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Dietetics Board

- The Board contributed $31,726 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended for FY 2004.
- The Board received no funding in FY 2007 and will be absorbed into the Department of Health that year.

OVERVIEW

The Ohio Board of Dietetics is part of the 4K9 Fund group. The 4K9 Fund (Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund) is a General Services Fund that is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. The 4K9 Fund was established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th General Assembly. Prior to the creation of the fund, appropriations for each licensing board were made from the GRF. This created some problems as some boards contributed more revenues than they expended and others had to be subsidized by the GRF since the revenues generated did not meet their expenditures. The 4K9 Fund eliminated these problems. The philosophy of the fund is that each board must generate enough revenues to cover their expenses. It is also quite common for the boards to develop a surplus in the fund to cover unforeseen economic hardships.

The Ohio Board of Dietetics, created in 1987, protects and regulates the practice of dietetics in Ohio. The Board consists of five members and has three full-time employees.

The Board issues two types of licenses: dietitian and limited permit dietitian. The Board issued approximately 3,456 licenses in FY 2004. Revenue is generated from new and renewal license fees, which are collected annually. Expenditures are for operating expenses associated with the licensure, regulation, and enforcement processes. Revenues and expenditures for FY 2004 totaled $323,512 and $291,786, respectively. The Board contributed $31,726 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended during FY 2004.

Licensing System

The Board, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services, has implemented a new web-based multi-board CAVU licensing system. Each board will pay their share of the costs out of Fund 4K9. The Board of Dietetics will pay a fee of $4,563 in FY 2006 and $4,185 in FY 2007. The fee for this service was $2,694 in FY 2005.

Administrative Fees

Over the course of the last few years, occupational boards have had to absorb increased administrative costs charged by other state agencies. Many boards contracted for services that were once provided for free such as lock-box services and computer technical support. Many state boards share the costs and services of an IT support person. The costs for the IT support person for the Dietetics Board are estimated at $4,265 in FY 2006 and $4,185 in FY 2007. Beginning in FY 2006, the Board will also be responsible for $1,135 per fiscal year for computer firewall protection. Lastly, the Board will be charged $200 for DAS Risk Management services. This charge is for DAS purchasing insurance policies for the Board.

Fee Increases in FY 2005

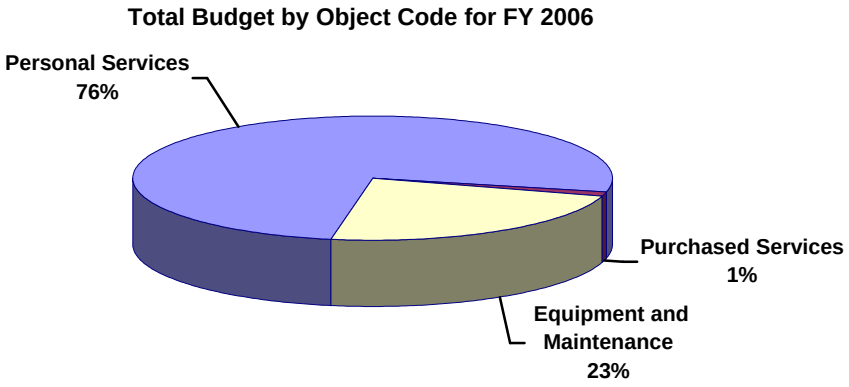
Since 1993, the Board has brought in enough revenue to offset expenditures. However, in FY 2003 expenditures exceeded revenues by approximately $38,000. The Board originally intended to raise fees in FY 2004. However, the American Dietetic Association, of which over 90% of the dietitian licensees in Ohio belong, raised its membership dues that same year. As a result, the Board instituted the fee increase for FY 2005. The table below lists the fees and estimated revenue for FY 2005. It is estimated that revenues increased by $48,000 in FY 2005 as a result of the fee increase.

	Previous Fee	Fee as of June 30, 2004
Dietitian – limited permit	$55	$65
Dietitian – renewal	$80	$95
Dietitian – reinstatement	$165	$180
Dietitian – reactivation	$110	$125

Governor's Recommendations

The Governor recommended funding of $332,495 in FY 2006 and $0 in FY 2007. The Executive recommends that the 27 independent occupational licensing boards be absorbed into the Departments of Health, Commerce, and Public Safety. As such, the Executive recommended no funding in FY 2007 for the Boards. In the case of the Dietetics Board, the Board and its duties will be absorbed into the Department of Health. The specifics of this transfer will be addressed during FY 2006 by a task force consisting of the departments of Commerce, Health, Public Safety, and Administrative Services, the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), and the Governor's Office. According to OBM, current staff will be retained through FY 2006 and a hiring freeze and early retirement incentives will be offered to regulatory board staff. Effective July 1, 2006, all remaining regulatory board staff will be transferred to the relevant agency. Board members will be retained.

As shown in the chart below, the Board's expenses for FY 2006 will be primarily personnel expenses. The remainder of the Board's expenses are for equipment, maintenance, and purchased services.



Staffing Levels

Ohio Board of Dietetics Staffing Levels						
					Estimated	
Program Series/Division	**2002**	**2003**	**2004**	**2005**	**2006**	**2007**
Board Members	5	5	5	5	5	5*
Administrative Staff	2	2	2	2	2	2*
Investigators	1	1	1	1	1	1*
Totals	8	8	8	8	8	8*

*In FY 2007, the 27 occupational licensing boards will be consolidated into various agencies. According to OBM, current staff will be retained through FY 2006. However, it is expected that some staff reductions will occur as a result of the implementation of a hiring freeze and early retirement incentive. Remaining staff for the Board will be transferred to the Department of Health in FY 2007. Board members will be retained.

The Board Members are budgeted at 96 hours per year (0.23 FTE). The Board has one intermittent clerk (0.48 FTE).

FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of Licensees

License Type	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Dietitian	3,032	3,196	3,415	3,456
Dietitian-Limited Permit	98	126	124	108

Source: *Ohio's Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Boards Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004*

Revenues and Expenditures

Fund 4K9	FY 2003	FY 2004
Revenues	$280,616	$323,512
Expenditures	$282,506	$291,786
Net	($1,890)	$31,726
Two-Year Net	$29,836	

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Ohio Board of Dietetics

Purpose: License and regulate the practice of dietetics

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Board of Dietetics, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Services Fund				
4K9	860-609	Operating Expenses	$332,495	$0
		General Services Fund Subtotal	**$332,495**	**$0**
Total Funding: Ohio Board of Dietetics			**$332,495**	**$0**

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Board of Dietetics protects the health and safety of Ohio citizens by regulating the practice of dietetics by setting and enforcing the standards of practice through annual licensure requirements, and investigating complaints against unlawful dietetic practices.

Funding Source: General Services Fund Group (Fund 4K9). Currently, all revenue from 27 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and reallocated to each board. Each board is expected to raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

Line Items: 860-609, Operating Expenses

Implication of Executive Recommendation: The Board requested $336,687 in FY 2006 and $341,687 in FY 2007. The Executive recommended funding of $332,495 in FY 2006 and $0 in FY 2007. The recommended funding for FY 2006 will allow the Board to carry out its mission and allow for the 4% increase in payroll. The difference in the requested and received funding is due to a difference in payroll calculation. As such, services and staffing levels will not be affected. In FY 2007, the Board will be absorbed into the Department of Health. The specifics of this transfer will be addressed during FY 2006 by a task force consisting of the departments of Commerce, Health, Public Safety, and Administrative Services, the Office of Budget and Management, and the Governor's Office.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions: H.B. 66, As Introduced, includes a provision that consolidates the Board into the Department of Health beginning in FY 2007. The provision also includes the creation of a transition team to ensure the consolidation occurs smoothly and on schedule. The temporary language states that the necessary statutory changes and appropriations needed for the consolidation will be introduced in FY 2006.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

Fund Line Item	FY 2006 Requested	FY 2006 Recommended	Difference	FY 2007 Requested	FY 2007 Recommended	Difference
860-609	$336,687	$332,495	($4,192)	$341,687	$0	($341,687)
TOTALS	$336,687	$332,495	($4,192)	$341,687	$0	($341,687)

In FY 2006, the Board received $4,192 less than requested. The Board has stated that the difference is due to a payroll calculation and will not affect service or staffing levels. In FY 2007, the Board requested funding of $341,687 for operating expenses for things such as licensure and enforcement. The Executive recommended funding of $0. The Board will be absorbed into the Department of Health. Specifics of this transfer will be addressed by a task force made up of the departments of Commerce, Health, Public Safety, and Administrative Services, the Office of Budget and Management, and the Governor's Office.

General Services Fund Group

4K9 860-609 Operating Expenses

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
$262,124	$282,506	$291,786	$329,687	**$332,495**	**$0**
	7.8%	3.3%	13.0%	**0.9%**	**-100.0%**

Source: GSF: License fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards

Legal Basis: ORC 4759.03 and 4743.05 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 570 of the 116th G.A.)

Purpose: This appropriation supports the general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment for the Ohio Board of Dietetics. The Board licenses and regulates the dietetic profession in Ohio.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2006 - FY 2007

Fund	ALI	ALI Title	2004	Estimated 2005	Executive 2006	% Change 2005 to 2006	Executive 2007	% Change 2006 to 2007
OBD Dietetics, Board of								
4K9	860-609	Operating Expenses	$ 291,786	$329,687	$ 332,495	0.9%	$ 0	-100.0%
General Services Fund Group Total			**$ 291,786**	**$ 329,687**	**$ 332,495**	**0.9%**	**$ 0**	**-100.0%**
Total All Budget Fund Groups			***$ 291,786***	***$ 329,687***	***$ 332,495***	***0.9%***	***$ 0***	***-100.0%***