

### Agency Purpose

Minnesota Statutes 148.621-148.633 and Minnesota Rules, Ch. 3250, authorize the Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice (BDNP) 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:

- ◆ to promote the public's interest in receiving quality dietetic and nutrition services from competent dietitians and nutritionists;
- ◆ to protect the public by ensuring that all licensed dietitians and nutritionists meet the educational and practical requirements specified in law; and
- ◆ to protect 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 ensure 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 consists of seven members appointed by the governor - two licensed dieticians, two licensed nutritionist, and three public members. BDNP maintains two active subcommittees: Continuing Education and Disciplinary. Board members also serve as representatives to the Council of Health Boards and the Health Professional Service Program.
- ⇒ A half-time executive director and a quarter-time clerical assistant complete day-to-day operations.
- ⇒ BDNP serves consumers, licensed dietitians, licensed nutritionists, applicants for licensure, other governmental agencies, third party payers and sponsors of continuing education courses.

### Key Measures

- ⇒ In FY 2006 the board approved new licenses for two nutritionists and 89 dieticians, as well as renewed eight dietetics' licenses.
- ⇒ The board received three complaints and closed one case in FY 2006.
- ⇒ The board will initiate an online renewal service in 2006.

### Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$237,000, which includes 0.75 full-time equivalent employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent, and other operating expenditures. The board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the

### At A Glance

**Biennial Budget – FY 2006-07:**

**Total Estimated Expenses:** \$237,000

**Total Estimated Revenue:** \$168,000

**Staff:** 0.75 Full-time equivalent employee

**Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition  
Practice Statistics**  
(As of June 30, 2006)

**Total Licensed:** 1,081

Dietitians – 1,020

Nutritionists – 61

Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

The board is estimated to collect \$168,000 in FY 2006-07, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and sponsors of continuing education programs.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<b><u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u></b>					
<b>State Government Spec Revenue</b>					
Current Appropriation	101	101	101	101	202
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>202</b>
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					0%
 <b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>					
<b>Direct Appropriations</b>					
State Government Spec Revenue	76	126	101	101	202
<b>Open Appropriations</b>					
State Government Spec Revenue	2	7	7	7	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>216</b>
 <b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>					
Total Compensation	55	61	61	63	124
Other Operating Expenses	23	72	47	45	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>216</b>
 <b><u>Expenditures by Program</u></b>					
Dietetics & Nutrition Bd.	78	133	108	108	216
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>216</b>
 <b>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)</b>	 <b>0.8</b>	 <b>0.8</b>	 <b>0.8</b>	 <b>0.8</b>	

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Agency Revenue Summary

*Dollars in Thousands*

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<b><u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u></b>					
<b>Departmental Earnings:</b>					
State Government Spec Revenue	75	74	74	75	149
<b>Total Non-Dedicated Receipts</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>149</b>
<b><u>Dedicated Receipts:</u></b>					
<b>Total Dedicated Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Agency Total Revenue</b>					
	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>149</b>