



Legislative Background Brief

for the
Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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Board of Psychologists

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Board Members = 6 members (the date in parentheses is the end of the person's term)

<p>Psychologists in Private Practice = 2 Susan Mattocks, Miles City (9.1.2013) George Watson, Bozeman (9.1.2014)</p>	<p>Public Health Representative = 1 Marla Lemons, Butte (9.1.2016)</p> <p>Psychologist, Teacher = 1 Stuart Hall, U of Montana (9.1.2014)</p>
<p>Public Members = 2 Bonnie Hyatt-Murphy, Livingston (9.1.2015) Linda Holden, Valier (9.1.2012)</p>	

Number of Licensees, <u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Psychologists 229	231

Revenues FY2009-FY2010 and Budgets for FY 2012-2013

	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Licensing	Other	Personal Services	Operating
FY 2009	\$94,772		\$79,016	
FY 2010	\$94,923		\$40,151	\$38,610
FY 2011	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
FY 2012			Appropriation authority: \$79,498	
FY 2013			Appropriation authority: \$79,544	

*Projected

Expenditures, FY 2010	Direct	Indirect	
		Admin	Div. IT/Bureau
Personal Services, incl. per diem	\$34,559	\$2,290	\$3,302
Operating Expenses			
Consulting, Printing, IT, Other	\$1,534	\$962	
Supplies, incl. Computer	\$1,391	\$919	
Postage, mailing, IT network, voice srv	\$876	\$2,085	
Travel for Board Members	\$8,141	--	

Rent and other expenses*	\$2,987	\$5,567
Legal and hearings	\$14,149	--

*Includes dues, education & training, and fee collection expense for direct expenses of \$2,916 plus computer and office maintenance of \$71; for indirect expenses includes rent of \$1,776, DLI OIT expense of \$1,069, and indirect agency

Number of Complaints

FY 097
 FY 103

 FY 118

Disciplinary Action (may be from other years)

FY 09 3 investigations, 8 dismissed
 FY 10 4 investigations, 2 dismissed, 2 with multiple sanctions, 2 contested cases.

 FY 11 4 investigations, 5 dismissed with prejudice and 2 dismissed without prejudice, 1 denied license, 3 contested cases

Scope of Practice as defined in 37-17-102, MCA:

(4) (a) "Practice of psychology" means the observation, description, interpretation, and modification of human behavior by the application of psychological principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of eliminating symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired behavior and improving interpersonal relations, work and life adjustment, personal effectiveness, and mental health.

(b) The practice of psychology includes but is not limited to psychological testing and evaluation or assessment of personal characteristics such as intelligence, personality, abilities, interests, aptitudes, and neuropsychological functioning; counseling, psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, hypnosis, biofeedback, and behavior analysis and therapy; diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders or disabilities, chemical dependency, substance abuse, and the psychological aspects of physical illness, accident, injury, or disability; and psychoeducational evaluation, therapy, remediation, and consultation.

2011 Legislation that Became Law and Impacts Board or Profession

- HB 94, sponsored by Rep. Arntzen at the request of the Department of Labor and Industry, generally revises reciprocity and other board functions.
- SB 167, sponsored by Sen, Anders Blewett, would have included psychologists among those counselors eligible to determine the competency of a patient requesting medication for end-of-life purposes.
- SB 272, sponsored by Sen, Terry Murphy, would have created a prescribing psychologist license. The bill was tabled in the House Human Services Committee.

Summary of Responses from Survey as made through April 4, 2012: 14 responses

- Concerns about application process being more extensive, complex than in other states.
- Concerns about terminology/tests used by social workers/professional counselors.