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AT A GLANCE

- 3225 veterinarians served, 2650 active, 575 inactive, 21 suspended as of 6/30/13
- 60% of Minnesotans estimated to own animals
- Veterinarians renew licenses every two years
- Average of 150 new licensees yearly
- 72 complaints from the public investigated annually
- Funding by fees, no general fund dollars
- Two full time staff persons

PURPOSE

The mission of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and animals. We achieve this through the effective control and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine on behalf of animals and their owners. We ensure Minnesota veterinarians have the education and skills needed to become licensed, and that they will work to optimize animal health. We curb the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine that endangers animals and the public.

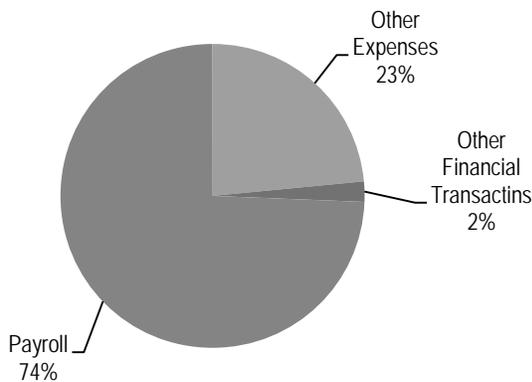
We work effectively to maintain current standards for the practice of veterinary medicine in Minnesota. These services include assessment of veterinarians' qualifications for licensure, investigation and remediation of public complaints pertaining to veterinary medicine, and provision of public access to disciplinary and corrective actions. To prevent substandard veterinary care, we monitor veterinarians' ongoing completion of continuing education and communicate strategies to optimize veterinarians' professional conduct.

The Board of Veterinary Medicine's work significantly contributes to the following statewide outcomes:

- Minnesotans have the education and skills needed to achieve their goals
- People in Minnesota are safe
- Efficient and accountable government services

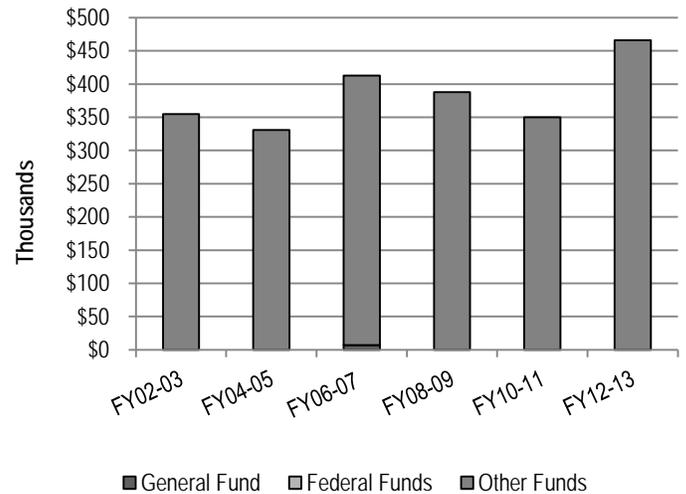
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 13 Actual**



Source: SWIFT

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

Our agency is funded by dollars generated by fees paid for licensing, professional firm registration and annual reports, continuing education program approvals, and fines.

STRATEGIES

To accomplish our mission, we utilize the following strategies:

1. Regulatory:

- ensure license applicants are qualified to practice veterinary medicine in Minnesota by careful review of credentials
- examine each license applicant's knowledge of standards of veterinary practice, laws, and rules
- evaluate declarations of any criminal charges, license discipline or insufficient continuing education
- hold veterinarians accountable for their professional conduct based on legal, ethical and professional standards
- require veterinarians to stay updated on advances in veterinary medicine through continuing education
- investigate complaints pertaining to veterinarians or unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine
- take corrective or disciplinary action if a risk to human or animal safety is identified, and determine what course of action will improve a veterinarian's performance
- register professional firms practicing veterinary medicine
- facilitate license application, license renewal, and filing of complaints via our interactive website
- provide other states with verification of the license status of a veterinarian when requested
- collaborate with the other MN government agencies: Board of Pharmacy, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Health Professionals Services Program, Board of Animal Health, Department of Health, Racing Commission
- collaborate with federal government agencies: Drug Enforcement Agency, US Department of Agriculture, and Internal Revenue Service

2. Education:

- inform veterinarians of any regulatory changes that impact the practice of veterinary medicine
- provide education on regulatory issues via: written materials on our website, direct mail, and presentations at veterinary conferences and the University of Minnesota.
- assist the public by relaying information regarding the scope of practice of veterinary medicine, complaint process and past corrective and disciplinary action for veterinarians
- address questions posed by the media, legislature, veterinarians, public, agencies, firms, and associations

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Number of licensees	3,182	3,225	FY12 & FY13
Quality	Percent of license renewals done online/electronically	84%	80.8%	FY12 & FY13
Quantity	Number of complaints against licensees	58	62	FY12 & FY13
Quantity	Number of complaints against non-veterinarians	10	10	FY12 & FY13
Quality	Days from complaint receipt to complaint resolution	97 days	128 days	FY12 & FY13
Results	Percent of complaints resulting in corrective action or discipline	21%	25%	FY12 & FY13
Results	Percent of total complaints involving licensees with a previous complaint during the preceding 10 years	8.8%	23.6%	FY12 & FY13
Quantity	Professional firm renewals	334	348	FY12 & FY13

Source is the Small Board Licensing System

Our statutory, legal authority is granted by M.S. 156. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=156>)

Other statutes and rules that significantly apply to the function of our board and the practice of veterinary medicine include M.S. 13, M.S. 14, M.S. 151, M.S. 152, M.S. 214, M.S. 319B, and MN Rules 9100.