

## Mental Health Regulatory Agency

|                    | 2015-17<br>Actual  | 2017-19<br>Legislatively<br>Adopted | 2017-19<br>Legislatively<br>Approved * | 2019-21<br>Current Service<br>Level | 2019-21<br>Governor's<br>Budget |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Other Funds        | 2,558,922          | 3,462,553                           | 3,509,699                              | 3,656,573                           | 3,996,362                       |
| <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>\$2,558,922</b> | <b>\$3,462,553</b>                  | <b>\$3,509,699</b>                     | <b>\$3,656,573</b>                  | <b>\$3,996,362</b>              |
| Positions          | 12                 | 11                                  | 11                                     | 11                                  | 12                              |
| FTE                | 9.00               | 11.00                               | 11.00                                  | 11.00                               | 12.00                           |

### Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

|                    | 2015-17<br>Actual  | 2017-19<br>Legislatively<br>Adopted | 2017-19<br>Legislatively<br>Approved * | 2019-21<br>Current Service<br>Level | 2019-21<br>Governor's<br>Budget |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Other Funds        | 1,295,574          | 2,039,137                           | 2,079,741                              | 2,195,531                           | 2,421,983                       |
| <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>\$1,295,574</b> | <b>\$2,039,137</b>                  | <b>\$2,079,741</b>                     | <b>\$2,195,531</b>                  | <b>\$2,421,983</b>              |
| Positions          | 6                  | 7                                   | 7                                      | 7                                   | 8                               |
| FTE                | 4.50               | 7.00                                | 7.00                                   | 7.00                                | 7.65                            |

### Board of Psychology

|                    | 2015-17<br>Actual  | 2017-19<br>Legislatively<br>Adopted | 2017-19<br>Legislatively<br>Approved * | 2019-21<br>Current Service<br>Level | 2019-21<br>Governor's<br>Budget |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Other Funds        | 1,263,348          | 1,423,416                           | 1,429,958                              | 1,461,042                           | 1,574,379                       |
| <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>\$1,263,348</b> | <b>\$1,423,416</b>                  | <b>\$1,429,958</b>                     | <b>\$1,461,042</b>                  | <b>\$1,574,379</b>              |
| Positions          | 6                  | 4                                   | 4                                      | 4                                   | 4                               |
| FTE                | 4.50               | 4.00                                | 4.00                                   | 4.00                                | 4.35                            |

\*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2018

### Program Description

The mission of the Mental Health Regulatory Agencies (MHRA) is to protect and benefit the public's health and safety by promoting quality and ethical practice in mental health, and by creating and enforcing high standards for education, training, and examination to ensure that only qualified professionals administer mental health services to Oregon consumers. The agency is funded by revenue generated from licensing, applications and examination fees. Other miscellaneous sources include fines and the sale of mailing lists and copies of public records.

The Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists oversees a voluntary licensing program for professional counselors, and marriage and family therapists who want to use the title of “licensed professional counselor” or “licensed marriage and family therapist.” The Board also registers interns who are completing work experience requirements for licensure. The eight-member board is appointed by the Governor and composed of three licensed professional counselors, two licensed marriage and family therapists, one faculty from a related program, and two public members.

The Board of Psychologist Examiners ensures the ethical and legal practice of psychology by issuing and renewing licenses. The Board investigates complaints of professional misconduct made against licensees and is also charged with safeguarding Oregonians from the dangers of unqualified and improper practice of psychology. The nine-member board consists of six licensed psychologists and three members of the public not associated with the profession. All members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to three-year terms. The board has submitted a proposal to change its name to the Oregon Board of Psychology.

#### CSL Summary and Issues

The current service level (CSL) budget includes adjustments for payroll expenses and standard inflation, as well as the phase out of \$101,351 Other Funds reflecting limitation to cover the agency’s updating of its online database.

#### Policy Issues

- The agency requests \$240,034 increase in limitation, 1 position, 1.00 FTE to support the establishment of a permanent Compliance Specialist position to serve as lead worker coordinating the efforts of three investigators.
- The agency requests \$136,504 increase in limitation to complete the implementation of the agency’s online licensing database and to migrate the agency’s desktop support, monthly database maintenance, and ETS hosting to a new vendor.

The Governor’s Budget includes reductions in Attorney General Fees and State Government Service Charges, as well as increase limitation for completion of the agency’s IT projects and establishment of a permanent Compliance Specialist position.