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**AT A GLANCE**

- Serves over 2430 licensees: 2080 licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT); 355 licensed associate marriage and family therapists (LAMFT)
- Issues an average of 170 new licensees annually
- Processes over 400 applications annually
- Annually receives and investigates 60-70 complaints
- 100% fee-supported; no general fund dollars

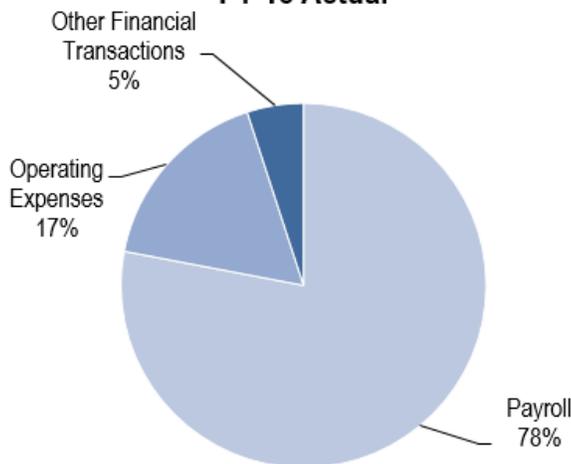
**PURPOSE**

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, timely and complete investigation of complaints, monitoring of licensee continuing education, action to curb unlicensed practice, and publication of disciplinary and corrective actions.

The Board’s work contributes to the statewide outcome that Minnesotans are safe and does so while providing efficient and accountable government services.

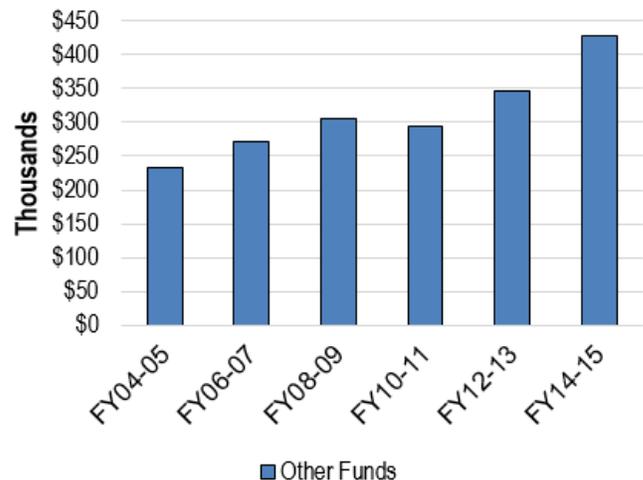
**BUDGET**

**Spending by Category  
FY 15 Actual**



Source: BPAS

**Historical Spending**



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is solely funded by fees collected from applicants, licensees and continuing education program sponsors. 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. The Board receives no general fund dollars.

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).

Initial license and license renewal fees are nearly 80% of collected revenue; 14% of revenue comes from application filings; 5% is from continuing education program applications paid by continuing education program sponsors.

## STRATEGIES

To accomplish the Board's mission, we:

- Set standards for initial licensure and review an applicant's education and training to ensure compliance with all requirements;
- 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;
- Hold licensees accountable for their professional conduct based on legal, ethical and professional standards;
- 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 audit a subset of licensees to ensure that continuing education requirements are met;
- 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;
- Provide primary source license verification to individuals, other licensing entities, health care providers and payers;
- 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)	1,868	2,435	FY13 (year-end); FY15 (year-end)
Quantity	Applications processed (national exam, state licensure, reciprocity)	367	430	FY13; FY15
Quantity	LMFT licensure oral examinations administered	159	182	Calendar year 2013; Calendar year 2015
Quality	Percent of LMFT licenses renewed online	83%	97%	2013 renewal period (December 2013-January 2014); 2015 renewal period (December 2015-January 2016)
Quality	Percent of LAMFT licenses renewed online	90%	97%	2013 renewal periods (January & June 2013); 2015 renewal periods (January & June 2015)
Quantity	Complaints received	69	74	FY13; FY15

Source: ALIMS and SBLM board database systems.

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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.