

Board of Licensed Social Workers					
	2015-17 Actual	2017-19 Legislatively Adopted	2017-19 Legislatively Approved *	2019-21 Current Service Level	2019-21 Governor's Budget
Other Funds	1,575,651	1,617,140	1,717,671	1,828,013	1,810,716
Total Funds	1,575,651	1,617,140	1,717,671	1,828,013	1,810,716
Positions	6	6	6	6	6
FTE	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
* Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2018.					

Program Description

The mission of the Board of Licensed Social Workers is to protect the citizens of Oregon by setting a strong standard of practice and ethics through the regulation of clinical social workers. The Board oversees a voluntary licensing program for individuals who want to use the title “licensed clinical social worker.” The Board is responsible for developing and enforcing ethical standards for licensed individuals; investigating complaints; and disciplining licensed individuals who violate ethical standards, Board rules, or state licensing laws. The seven-member board is appointed by the Governor and composed of four licensed clinical social workers and three public members.

The 2019-21 Current Service Level is a 5.4% increase from the 2017-19 Legislatively Approved Budget and is consistent with the Current Service Level adjustments outlined in the 2019-21 Budget Instructions.

CSL Summary and Issues

There are no CSL issues.

Policy Issues

Senate Bill 177 (2009) substantially expanded the authority of the Board, by mandating licensure of these practicing clinical social work and adding two new licenses: Registered Bachelor of Social Work and Licensed Masters of Social Work. The Board has employed a number of strategies to manage the increased work load including an online directory of regulated social workers, an online licensing and database, and working closer with DOJ to minimize contested case costs. The online licensing and database is currently under development.

Other Significant Issues and Background

There are no other significant issues and the Board has not proposed any policy option packages for the 2019-21 biennium.