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Mission:

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy's mission is to protect the public through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy to reasonably ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice.

Statewide Outcome(s):

Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of supports the following statewide outcome(s).

People in Minnesota are safe.

Context:

- The Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy's key priority is the public protection of consumers who utilize the services of marriage and family therapists in Minnesota.
- The Board's focus is on the efficient licensure of applicants meeting licensure requirements. Once a license is issued, the Board monitors licensees' compliance with state laws and takes action against the licenses of marriage and family therapists who engage in illegal or unethical conduct and pose a risk of harm to the public.
- Board staff provides services to over 1,800 licensees, approximately 325 applicants for licensure at any one time, consumers, continuing education providers, credentialing agencies, other state agencies, students and faculty at graduate Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) programs, and state and national professional MFT associations.
- The Board is 100 percent fee-supported and no general fund tax revenue is used to support Board operations. The Board must collect sufficient fee revenue to cover all expenditures.

Strategies:

The Board regulates the profession by:

- Setting standards for initial licensure and reviewing an applicant's education and training to determine compliance with licensure requirements.
- Issuing initial license and renewing licenses for qualified professionals.
- Setting standards of practice and professional conduct for licensees.
- Taking disciplinary or corrective action against an applicant or licensee for misconduct.
- Responding to public and agency inquiries, complaints, and reports regarding licensure and conduct of applicants and licensees.
- Providing information about licensure requirements and standards of practice to citizens and other interested persons or agencies.
- Collaborating with other licensing boards to operate a monitoring program for health professionals whose practice is impaired due to illness and a voluntary cooperative administrative services unit to perform common accounting, purchasing, human resources and technology functions.

Results:

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is committed to performance and quality improvement in its licensure and regulatory processes. The number of licenses regulated by the Board doubled between 2001 and 2011, while staffing levels remained essentially unchanged. Success is measured by raw numbers (e.g. applications approved, renewals processed, and complaint files closed) and increasing efficiencies in the processing of applications, the handling of complaints and enforcement of disciplinary orders, and use of technologies to aid licensees and citizens. The Board strives to respond to all customer inquiries within 48 hours and estimates that this response goal is achieved approximately 95 percent of the time.

Performance Measures	Previous	Current	Trend
Percentage of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) licensees renewing online	74%	75%	Improving
Percentage of Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (LAMFT) licensees renewing online	N/A	84%	Improving

Performance Measures Notes:

LMFT and LAMFT online license renewal percentage compares fiscal year 2010 to fiscal year 2012. LAMFT online renewal was first implemented with the fiscal year 2012 renewal cycle. Source: Small Board Licensing database.

Marriage and Family 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)		\$373		\$373
Current Law Expenditures (FY 2014-15)		\$356		\$356
Governor's Recommended Expenditures (FY2014-15)		\$356		\$356
\$ 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%

**Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of
Sources and Uses**

(Dollars in Thousands)

Biennium FY14-FY15				
	General Funds	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
APPROPRIATION		\$357		\$357
SOURCES OF FUNDS		\$357		\$357
EXPENDITURES		\$356		\$356
PAYROLL EXPENSE		\$246		\$246
OPERATING EXPENSES		\$110		\$110
USES OF FUNDS		\$356		\$356

**Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of
All Funds FTE by Program**

	Current	Forecast Base	Governor's Recommendation
Program	FY 2013	FY 2015	FY 2015
Program: Marriage & Family Therapy, Bd	1.6	1.6	1.6
Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of	1.6	1.6	1.6

Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of
Revenue Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

		Biennium FY14-15			
		General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	All Funds
Non Dedicated	DEPARTMENTAL EARNINGS		630		630
	ALL OTHER		0		0
	Subtotal		630		630
	Total		630		630