

Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

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Subcommittee: Health & Welfare

DESCRIPTION	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ESTIMATE	FY 2004		FY 2005	
			OSPB	JLBC	OSPB	JLBC
PROGRAM BUDGET						
Board of Behavioral Health Examiners	585,400	717,000	767,300	738,600	767,300	738,600
AGENCY TOTAL	585,400	717,000	767,300	738,600	767,300	738,600

OPERATING BUDGET

	12.0	13.0	12.0	13.0	12.0	13.0
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>						
Personal Services	338,400	418,500	418,500	418,500	418,500	418,500
Employee Related Expenditures	77,000	97,400	94,100	98,400	94,100	98,400
Professional and Outside Services	31,400	45,300	92,300	59,300	92,300	59,300
Travel - In State	3,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Travel - Out of State	3,800	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,300
Other Operating Expenditures	88,500	134,400	141,000	141,000	141,000	141,000
Equipment	42,800	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100
AGENCY TOTAL	585,400	717,000	767,300	738,600	767,300	738,600

FUND SOURCES

Other Appropriated Funds

Board of Behavioral Health Examiners Fund	585,400	717,000	767,300	738,600	767,300	738,600
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	585,400	717,000	767,300	738,600	767,300	738,600
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	585,400	717,000	767,300	738,600	767,300	738,600
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	585,400	717,000	767,300	738,600	767,300	738,600

CHANGE IN FUNDING SUMMARY

	FY 2003 to FY 2004 JLBC		FY 2003 to FY 2005 JLBC		Biennial \$ Change
	\$ Change	% Change	\$ Change	% Change	
Other Appropriated Funds	21,600	3.0%	21,600	3.0%	43,200

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — *The board certifies and regulates behavioral health professionals in the fields of social work, counseling, marriage and family therapy, and substance abuse counseling.*

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2002	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
	Appropriation	Actual	Appropriation	Recommend.
• Number of licenses issued (new and existing) *	5,724	5,876	6,100	--
• Number of complaints received about licensees	65	59	65	--
• Average days to resolve a complaint	180	334	180	180
• Number of inspections/investigations	48	121	48	--
• Average days to renew a license (from receipt of application to issuance)	30	19	30	19
• Administration as a % of total cost	13	13	14	10
• Customer satisfaction rating (scale 1-8)	6.0	NA	6.0	6.1

Comments: The agency did not submit information for any measure labeled as "NA." The agency reports that reassigning renewal and application issues to its investigations department has contributed to the increased number of inspections and the long length of time required to resolve a complaint.

*The board does not provide licenses; certification for behavioral health professionals is voluntary.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FROM FY 2003

		<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>
Standard Changes	OF	\$2,300	\$2,300

Assistant Attorney

General Services	OF	14,000	14,000
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The JLBC recommends a Board of Behavioral Health Examiners Fund increase for additional Assistant Attorney General services. Due to funding cuts the Attorney General's office is reducing the 0.5 FTE Assistant Attorney General formerly available to the board by 20% to 30%. The board's need for services is increasing. Board inspections and investigations increased 218% from FY 2001 to FY 2002; investigations and hearings are directly correlated resulting in an increased need for Attorney General presence at hearings. The additional monies will allow the Assistant Attorney General to dedicate a 0.5 FTE Position specifically to the board.

This amount includes \$47,000 for the Attorney General's services offset by a decrease of \$(33,000) in the base budget due to an unnecessary, vacant credentialing specialist position. The board is currently pursuing legislation authorizing the board to license all examiners.

If that legislation passes, the agency may need additional funds to reinstate the credentialing specialist position.

Rent Increase	OF	5,300	5,300
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The JLBC recommends a Board of Behavioral Health Examiners Fund increase to acquire an additional 370 square feet of office space. The board currently occupies 1,797 square feet, which is about 150 square feet per FTE compared to the average 300 square feet per FTE for similar boards. The additional space will allow the board to fill a vacant investigator position.

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JLBC RECOMMENDED FORMAT — Lump Sum by Agency

JLBC RECOMMENDED FOOTNOTES

Standard Footnotes

This appropriation is available for use pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-143.01C and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations until June 30, 2005.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Estimate
Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (BHA2256/A.R.S. § 32-3254)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Monies collected by the board from the certification and regulation of behavioral health professionals in the fields of social work, counseling, marriage and family therapy, and substance abuse counseling. The board retains 90% of these monies and deposits 10% in the General Fund.		
Purpose of Fund: To examine, certify, investigate, and regulate behavioral health professionals, and for board administration.		
Funds Expended	585,400	717,000
Year-End Fund Balance	549,700	557,200

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