

Agency Purpose

MS. 214 provides the Minnesota Board of Dentistry the responsibility to act as the official regulatory agency for dental professionals. The Board of Dentistry enforces M.S. 150A and Minnesota Rules chapter 3100 - the Minnesota Dental Practice Act - relating to dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants whose fitness to practice has been tested, and whose training and other qualifications meet the specifications established by the legislature and the board.

The mission of the board is:

- ◆ to ensure that Minnesota citizens receive quality dental health care from competent dental health professionals;
- ◆ to protect the public at large by issuing licenses/registrations only to those who meet the minimum standards of practice;
- ◆ to provide timely and impartial resolution of complaints filed against dental professionals; and
- ◆ to demonstrate competency of regulated dental professionals through establishing and monitoring professional development standards.

Core Functions

The purpose of the board is to protect the public by ensuring that licensed dental professionals comply by the board's rules and practice in a professional, legal, and ethical manner. The core functions are:

- ◆ establishing minimum standards for licensure/registration;
- ◆ regulating the dental professionals in Minnesota;
- ◆ ensuring that those who hold a professional dental credential from the board continue to meet those standards throughout the time they hold the credential;
- ◆ identifying those who fail to maintain the minimum standards needed to render quality care to patients safely;
- ◆ taking timely and appropriate disciplinary or corrective action when warranted; and
- ◆ providing accurate and current information to the public to enable them to make informed decisions about their dental health care.

Operations

- ⇒ The board consists of nine members appointed by the governor: five dentists, one dental hygienist, one registered dental assistant, and two public members.
- ⇒ The full board normally meets five times per year. The board also appoints several committees (e.g., executive, complaint, licensure and credentials, policy) that meet as needed.
- ⇒ The board benefits and affects the public by ensuring that dental professionals meet and maintain minimum standards of competence and practice.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenses for the FY 2004-05 biennium are estimated to be \$2.361 million. The board staff includes 10 full-time equivalent employees.

For the total budget for the FY 2004-05 biennium, an estimated \$2.325 million will be collected as non-dedicated revenue that is deposited into the state government special revenue fund. The board collects fees charged to applicants, licensees, continuing education sponsors, and professional corporations. The board is responsible to collect enough revenue to recover all direct and indirect costs.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2004-05:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$2.361 million

Total Estimated Revenues: \$2.325 million

Staff: 10 Full-time equivalent employees

Minnesota Board of Dentistry Statistics
(As of June 22, 2004):

Total Licensed: 14,581

The board is responsible for the costs of services received from the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, Department of Health HIV/HBV/HCV program and the Administrative Services Unit. A direct appropriation is given to each of these programs from the state government special revenue fund. The board must ensure that sufficient revenue is collected through its fees to fund their portion of these programs costs.

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The web site at: <http://www.dentalboard.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about Dentistry. Types of information available through the web site include; regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, public notices and forms, newsletters, and online license verification, renewal, and change of address.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2006-07
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	858	858	858	858	1,716
Forecast Base	858	858	858	858	1,716
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
Health Care Access					
Current Appropriation	64	64	64	64	128
Forecast Base	64	64	0	0	0
Change		0	(64)	(64)	(128)
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					-100%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	824	892	858	858	1,716
Health Care Access	43	85	0	0	0
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	6	13	13	13	26
Total	873	990	871	871	1,742
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	602	669	660	676	1,336
Other Operating Expenses	271	321	211	195	406
Total	873	990	871	871	1,742
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Dentistry, Board Of	873	990	871	871	1,742
Total	873	990	871	871	1,742
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	10.1	11.6	10.6	10.3	