



Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Presentation to Sunset Advisory Commission – 11/21/2011

▶ General Information

- Not advisory – small, but full-fledged state agencies
 - Power and duty to:
 - promulgate rules,
 - set standards of practice,
 - issue licenses and registrations,
 - inspect facilities,
 - investigate complaints, and
 - issue disciplinary orders or take other enforcement action
 - Although small individually, collectively:
 - Employee nearly 200 staff members
 - Biennial appropriations of \$35 million



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- HLRBs work cooperatively to achieve efficiencies
 - Co-located in the same office building
 - Jointly fund the Administrative Services Unit (ASU)
 - Executive Director's Forum meets monthly
 - Also have Policy and Management Committees and an IT Work Group
- For most Boards – not funded by tax revenue
 - Funded primarily through fees deposited in the Special Revenue Fund
 - Some funds from civil penalties and grants



Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Licensees

Chapter 214 Boards

Behavioral Health and Therapy
Chiropractic Examiners
Dentistry
Dietetics and Nutrition Practice
Marriage and Family Therapy
Medical Practice
Nursing
Nursing Home Administrators
Optometry
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Podiatric Medicine
Psychology
Social Work
Veterinary Medicine

General Fund Boards

Barber Examiners
Cosmetologist Examiners
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board





Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Public Safety

The Minnesota Health-related Licensing Boards (HLBs) protect the public by:

- Enforcing standards of safe practice and ethical conduct;
- Investigating and resolving complaints against licensed health professionals;
- Providing public information to consumers of health care services;
- Assuring an ethical and competent healthcare workforce.



Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Licensees Regulated

Board	Licensees	Date of Last Fee Increase
Barber	4,000	2010
Behavioral Health and Therapy	2,869	2007
Chiropractic	2,713	1993
Cosmetology	41,000	2010
Dentistry	16,417	Reduced 1999
Dietetics and Nutrition Practice	1,295	Reduced 2005
Emergency Medical Services	24,852	2000
Marriage and Family Therapy	1,658	2001
Medical Practice	24,964	2000
Nursing	108,016	2001
Nursing Home Administrators	852	1995
Optometry	1,004	1994
Pharmacy	20,141	2011 (previous – 2001)
Physical Therapy	5,400	1994
Podiatric Medicine	207	1999
Psychology	3,775	2001
Social Work	12,173	Reduced 2009
Veterinary Medicine	3,046	1997
TOTAL:	274,760	



Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Funding Quick Facts

- 15 HLBs are funded through fees collected from individuals and businesses they regulate and receive no general revenue funds.*
- Modifications to fees for increases or reductions are authorized by the legislature.
- HLBs practice responsible fiscal management resulting in accumulated fiscal reserves.
- The resulting “reserves” are intended for unexpected expenses related to public protection, for example, contested cases and state wide indirect costs.
- Those reserves have been significantly depleted, having been transferred to the General Fund in the amount of \$16,362,000 (FY 2005 to FY2011).

**EMSRB, Barbers and Cosmetology are General Funded boards*



Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Funding Other Programs

Program	Funding Amount
Department of Health HIV/HBV/HCV Program (Dentistry, Medical Practice, Nursing) (2004-2011)	\$1,227,792
Office of Mental Health Practice (BBHT, MFT, Medical Practice, Nursing, Social Work, Psychology) (2006-2009)	\$268,227.94
Volunteer Health Care Provider Program (Dentistry, Medical Practice, Nursing) (2004 – 2011)	\$499,179
Department of Human Services Community – Scholarship Program (Nursing)	\$3,116,000
Department of Health Loan Forgiveness Program (Medical Practice, Nursing)	\$725,000
Department of Health Oral Health Pilot Project (Dentistry)	\$150,000
Department of Health Rural Pharmacy Program (Pharmacy)	\$400,000
Transfer to General Fund (all HLBs) (2004-2011)	\$16,362,000
Office of Enterprise Technology (OET) E-Licensing Initiative (2010)	\$1,663,486.33
Collection and Transfer to (OET)	\$70,198.50
Total	\$24,481,882*

FY 2005-2011

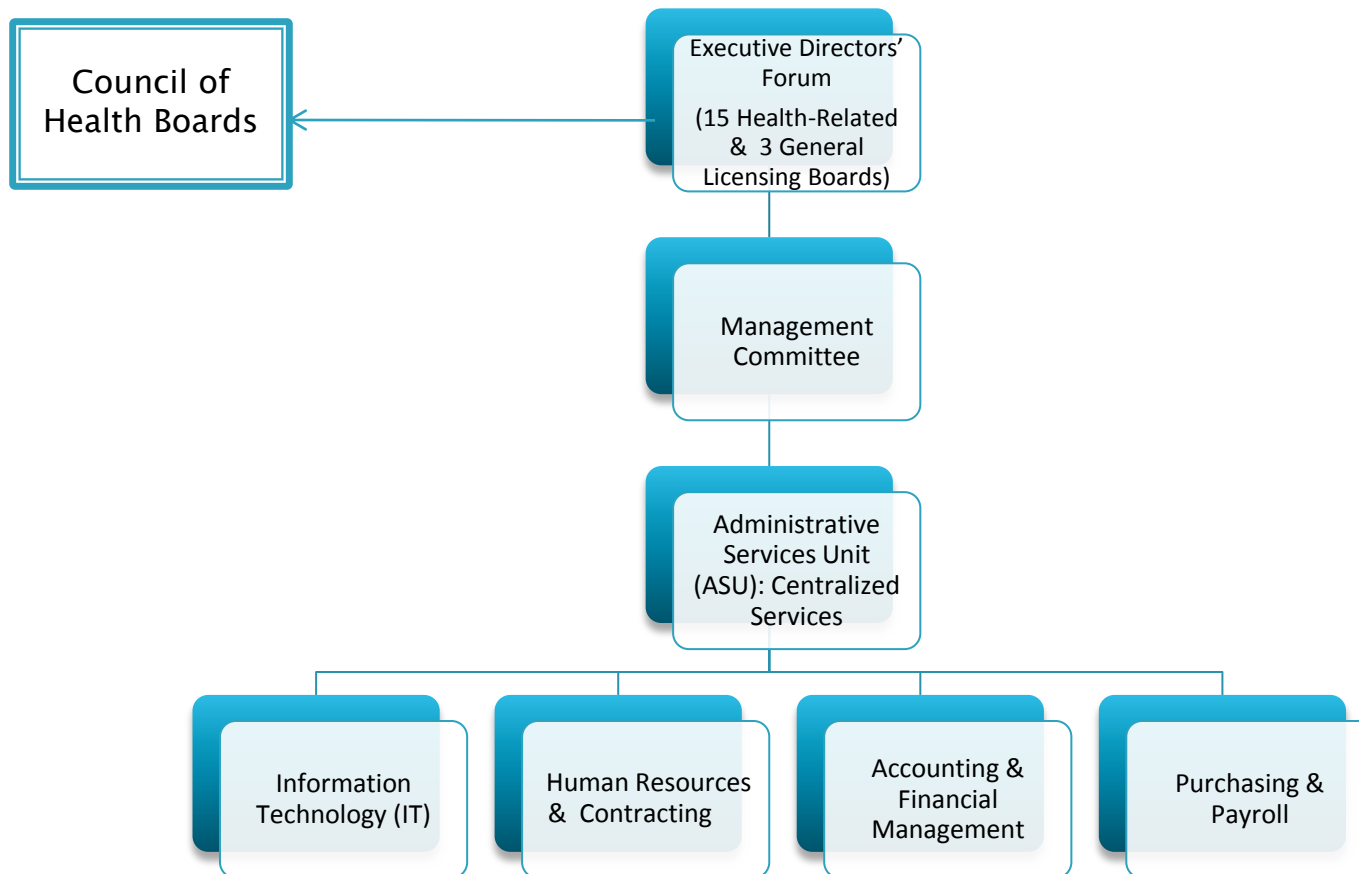


Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Expenditures for Agency Services

•Office of the Attorney General (all HLBs) (2004-2011)	\$ 17,350,380
•Health Professionals Service Program (HPSP)(2004-2011)	\$ 5,023,831
•Administrative Services Unit (ASU) (2004 – 2001)	\$ 3,530,965



Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Nationally Recognized Model for Occupational Governance





Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Information Technology

Certified and Diversified IT Administrators	Award Winning Security Model	Advanced Hardware Standards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative financial resources to achieve a combination of developers, data base experts, and security credentialed staff members, including two Certified Information Systems Security Professionals (CISSIP) IT Administrators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLBs received National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) award for its Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) • HLBs received national awards for work performed in IT security and emergency preparedness • Minnesota Board of Medical Practice received the Minnesota Government Recognition Award • Enforced strict passphrase policy across HLB since 2006 which exceeds industry standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced technology infrastructure that integrates storage area network (SAN) devices to centralized secure data storage • Segmented internal network traffic and utilization of an active industry-leading firewall • Advanced technology typically utilized in larger agencies including: server virtualization and clustering, automated computer patching/updating, and vulnerability scanning • VMware clusters enable HLBs to manage server hardware with no downtime



Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards: Online Services

Applicants	Licensees	Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for licensure • Submission of documents • Download of national examination scores • Application review • Examination site authorization • Permit for practice • Examination retake authorizations • Application status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downloadable forms and applications • Online applications and license renewal • Continued competency (CE) tracking • Address changes • Secure credit card transactions • License verifications for other jurisdictions • Notification of license renewal • E-newsletters • E-mail updates regarding practice standard updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public orders and compliance history • Board disciplinary and adverse action reports • License verification • Data requests • Automated license verification for large employers • “Locate a Doctor” • Automated licensure data with other state agencies • Customized data requests