

Agency Purpose

M.S. 148B.01, 148B.175 and 148B.29 and Minnesota Rules 5300.0100-0360 mandate the Minnesota Board of Marriage & Family Therapy the responsibility to act as the official licensure agency for marriage and family therapists.

Core Functions

The purpose of the board is to protect the public by ensuring that licensed marriage and family therapists comply by the board's rules and practice in a professional, legal, and ethical manner.

Their core functions are:

- ◆ granting licensure to individuals who meet the statutory education, employment, and ethical requirements and who pass both the national and oral examination as required by rule;
- ◆ establishing and implementing procedures designed to assure that licensed marriage and family therapists will comply with the board's rules;
- ◆ reviewing complaints of alleged violations of statutes and rules, holding disciplinary conferences with licensees, and taking legal action to suspend or revoke the licenses of therapists who fail to meet standards;
- ◆ studying and investigating the practice of marriage and family therapy within the state in order to improve the standards imposed for the licensing of marriage and family therapists and to improve the procedures and methods used for enforcement of the board's standards; and
- ◆ providing information and education about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public and other interested parties.

Operations

- ⇒ Licensure affects marriage and family therapists who are mental health professionals trained in psychotherapy and family systems, and licensed to diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders within the context of marriage, couples, and family systems.
- ⇒ The board consists of seven members and normally meets on the third Friday of each month.
- ⇒ A newsletter regarding licensure matters and disciplinary actions is available on the board's web site.

Budget

The board's total direct and indirect expenses for FY 2004-05 biennium are \$269,000. The board staff includes 1.50 full-time equivalent employees.

Of the total budget for the biennium, \$318,000 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 approved by the board. 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 programs costs.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2004-05:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$269,000

Total Estimated Revenues: \$318,000

Staff: 1.50 Full-time equivalent employees

**Minnesota Licensed Marriage & Family
Therapist Statistics**
(As of June 30, 2004):

Total Licensed: 950

Contact

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The website at: <http://www.bmft.state.mn.us> gives visitors easy access to useful information about marriage and family therapy. Types of information available through the website include: regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statues, public notices, and forms.

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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	118	118	118	118	236
Forecast Base	118	118	118	118	236
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	106	130	118	118	236
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	2	3	3	3	6
Total	108	133	121	121	242
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	83	90	86	85	171
Other Operating Expenses	25	43	35	36	71
Total	108	133	121	121	242
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Marriage And Family Therapy, B	108	133	121	121	242
Total	108	133	121	121	242
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4	