

Agency Purpose

MS. 148.621 – 148.633 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 3250 provide the Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice authority to act as the licensure agency for the practice of dietetics and nutrition. It was established and currently exists to protect the public through the regulation of dietitians and nutritionists in the state of Minnesota. Regulation is accomplished through initial licensure examination, annual license renewal and required continuing education requirements.

The mission of the board is:

- ◆ promoting the public's interest in receiving quality dietetic and nutrition services from competent dietitians and nutritionists;
- ◆ protecting the public by ensuring that all licensed dietitians and nutritionists meet the educational and practical requirements specified in law; and
- ◆ protecting the public by setting standards for quality dietetic and nutrition services.

Core Functions

The board fulfills its mission by:

- ◆ reviewing and approving examination standards to insure knowledge of applicants for licensure as dietitians and nutritionists;
- ◆ reviewing of continuing education required to maintain knowledge for the safe practice of dietetics and nutrition;
- ◆ managing complaints alleging violation of board statutes and rules through initial committee review, thorough investigation, and disciplinary conferences with licensees to determine whether legal action against a dietitian or nutritionist is warranted; and
- ◆ providing accurate information about licensure requirements, standards of practice, and disciplinary process to the public, licensees, and other interested parties.

Operations

The board serves consumers, licensed dietitians, licensed nutritionists, applicants for licensure, other governmental agencies, third party payers, and sponsors of continuing education courses. Services are delivered through direct communication (telephone, mail, e-mail, and in-person).

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenses for FY 2004-05 biennium are \$222,000. The board staff includes .75 full-time equivalent employee.

Of the total budget for the FY 2004-05 biennium, an estimated \$176,000 will be collected as non-dedicated revenue which is deposited into the state government special revenue fund. The board collects fees charged to applicants, prospective applicants, licensees, and sponsors of continuing education programs. The board is responsible to collect enough revenue to recover all direct and indirect costs.

The board is responsible for the costs of services received from the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services 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 program costs.

00At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2004-05:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$222,000

Total Estimated Revenue: \$176,000

Staff: 0.75 Full-time equivalent employee

**Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition
Practice Statistics
(As of July 14, 2004)**

Total Licensed: 1,081
Dietitians - 1,020
Nutritionists - 61

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<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2006-07
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	101	101	101	101	202
Forecast Base	101	101	101	101	202
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	65	137	101	101	202
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	0	0	4	4	8
Total	65	137	105	105	210
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	53	63	59	61	120
Other Operating Expenses	12	74	46	44	90
Total	65	137	105	105	210
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Dietetics & Nutrition Bd.	65	137	105	105	210
Total	65	137	105	105	210
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	