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AT A GLANCE

Credentialing Services

- 1,499 license renewals
- 127 new licenses issued
- 9 license reinstatements
- 22 administrative terminations

Education Services

- 1,499 reviews of reported continuing education hours
- 149 continuing education audits
- 10 education program approvals

Complaint Resolution

- 5 complaints investigated
- 2 complaints resulting formal action

PURPOSE

The Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice protects the public through licensure of dietitians and nutritionists, establishment of continuing education standards, and investigation and resolution of complaints against licensees and unlicensed persons engaging in the practice. The Board was established in 1995 under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 148 and Rules 3250.

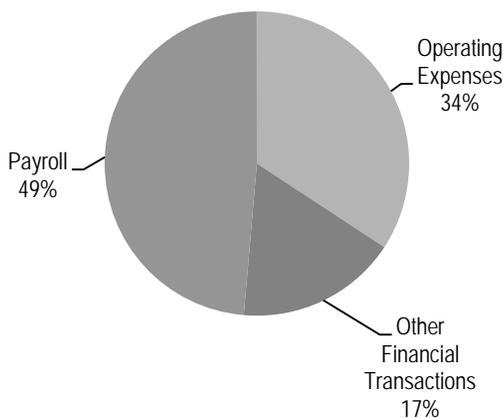
The mission of the Board is to:

- Ensure that all licensees meet the educational and practical requirements specified in law
- Ensure that all licensees provide competent dietetic and nutrition care
- Set standards for quality dietetic and nutrition services
- Promote the public's interest in receiving quality dietetic and nutrition services

The Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice contributes to the statewide outcomes of **people in Minnesota are safe, all Minnesotans have optimal health, and efficient and accountable government services.**

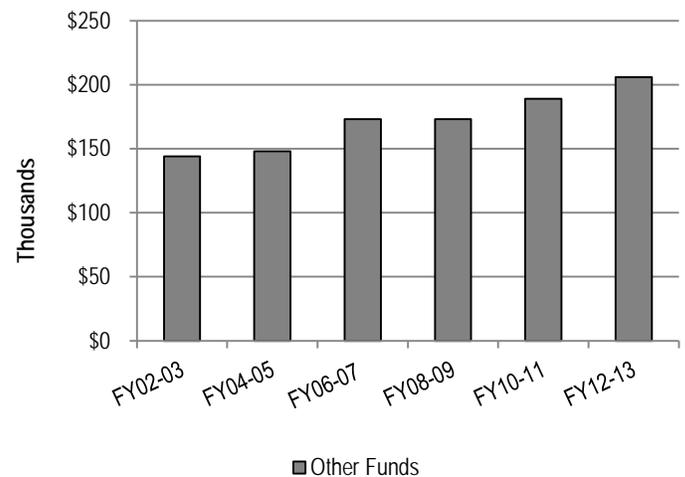
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 13 Actual**



Source: SWIFT

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice has a total annual budget of \$110,000. The Board is entirely funded by fees that are deposited in a non-dedicated special revenue fund. The Minnesota Legislature grants the Board authority to use this fund to pay operating costs. The Board receives no General Fund dollars.

STRATEGIES

The Board accomplishes its mission through implementation of the following strategies:

- Minnesota is similar to 47 other states in that it requires licensing or certification of dietitians and nutritionists. Board reviews of initial licensure applications ensure that licenses are granted only when education, pre-professional experience and national exam requirements are met. License renewals ensure that current licensees have completed the required hours of continuing education.
- The Board's Complaint Resolution Committee (CRC) receives, investigates and resolves complaints regarding the conduct or standard of care provided by licensees. The CRC also receives complaints of unlicensed individuals engaging in the practice and has the authority to issue Cease and Desist Orders.
- The Board promotes awareness of best practices in the profession. An example of this is passage last year of our prescription protocol initiative. This allowed Minnesota to be one of a handful of states that does not have any statutory or regulatory impediments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) new rule allowing qualified dietitians and nutritionists hospital privileges to order therapeutic diets without physician supervision or approval. This rule has been cited by CMS for improving quality of care and saving \$459 million per year nationally.
- The Board is committed to technology upgrades that promote public protection and responsible, efficient, and cost-effective services. These upgrades, such as online applications, have allowed us to absorb a 9% increase in license renewals and a 27% increase in new licenses over the past two years with the same amount of staff.

The seven-member Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice (3 public members, 2 licensed dietitians, and 2 licensed nutritionists) set direction for the Board and oversee the agency's activities.

RESULTS

| <i>Type of Measure</i> | <i>Name of Measure</i> | <i>Previous</i> | <i>Current</i> | <i>Dates</i> |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Quality | Percent of license renewals completed online | 70% | 84% | 2012 & 2013 |
| Quality | Percent of new license applications completed online | N/A | 90% | 2014 |
| Quantity | Number of license renewals | 1,300 | 1,499 | 2012 & 2013 |
| Quality | Licenses granted within 5 days of receipt of all documentation | Not Determined | 100% | 2014 |

The statutory authority for the Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is located in Chapter 148.621 – 148.634: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148.621>

The rules are located in MN Rules Chapter 3250. <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=3250>

Additional statutes pertaining to all health licensing boards are found in Chapters 13, 16, and 214.