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Chemical Dependency Professionals Board

- Licensed 6,728 professionals in 2006
- Began creating a collegiate accreditation program for prevention specialists

OVERVIEW

The Chemical Dependency Professionals Board monitors and provides approval for various education events for chemical dependency professionals throughout Ohio as defined in Chapter 4758. of the Ohio Revised Code. The Board's mission is to assure professionally competent chemical dependency professionals in Ohio by regulating examinations and licensure, enforcing continuing education compliance, monitoring continuing education quality, renewal of licensure, and statute and rule enforcement. The Board received authority of the credentialing process from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) in FY 2005. During the current biennium, the Board focused on ensuring credentialed professionals retain the ability to practice in the field.

The Chemical Dependency Professionals Board is part of Fund 4K9 (Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund), a General Services Fund. The fund is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. Prior to the creation of the fund, appropriations for each licensing board were made from the GRF. To eliminate revenue and expenditure issues created when some boards contributed more revenues than they expended and others required subsidies from the GRF, the 120th General Assembly established Fund 4K9 in Am. Sub. H.B. 152. Each board must generate enough revenues to cover its expenses. Some boards develop a surplus to cover unforeseen economic hardships.

The Board generated \$479,117 in FY 2005 and \$441,511 in FY 2006 in credentialing revenue. During FYs 2005 and 2006, chemical dependency professionals tended to hold off renewing or advancing license status. This is also true of the licensure transition. The Board expects the number of chemical dependency professionals credentialed by the Board to grow as treatment professionals move from certification to licensure and the prevention profession continues to develop.

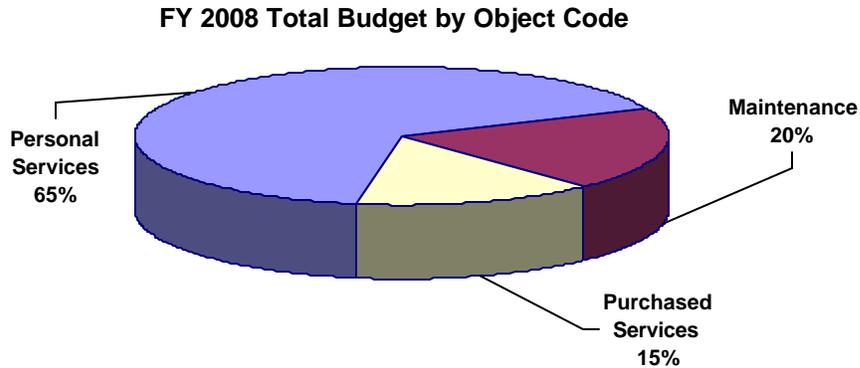
Licensing System

Each board pays its share of the costs of the multi-board web-based licensing system out of Fund 4K9. The Board, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), will implement a new e-Licensing system during the upcoming biennium as required in statute. The estimated start-up costs for implementing the e-Licensing system is \$26,400. The estimate includes application installation, support provided to the Board through a contracted DAS support person, and firewall protection. The Chemical Dependency Professionals Board will also pay an annual fee of \$2,729 per fiscal year for the e-Licensing system.

Increase in Administrative Costs

The Board is faced with increasing payroll costs, as a result of the negotiated 3.5% salary increase for state employees. Boards have also absorbed 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. Currently, the boards share the services and costs of an IT support person.



Executive Budget Recommendation

The Board requested and received \$530,864 in FY 2008 and \$551,146 in FY 2009.

Staffing Levels

| Chemical Dependency Staffing Levels | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Program Series/Division | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | Estimated | |
| | | | | | 2008 | 2009 |
| Staff | N/A | 4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5 | 5 |
| Board Members | N/A | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Total | N/A | 16 | 16.3 | 16.2 | 17 | 17 |

For FY 2006, 0.3 FTEs is based on 11 board members being paid \$19.55 for 46.5 hours each. For FY 2007, 0.2 FTEs is based on 11 board members being paid \$19.55 for 42.7 hours. For FYs 2008 and 2009, board members are budgeted for 96 hours.

The Board received authority for the credentialing process from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services in FY 2005 and anticipates having five FTEs for the upcoming biennium.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of Licensees

| License Type | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor I* | 1,365 | 1,126 |
| Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor II | 97 | 15 |
| Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor III | 167 | 21 |
| Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor III-E | 724 | 160 |
| Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant | 943 | 1,684 |
| Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II | 106 | 165 |
| Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor III | 195 | 309 |
| Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor | 1,640 | 2,206 |
| Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist I | 95 | 96 |
| Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist II | 270 | 248 |
| Registered Applicant | 712 | 698 |

*The Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor I license will be phased out by FY 2010.
 Source: Annual Occupational Licensing Board Report Fiscal Year 2006

Current License Fees

The Board issues licenses annually.

| License Type | Fee |
|--|------------|
| Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant | \$14.00 |
| Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II and III | \$50.00 |
| Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor | \$50.00 |
| Conversion Application | \$35.00 |

Revenues and Expenditures

| Fund 4K9 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Revenues | \$479,117 | \$441,511 |
| Expenditures | \$384,704 | \$416,030 |
| Net | \$94,413 | \$25,481 |
| Two-Year Net | \$119,894 | |

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Single Program Series

Operating Expenses

Purpose: To license and certify chemical dependency professionals and alcohol and drug prevention professionals in Ohio

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Chemical Dependency Board, as well as the executive recommended funding levels.

| Fund | ALI | Title | FY 2008 | FY 2009 |
|--|---------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| General Services Fund | | | | |
| 4K9 | 930-609 | Operating Expenses | \$530,864 | \$551,146 |
| General Services Fund Subtotal | | | \$530,864 | \$551,146 |
| Total Funding: License/Registration/Enforcement | | | \$530,864 | \$551,146 |

Program Description: The Board’s responsibilities as laid out in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4758. are to regulate the licensing and certification of chemical dependency counselors and prevention specialists, issue and renew those licenses and certifications, investigate ethics complaints in order to protect the interests of Ohioans who receive alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment services, and review and approve the content of education and training as it pertains to chemical dependency professionals and Alcohol and Other Drug (AoD) prevention professionals.

Implication of Executive Recommendation: The Board requested and received \$530,864 in FY 2008 and \$551,146 in FY 2009. At this funding level, the Board will be able to complete implementing the college and university accreditation requirements and other workforce development initiatives to increase the number of licensed chemical dependency counselors by 5% to 10% per fiscal year, in addition to continuing statutory and rule changes to grow the profession statewide.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions

There are no temporary or permanent law provisions affecting the Board.

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General Services Fund Group

4K9 930-609 Operating Expenses

| 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 Estimate | 2008 House Passed | 2009 House Passed |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| \$181,390 | \$385,435 | \$447,024 | \$452,729 | \$530,864 | \$551,146 |
| | 112.5% | 16.0% | 1.3% | 17.3% | 3.8% |

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

Legal Basis: ORC 4758.10 and 4743.05; Section 203.66 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A. (originally established by Sub. H.B. 496 of the 124th G.A.)

Purpose: Funds are used for general operating expenses, including payroll and supplies for the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. The Board licenses and regulates chemical dependency professionals who practice in Ohio.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2008 - FY 2009

| <i>Fund</i> | <i>ALI</i> | <i>ALI Title</i> | <i>Estimated 2007</i> | <i>As Introduced 2008</i> | <i>House Passed 2008</i> | <i>% Change Est. 2007 to House 2008</i> | <i>As Introduced 2009</i> | <i>House Passed 2009</i> | <i>% Change House 2008 to House 2009</i> |
|--|------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| CDP Chemical Dependency Professionals Board | | | | | | | | | |
| 4K9 | 930-609 | Operating Expenses | \$452,729 | \$ 530,864 | \$ 530,864 | 17.3% | \$ 551,146 | \$ 551,146 | 3.8% |
| General Services Fund Group Total | | | \$ 452,729 | \$ 530,864 | \$ 530,864 | 17.3% | \$ 551,146 | \$ 551,146 | 3.8% |
| Total All Budget Fund Groups | | | \$ 452,729 | \$ 530,864 | \$ 530,864 | 17.3% | \$ 551,146 | \$ 551,146 | 3.8% |