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AT A GLANCE

- Serves over 2100 licensees: 1800 licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT); 300 licensed associate marriage and family therapists (LAMFT)
- Issues an average of 150 new licensees annually
- Processes over 350 applications annually
- Annually receives and investigates 60-70 complaints
- 100% fee-supported; no general fund dollars

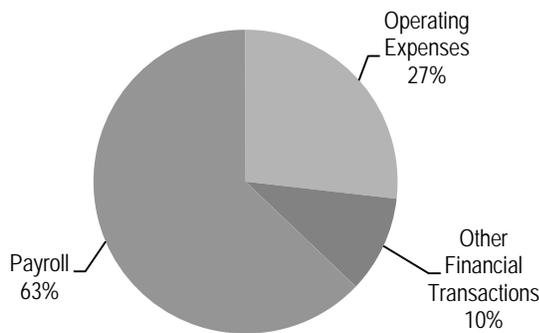
PURPOSE

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.

Our work contributes to the statewide outcome **that Minnesotans are safe**, and does so while providing **efficient and accountable government services**.

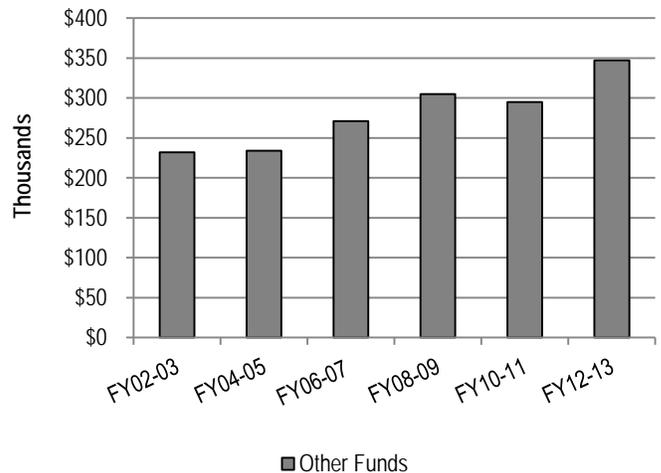
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 13 Actual**



Source: SWIFT

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

We are funded solely by fees collected from applicants, licensees and continuing education program sponsors. Initial license and license renewal fees are nearly 80% of collected revenue; 14% of revenue comes from application filings; 5% is from CE program applications paid by CE 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 LMFT 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 CE requirements are met;
- Maintain mandated and educational information on a public website;
- Work collaboratively with academic institutions and national and state MFT 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)	1,628	1,868	FY12 (year-end); FY13 (year-end)
Quantity	Applications processed (national exam, state licensure, reciprocity)	350	367	FY12; FY13
Quantity	LMFT licensure oral examinations administered	175	179	FY12 ; FY13
Quality	Percent of LMFT licenses renewed online	75%	83%	2012 renewal period (December 2011-January 2012); 2013 renewal period (December 2012-January 2013)
Quality	Percent of LAMFT licenses renewed online	84%	90%	2012 renewal periods (January & June 2012); 2013 renewal periods (January & June 2013)
Quantity	Complaints received	53	69	FY12; FY13

Source: Small Board License Management database.

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is authorized and 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.