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AT A GLANCE

Licensing Services-FY 2013

- 3,698 licenses and temporary permits
- 648 new licenses and temporary permits issued
- 703 new license and temporary permit applications received
- 2,101 licenses and temporary permits renewed

Complaint Services-FY 2013

- 110 new complaints received
- 141 complaints closed
- 9 disciplinary actions taken

Staff

- 5.0 full time equivalent employees

PURPOSE

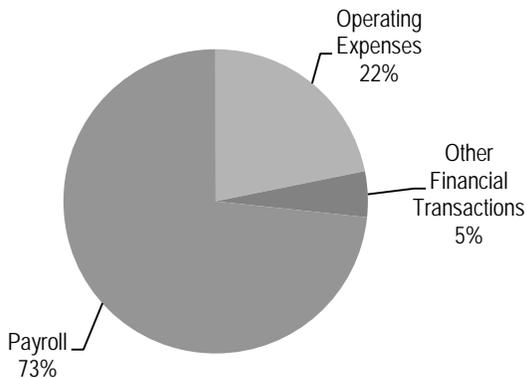
The Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy exists to regulate the practices of alcohol and drug counseling and professional counseling in the State of Minnesota. Regulation of these professions is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public when they receive mental health and chemical health counseling services. The Board carries out its mission through effective licensure and enforcement of statutes and rules that ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice.

The Board supports the following statewide outcome:

- People in Minnesota are safe
- All Minnesotans have optimal health
- Efficient and accountable government services

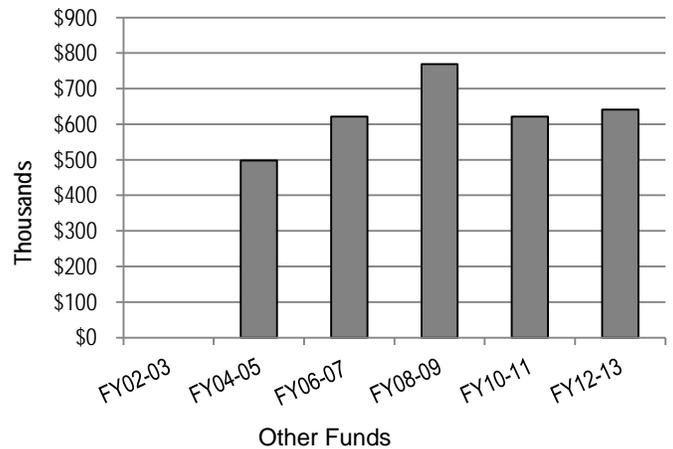
BUDGET

Spending by Category
FY 13 Actual



Source: SWIFT

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board's activities are funded primarily by collecting license application fees and license renewal fees. The Board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures. The fees the Board collects 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 activities such as staff salaries, rent, office supplies and equipment, costs related to disciplinary/contested cases, and other operating expenditures.

STRATEGIES

The Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy promotes and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Minnesota, accomplishes its public protection mission, and contributes to statewide outcomes by:

- Setting educational, supervision, and examination requirements for initial licensure as a licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC), or licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC);
- Issuing the LADC license or permit, LPC license, or LPCC license to practice only to qualified individuals;
- Setting the requirements for renewal of a license or permit and administering the renewal process;
- Setting standards of ethical practice;
- Responding to inquiries, complaints and reports regarding applicants and licensees;
- Investigating complaints of alleged violations of statutes and rules, holding educational and disciplinary conferences with licensees and applicants, taking disciplinary or corrective action when appropriate against practitioners who fail to meet minimum standards of practice, and reporting public actions to national databanks;
- Maintaining a website that provides information to the public about complaints and discipline, including a list of disciplinary and corrective actions taken by the Board;
- Offering online services from the Board's website, including license verification and links to the full text of public disciplinary orders the Board has adopted against licensed professionals;
- Approving continuing education activities; and
- Providing information about licensure requirements and standards of practice to applicants, licensees, and other interested parties.

RESULTS

The information included below was generated using the Board's licensure and regulatory database. The information demonstrates a stable trend in the Board's activities and an increase in efficiency in processing license renewals.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Number of licenses issued	656	648	FY 2012 & FY 2013
Quality	Percent of licensees renewing their licenses online	55%	63%	FY 2012 & FY 2013
Quantity	Number of disciplinary actions taken	10	9	FY 2012 & FY 2013

The Board's activities are governed by Minnesota Statutes sections 148B.50 to 148B.593 and Minnesota Rules chapter 2150 (professional counseling and professional clinical counseling), Minnesota Statutes chapter 148F and Minnesota Rules chapter 4747 (alcohol and drug counseling), and Minnesota Statutes chapter 214. <https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/> and <https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/rules/>