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Mission:

The mission of the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy is to protect the public through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practices of professional counseling and alcohol and drug counseling in the State of Minnesota to ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice.

Statewide Outcome(s):

Behavioral Health and Therapy, Board of supports the following statewide outcome(s).

People in Minnesota are safe.

Context:

Regulation of the practices of professional counseling and alcohol and drug counseling in the State of Minnesota exist to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in their receipt of mental health and chemical health counseling services. The Board holds practitioners accountable for conduct based on legal, ethical and professional standards and achieves its mandate of public protection by outlining these standards and issuing a license to practice professional counseling or alcohol and drug counseling only to qualified individuals. Once a license is issued, the Board's duties continue by monitoring licensees' compliance with state laws and rules and taking action against the licenses of those practitioners who present a risk of harm to the public when they engage in incompetent or unprofessional counseling practices. Primary customers are members of the public, consumers of counseling services, applicants, licensees, counselor education programs, providers of examinations required for licensure, counselor professional associations, and agencies of local, state, and federal government. The Board is funded by fees and receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subd. 1 requires the Board to collect fees in an amount sufficient to cover 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 and administering 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);
- Setting and administering requirements for renewal of licensure;
- 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, taking disciplinary or corrective action when appropriate against practitioners who fail to meet minimum standards of practice, and reporting public actions to national databanks;
- Approving continuing education activities; and
- Providing information about licensure requirements and standards of practice to applicants, licensees, and other interested parties.

Results:

The Board continues to focus on three key areas: issuing and renewing licenses in a timely and efficient manner, processing complaints and taking corrective or disciplinary action as quickly as possible against practitioners who violate the professional counseling and alcohol and drug counseling practice acts, and working within the Board's budget to maintain an adequate staffing level of skilled personnel to provide high quality services to applicants, licensees, and the public. Detailed information about Board activities may be found in a report prepared for the Sunset Advisory Commission in December 2011.

(http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/sunset/reports/BoardofBehavioralHealth_2011.pdf). Information about Board disciplinary actions is available on the Board's website (<http://www.bbht.state.mn.us/ComplaintsDiscipline/tabid/103/Default.aspx>). The Board recently invested in a licensure and regulatory database that offers online services to maximize efficiency. The database will now allow the Board to develop reports to monitor timelines related to issuing licenses and resolving complaints.

NOTE: The nature of regulation does not easily lend itself to specific measurements. For example, the Board has no control over the number of initial license applications received or the number of complaints received. Timeliness of processing applications and complaints is dependent on a number of factors. Statistics are affected when applicants do not submit required documents in a timely manner, extending the amount of time to issue a license. Complaint resolution statistics are influenced by cases that are extended through lengthy settlement negotiations or contested cases.

Performance Measures	Previous	Current	Trend
Online verifications and online renewal display to public in real time	N/A	100%	Improving
Use of online renewal services	N/A	55%	Improving
Average time to resolve complaint (closed complaint data used)	249 days	151 days	Improving

Performance Measures Notes:

The Board is using data from FY 2011 and FY 2012 for previous and current data calculations. The Board's regulatory database is the source of this information, and will generate the data to evaluate performance measures going forward.

Behavioral Health and Therapy, Board of
Current, Base and Governor's Recommended Expenditures
(Dollars in Thousands, Biennial Totals)

	General Funds	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	All Funds
Current Biennium Expenditures (FY 2012-13)		\$842		\$842
Current Law Expenditures (FY 2014-15)		\$830		\$830
Governor's Recommended Expenditures (FY2014-15)		\$830		\$830
\$ Change from FY 2014-15 Current Law to Governor's Rec		\$0		\$0
% Change from FY 2014-15 Current Law to Governor's Rec		0%		0%

**Behavioral Health and Therapy, Board of
Sources and Uses**

(Dollars in Thousands)

Biennium FY14-FY15				
	General Funds	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
APPROPRIATION		\$830		\$830
SOURCES OF FUNDS		\$830		\$830
EXPENDITURES		\$830		\$830
PAYROLL EXPENSE		\$601		\$601
OPERATING EXPENSES		\$229		\$229
USES OF FUNDS		\$830		\$830

**Behavioral Health and Therapy, Board of
All Funds FTE by Program**

	Current	Forecast Base	Governor's Recommendation
Program	FY 2013	FY 2015	FY 2015
Program: Behavioral Health & Therapy	4.0	4.0	4.0
Behavioral Health and Therapy, Board of	4.0	4.0	4.0

Behavioral Health and Therapy, Board of**Revenue Summary**

(Dollars in Thousands)

		Biennium FY14-15			
		General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	All Funds
Non Dedicated	DEPARTMENTAL EARNINGS		1,589		1,589
	ALL OTHER		0		0
	Subtotal		1,589		1,589
	Total		1,589		1,589