

Agency Purpose

MS. 148.65 – 148.78 and Minnesota Rules 5600.0100 – 5601.3200 provide the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy with the responsibility to act as the official licensure agency for physical therapists. It was originally created and currently exists to protect the public's interest through the regulation of physical therapists in the state of Minnesota. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination and renewal, as well as investigation and resolution of complaints.

The vision of the board is:

- ◆ to ensure that Minnesota citizens receive quality physical therapy services from competent physical therapists; and

The mission of the board is:

- ◆ to protect the public through licensure of qualified physical therapists and to provide timely and impartial resolution of complaints against physical therapists.

Core Functions

The board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ establishing standards for initial licensure;
- ◆ responding to complaints about physical therapists and enforcing the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Minnesota;
- ◆ ensuring that physical therapists meet the standards for licensure renewal;
- ◆ identifying physical therapists who fail to maintain the minimum standards necessary for the provision of safe and quality care;
- ◆ when warranted, providing timely and appropriate disciplinary or corrective action;
- ◆ establishing continuing education requirements and monitoring compliance with those requirements; and
- ◆ providing accurate information and education to the public, other interested parties, and licensees.

Operations

The board serves consumers (patients and clients as well as family members and friends of patients), licensed physical therapists, applicants for licensure, employers, governmental agencies, third party payers, and sponsors of education courses. Board functions include providing public protection through the review of and resolution of complaints and discipline of licensees when warranted; the provision of education and resource information to the public and physical therapists; the granting of initial Minnesota licenses to qualified individuals; the renewal of annual licenses; and the review and approval of continuing education courses. Services are delivered through direct communication (telephone, mail, e-mail, and in-person), the board's web site, and presentations to students in Minnesota physical therapy educational programs and to physical therapists.

Budget

The board's total direct and indirect expenses for FY 2004-05 biennium are estimated to be \$516,000. The board staff includes two full-time equivalent employees.

Of the total budget for the biennium, an estimated \$559,000 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

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2004-05:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$516,000

Total Estimated Revenues: \$559,000

Staff: Two Full-time equivalent employees

Minnesota Licensed Physical Therapist Statistics

(As of June 30, 2004)

Total Licensed: 3,468

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.

Contact

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The web site at: <http://www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about physical therapists. Types of information available through the website include: regulatory news and updates, public notices, search and verification of licensure status, Minnesota Physical Therapy statutes and rules, complaint and report information and forms, disciplinary orders, and licensure application forms and instructions.

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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	197	197	197	197	394
Forecast Base	197	197	197	197	394
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	184	210	197	197	394
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	8	6	6	6	12
Total	192	216	203	203	406
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	151	161	153	153	306
Other Operating Expenses	41	55	50	50	100
Total	192	216	203	203	406
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Physical Therapy Bd	192	216	203	203	406
Total	192	216	203	203	406
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	