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AT A GLANCE

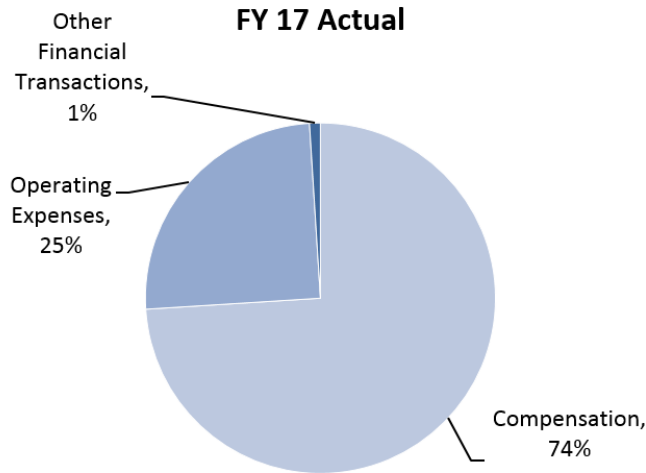
- Regulates 2,725 licensees: 2,387 licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT); 338 licensed associate marriage and family therapists (LAMFT) (as of 08/01/2018)
- Issues an average of 365 new licensees annually (approximately 200 LMFT and 165 LAMFT)
- Processes over 625 license-related applications annually (initial/exam, LAMFT, LMFT final, reciprocity)
- Annually receives and investigates 60-70 complaints
- 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. Minnesotans are well-served by our efficient licensing process, monitoring of each licensee’s continuing competency through education, thorough and effective investigation of complaints, educational outreach, and publication of disciplinary and corrective actions. The Board’s work helps keep Minnesotans **safe** while providing **efficient and accountable government services**.

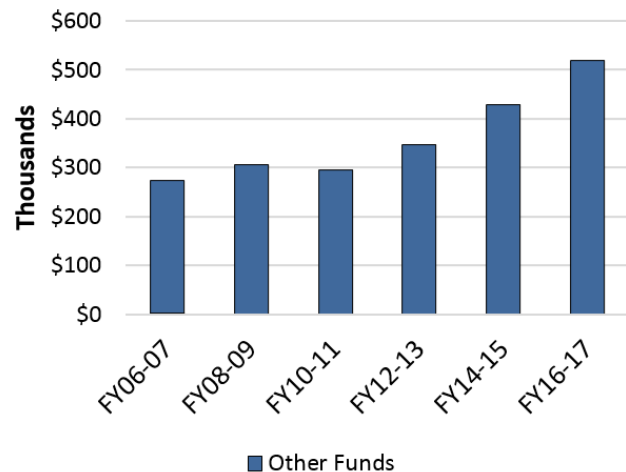
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 17 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 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. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation.

In addition to Board operations, fees collected also fund joint/multiple board entities, such as the Administrative Services Unit, the Health Professionals Services Program and the Criminal Background Check Office, as well as funding legal services provided by the MN Office of the Attorney General.

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 majority 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;
- Conduct an in-person 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;
- Regularly collaborate with other government entities including Minnesota Department of Human Services, Minnesota Department of Health, Health Professional Services Program, and Minnesota Department of Revenue.

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)	2,240	2,565	FY15 (year-end); FY17 (year-end)
Quantity	Applications processed (Initial/exam, LMFT final, reciprocity)	393	466	FY15; FY17
Quantity	LMFT licensure oral examinations administered	190	227	Calendar year 2015; Calendar year 2017
Quality	Percent of LMFT licenses renewed online	97%	98%	2015 renewal period (December 2015); 2017 renewal period (December 2017)
Quality	Percent of LAMFT licenses renewed online	97%	100%	2015 renewal periods (January & June 2015); 2017 renewal periods (January & June 2017)
Quantity	Complaints received	74	61	FY2015; FY2017

Source: ALIMS and SBLM board database systems.

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is authorized by M.S. 148B.01-.39 (<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.

Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of

Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY16	Actual FY17	Actual FY18	Estimate FY19	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY20	FY21	FY20	FY21

Expenditures by Fund

1201 - Health Related Boards	254	265	303	422	376	377	394	399
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue			4	11	10	10	10	10
Total	254	265	307	433	386	387	404	409
Biennial Change				222		33		73
Biennial % Change				43		4		10
Governor's Change from Base								40
Governor's % Change from Base								5

Expenditures by Program

Marriage & Family Therapy Bd	254	265	307	433	386	387	404	409
Total	254	265	307	433	386	387	404	409

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	198	195	235	276	276	279	287	293
Operating Expenses	56	67	72	147	110	108	117	116
Other Financial Transaction		3	0	10				
Total	254	265	307	433	386	387	404	409

Full-Time Equivalents

	2.34	2.09	2.55	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY16	Actual FY17	Actual FY18	Estimate FY19	Forecast Base FY20 FY21		Governor's Recommendation FY20 FY21	
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		37		60				
Direct Appropriation	274	287	363	362	366	367	384	389
Open Appropriation	12				10	10	10	10
Transfers In	6							
Cancellations		60						
Balance Forward Out	37		60					
Expenditures	254	265	303	422	376	377	394	399
Biennial Change in Expenditures				206		28		68
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				40		4		9
Governor's Change from Base								40
Governor's % Change from Base								5
Full-Time Equivalents	2.34	2.09	2.55	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In				1				
Receipts			5	10	10	10	10	10
Balance Forward Out			1					
Expenditures			4	11	10	10	10	10
Biennial Change in Expenditures				15		5		5
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						29		29
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	Biennium 2020-21
Direct				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2019 Appropriations	362	362	362	724
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		3	4	7
Pension Allocation		1	1	2
Forecast Base	362	366	367	733
Change Items				
Operating Adjustment		18	22	40
Total Governor's Recommendations	362	384	389	773
Open				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Base Adjustments				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		10	10	20
Forecast Base		10	10	20
Total Governor's Recommendations		10	10	20
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	11	10	10	20
Forecast Base	11	10	10	20
Total Governor's Recommendations	11	10	10	20
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	10	10	10	20
Total Governor's Recommendations	10	10	10	20
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	391	391	391	782
Total Governor's Recommendations	391	391	391	782

Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of

FY 2020-21 Biennial Budget Change Item

Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
General Fund				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	18	22	17	17
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	18	22	17	17
FTEs	0	0	0	0

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding and spending authority of \$40,000 in the FY 2020-2021 biennium to maintain the current level of service delivery at The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy. The Board is solely fee supported and will collect sufficient revenue to meet projected operational cost increases.

Rationale/Background:

Each year, the cost of doing business rises—employer-paid health care contributions, FICA and Medicare, along with other salary and compensation-related costs increase. Other operating costs, like rent and lease, fuel and utilities, and IT and legal services also grow. This cost growth puts pressure on agency operating budgets that remain flat from year to year.

Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agency operating budgets to maintain the delivery of current services. For the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, this funding will cover known employee compensation growth, rulemaking, and IT costs. IT cost growth drivers may include dedicated MN.IT staff compensation-related increases, increased volume usage of enterprise IT services, increased software licensing costs, and/or application support and maintenance cost increases.

Small Agency Increase:	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Increased salary & benefit cost of Board staff (3.0 FTE)	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Rulemaking	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
MN.IT / Technology Costs (See detail below)	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Total	\$18,000	\$22,000	\$17,000	\$17,000

Equity and Inclusion:

The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. The positive impact of this change will be to continue to provide services for all people of the State of Minnesota without discrimination. There are no potential positive or negative impacts on identified groups.

IT Related Proposal:

Category	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Payroll						
Professional/Technical Contracts	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Infrastructure						
Hardware						
Software						
Training						
Enterprise Services	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Staff costs (MNIT or agency)						
Total	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
MNIT FTEs						
Agency FTEs						

Results:

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

Statutory Change(s):

No statutory change is required.