

# Counselor and Social Worker Board

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- Executive recommends FY2002 funding at \$907,772 and FY2003 funding at \$953,563
- Examination blueprint is undergoing revision for current relevancy to the profession through a co-venture with the State of Texas Board of Professional Counselors
- Revised rules of operation enable licensees continuing education options via distance learning
- Board plans a satisfaction survey to licensees to be completed in the summer of 2001

## OVERVIEW

The Counselor and Social Worker Board (CSW) regulates the professions of counseling and social work by establishing licensure and practice standards for the professional practice of counseling and social work. To accomplish this, the Board administers examinations as well as reviews academic credentials and evaluates supervised training experiences.

During FY2000, the Counselor and Social Worker Board licensed 1,100 social workers, 317 independent social workers, 401 professional counselors, and 310 professional clinical counselors and registered 107 social worker assistants. There were four disciplinary hearings and the Board entered into seven consent agreements with licensees who were found to be in violation of the Board's laws or rules. The average processing time for a complaint is three months from the receipt of the complaint.

There is currently a total of over 30,000 licenses on file with the Counselor and Social Worker Board. Additionally, the Board has over 5000 individuals registered as counselor trainees who are working towards licensure as professional counselors or clinical counselors.

## ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

<i>Counselor and Social Worker Board Staffing Levels</i>						
<b>Program Series/Division</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	
					<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Board Members	11	11	11	11	11	11
Administrative Staff	7	7	7	7	7	7
Investigative Staff	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>

The Board also employs a part time investigative assistant.

### Number of New Licenses Issued in FY2000

<i>License Type</i>	<i>FY2000</i>	<i>New Fee Amount</i>
Counselor	401	\$60
Clinical Counselor	310	\$75
Social Worker	1100	\$60
Independent Social Worker	317	\$75
Social Worker Assistant	107	\$40

In addition to the license categories listed above, the CSW also registers counselor trainees. The board has roughly 5000 at any given time. Trainees are required to register and submit paperwork for every supervisor they work with and every site they work in for the experience credit needed for licensure.

### Current License Fees

Fees have remained the same since June 1985. The fees listed below are for a two-year period as the board renews licenses biennially.

<i>Renewal Fees</i>	
Counselor	\$60
Clinical Counselor	\$75
Social Worker	\$60
Independent Social Worker	\$75
Social Worker Assistant	\$40

## ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

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**Purpose** License and regulate counselors and social workers

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
4K9	899-609	Operating Expenses	\$907,772	\$953,563
<b>Total funding: Counselor and Social Worker Board</b>				

### Counselor and Social Worker Board

**Program Description:** In accordance with Chapter 4757 of the ORC, the Counselor and Social Worker Board protects Ohioans from unqualified and incompetent mental health professionals by licensing and regulating counselors and social workers.

**Funding Source: GSF Fund 4K9** – All revenue from the 22 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and then reallocated to each board. Each board must raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

**Line Items:** 899-609 Operating Expenses

**Implication of the Executive Recommendation:** The Executive recommends that the FY2002 funding for the Counselor and Social Worker Board be increased by 7.0 percent or \$59,116 over the estimated FY2001 disbursement level. For FY2003, the Executive is recommending an increase of 5.0 percent or \$45,791.

## PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the department's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

There are no permanent or temporary law provisions with fiscal effects on this agency.

## REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

There were no unfunded requests.

## LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

<i>Fund ALI ALI Title</i>	<i>Revised Estimated 2001</i>	<i>As Introduced 2002</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2002</i>	<i>% Change Est. 2001 to House 2002</i>	<i>As Introduced 2003</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2003</i>	<i>% Change House 2002 to House 2003</i>
<b><i>CSW Counselor and Social Worker Board</i></b>							
4K9 899-609 Operating Expenses	\$848,656	\$ 907,772	\$ 907,772	7.0%	\$ 953,563	\$ 953,563	5.0%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>	<b>\$ 848,656</b>	<b>\$ 907,772</b>	<b>\$ 907,772</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>\$ 953,563</b>	<b>\$ 953,563</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
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<b>Total All Budget Fund Groups</b>	<b>\$ 848,656</b>	<b>\$ 907,772</b>	<b>\$ 907,772</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>\$ 953,563</b>	<b>\$ 953,563</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

## General Services Fund Group

### 4K9 899-601 Testing Fees

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$1,254	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** GSF: Fees are collected from candidates taking examinations

**Legal Basis:** Originally established by Controlling Board in June 1994.

**Purpose:** This line item was used to cover the cost of the Board's administration of the Licensed Professional counseling examinations. In FY 1994, the Board began administering the exam directly instead of through a test contractor. Prior to FY 1994, the examinees paid their fees directly to the contractor. Funds from this account were folded into the 899-609 Operating Expenses account during the last budget cycle to simplify tracking.

### 4K9 899-609 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$756,166	\$722,395	\$812,246	\$848,656	\$907,772	\$953,563
	-4.5%	12.4%	4.5%	7.0%	5.0%

**Source:** GSF: Revenue received by the occupational licensing boards is deposited into Fund 4K9

**Legal Basis:** Originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th General Assembly.

**Purpose:** Funds are used for general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment. The appropriated amount may be increased a maximum of ten percent with Controlling Board approval.