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AT A GLANCE

- 6,300 total licensees (4,715 PTs and 1,585 PTAs)
- 897 new licenses issued (655 PTs and 242 PTAs)
- 101 total complaints
- 77 resolved complaints
- 27 discipline orders
- 24 total open complaints on 6/30/14; 12 open longer than one year
- 1,513 Continuing Education courses reviewed FY13-14 data

PURPOSE

The Board works to ensure that **people in Minnesota are safe**. We license qualified applicants, and make sure that physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) maintain competence. We thoroughly investigate complaints against licensees, provide timely and impartial resolution, and when necessary, discipline licensees.

Our mission is to ensure that Minnesotans receive appropriate physical therapy from competent PTs and PTAs.



BUDGET

Our agency is funded by fees paid for licensing and continuing education program approvals.

STRATEGIES

The Board of Physical Therapy protects the public by licensing only qualified applicants. We also ensure that licensees meet continuing competency standards and practice with skill and safety. We investigate complaints, and enforce standards of practice and ethical conduct. Our efficient initial licensure and annual renewal processes ensure that a PT work force is available to provide care to patients. We provide comprehensive and easily available information to consumers, licensees, and applicants via website, email, in person, and telephone. Our efficiency is enhanced with an integrated regulatory database and web services. The 11 member Board (3 public members, 1 medical doctor, 2 physical therapist assistants, and 5 physical therapists) provides oversight, policy direction, and professional expertise.

RESULTS

Type of Measure	Name of Measure	Previous	Current	Dates
Quantity	Percent of licensees using the online annual license renewal system	90%	94%	2010 & 2013
Quality	Percent of licenses renewed the same day we receive the complete application	98%	99%	2007 & 2013
Quality	Percent of complaint cases resolved in less than one year.	22%	76%	2006 & 2014

M.S. 148.65-148.78 and M.R. 5601.0100-5601.3200 (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148.65) provide the legal authority for the Board of Physical Therapy .

(Dollars in Thousands)

Expenditures By Fund

	Actua FY12	al FY13	Actual FY14	Estimate FY15	Forecast FY16	Base FY17	Govern Recomme FY16	
1201 - Health Related Boards	290	389	306	434	355	355	359	364
Total	290	389	306	434	355	355	359	364
Biennial Change				61		(30)		(17)
Biennial % Change				9		(4)		(2)
Governor's Change from Base								13
Governor's % Change from Base								2
Expenditures by Program								
Program: Physical Therapy Bd	290	389	306	434	355	355	359	364
Total	290	389	306	434	355	355	359	364
Expenditures by Category								
Compensation	195	229	233	241	267	269	269	273
Operating Expenses	94	129	72	193	88	86	90	91
Other Financial Transactions		30	1					
Total	290	389	306	434	355	355	359	364
Full-Time Equivalents	2.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

(Dollars in Thousands)

1201 - Health Related Boards

	Actual		Actual Estimate		Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY12	FY 13	FY 14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
Balance Forward In		147		83				
Direct Appropriation	389	355	390	350	350	350	354	359
Open Appropriation	4	0	0	0	5	5	5	5
Cancellations		113						
Expenditures	290	389	306	434	355	355	359	364
Balance Forward Out	103		83					
Biennial Change in Expenditures				61		(30)		(17)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				9		(4)		(2)
Gov's Exp Change from Base								13
Gov's Exp % Change from Base								2
FTEs	2.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

Physical Therapy, Board of

FY16-17 Biennial Budget Change Item

Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Fund				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Health Related Boards Fund				
Expenditures	4	9	9	9
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact =	4	9	9	9
(Expenditures – Revenues)				
FTEs	0	0	0	0

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding for compensation related costs associated with the delivery of agency services. This amount represents an annual increase of 1.8% for General Fund compensation costs.

Rationale/Background:

Each year, compensation costs rise due to labor contract settlements, and changes in employer-paid contributions for insurance, FICA, Medicare, retirement, and other factors. Absorbing this increase in compensation costs within existing agency base appropriations results in reduced staffing and/or reduced non-compensation spending.

Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agencies' general fund budgets for employee wage and benefit costs by 1.8% per year for FY 2016-17. Agencies were instructed to include a 1.8% increase to total compensation each year in their base budgets, based upon the compound annual compensation spending rate increase per FTE over the last ten years for executive branch employees. This recommendation is intended to allow agencies to maintain their current level of agency operations.

For non-General Fund direct appropriated funds, the Governor's budget recommendations also include an adjustment of 1.8% per year, where the amount can be supported by the source of revenue.

Results:

This proposal is intended to allow agencies to continue to provide current levels of service and information to the public.

Statutory Change(s):

N.A.