

Agency Purpose

Minnesota Statutes 148B.01, 148B.175 and 148B.29 and Minnesota Rules 5300.0100-0350 authorize the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy to act as the official licensure agency for marriage and family therapists. The purpose of the board is to protect the public by ensuring that licensed marriage and family therapists comply with the board's rules and practice in a professional, legal, and ethical manner.

Core Functions

The board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ 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

- ⇒ The board consists of seven members and normally meets on the third Friday of each month.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ A newsletter regarding current licensure issues and disciplinary actions is available on the board's web site.

Key Measures

- ⇒ The board received 26 complaints in FY 2006 - 14 were dismissed, eight were assigned to educational conferences, two licenses were revoked, and two are still pending.
- ⇒ Ten percent of continuing education programs are audited each year. Licensees are required to attend 30 hours of continuing education programs each year. In FY 2006, licensees attended an average of 78 hours of continuing education.
- ⇒ A recent survey of the 12 graduate academic programs revealed that there are currently 641 students pursuing graduate work leading to licensure in the field of marriage and family therapy.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$332,000, which includes 1.60 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 Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, Office of Mental Health 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 \$381,000 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.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2006-07:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$332,000

Total Estimated Revenues: \$381,000

Staff: 1.60 Full-time equivalent employees

**Minnesota Licensed Marriage and Family
Therapist Statistics**

(As of June 30, 2006):

Total Licensed: 1,140

Contact

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The web site 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 web site include: regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, public notices, and forms. License renewals and address changes may be done online and the public may file complaints online.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	127	131	131	131	262
Forecast Base	127	131	131	131	262
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					1.6%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	123	135	131	131	262
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	8	8	8	8	16
Total	131	143	139	139	278
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	90	96	101	104	205
Other Operating Expenses	41	47	38	35	73
Total	131	143	139	139	278
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Marriage And Family Therapy, B	131	143	139	139	278
Total	131	143	139	139	278
 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	 1.6	 1.6	 1.6	 1.6	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	202	180	217	220	437
Other Revenues:					
State Government Spec Revenue	(2)	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	200	180	217	220	437
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue					
	200	180	217	220	437