its licensees using the online renewal service.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$2.253 million, which includes 10.10 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.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2006-07:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$2.253 million

Total Estimated Revenues: \$2.327 million

Staff: 9.2 Full-time equivalent employees

Minnesota Licensed Social Worker Statistics
(As of June 30, 2006):

Total Licensed: 10,027

The board is estimated to collect \$2.327 million 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: www.socialwork.state.mn.us gives visitors easy access to useful information about social work. Types of information available through the web site include: regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, and public notices.

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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	978	973	973	973	1,946
Forecast Base	978	973	973	973	1,946
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					-0.3%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	787	1,164	973	973	1,946
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	18	10	18	18	36
Statutory Appropriations					
Misc Special Revenue	8	21	14	14	28
Total	813	1,195	1,005	1,005	2,010
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	604	747	727	756	1,483
Other Operating Expenses	209	448	278	249	527
Total	813	1,195	1,005	1,005	2,010
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Social Work, Board Of	813	1,195	1,005	1,005	2,010
Total	813	1,195	1,005	1,005	2,010
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	9.6	11.3	11.3	11.3	

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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	1,111	950	963	964	1,927
Other Revenues:					
State Government Spec Revenue	(6)	1	0	0	0
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	1,105	951	963	964	1,927
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Other Revenues:					
Misc Special Revenue	11	14	14	14	28
Total Dedicated Receipts	11	14	14	14	28
Agency Total Revenue	1,116	965	977	978	1,955