

Agency Purpose

M.S. 148B.01-148B.28 require the Minnesota Board of Social Work to license social workers and regulate social work practice in the state of Minnesota. The board is authorized to promulgate rules, which are found in Minnesota Rules chapter 8740.

The board's mission is to *ensure citizens of Minnesota quality social work services by establishing and enforcing profession standards.*

The board's vision is to *protect the public through licensure of qualified social workers and to provide timely and impartial resolution of complaints against social workers.*

Core Functions

The board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ setting and administering minimum educational, supervision, and examination requirements for initial licensure as a social worker;
- ◆ setting and administering requirements for renewal of licensure;
- ◆ setting standards of ethical practice;
- ◆ responding to inquiries, complaints, and reports regarding applicants, licensees, temporary license holders, and unlicensed practitioners;
- ◆ investigating complaints of alleged violations of statutes and rules, holding educational and disciplinary conferences with licensees, and taking legal action when appropriate against licensees who fail to meet minimum standards of practice;
- ◆ approving continuing education programs; and
- ◆ providing information about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public and other interested parties.

Operations

- ⇒ The board consists of ten licensed social workers and five public members appointed by the governor.
- ⇒ The board normally meets six times per year, although additional subcommittees meet as needed.
- ⇒ The board benefits and affects the public by ensuring that licensed social workers meet and maintain minimum standards of competence and ethical practice.
- ⇒ Current issues affecting the board are posted on the board's web site.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenses for FY 2004-05 biennium are \$2.548 million. The board staff includes 10 full-time equivalent employees.

Of the total budget for the FY 2004-05 biennium, \$2.437 million will be collected as non-dedicated revenue and deposited into the state government special revenue fund. \$28,000 will be collected as dedicated revenue and deposited into the special revenue fund. The board collects fees charged to applicants, licensees, and professional corporations and 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: \$2.548 million

Total Estimated Revenues: \$2.437 million

Staff: 10.1 Full-time equivalent employees

Minnesota Licensed Social Worker Statistics
(As of June 30, 2004):

Total Licensed: 9,766

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The web site at: www.socialwork.state.mn.us gives visitors easy access to useful information about social work. Types of information available through the web site include: regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota Statutes, and public notices.

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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	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073	2,146
Forecast Base	1,073	1,073	873	873	1,746
Change		0	(200)	(200)	(400)
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					-18.6%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	738	1,408	873	873	1,746
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	17	21	21	21	42
Statutory Appropriations					
Special Revenue	22	23	14	14	28
Total	777	1,452	908	908	1,816
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	560	618	636	665	1,301
Other Operating Expenses	217	834	272	243	515
Total	777	1,452	908	908	1,816
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Social Work, Board Of	777	1,452	908	908	1,816
Total	777	1,452	908	908	1,816
 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	 10.0	 10.1	 10.1	 10.0	