



Legislative Background Brief

for the
Economic Affairs Interim Committee

June 2013

Board of Alternative Health Care

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Board = 6 members (term expiration in parentheses)

<p>Direct-entry Midwives = 2 Mary Anne Brown, Great Falls (9/1/2014) Molly Danison, Missoula (9/1/2013)</p>	<p>Naturopathic Physicians = 2 Nancy Patterson, Great Falls (9/1/2015) Christine White Deeble, Missoula (9/1/2016)</p>
<p>MT physician practicing obstetrics = 1 Anne Camber, Libby (9/1/2015)</p>	<p>Public member not in a profession regulated by the board = 1 Phyllis Lefon, Clancy (9/1/2014)</p>

Number of Licenses	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY2012
Direct-entry midwives				
Naturopathic physicians				
Total	118	121	119	117

Licensing Fees (since 2009)

Naturopath license application	\$300	Naturopath specialty certificate	\$100
Naturopath original license	\$200	Naturopath specialty cert. renewal ..	\$25
Naturopath license renewal	\$550	Naturopath inactive status	\$275
Midwife license application	\$300	Midwife inactive status	\$275
Midwife original license	\$200	Midwife apprentice application	\$200
Midwife examination	\$800	Midwife apprentice lic. renewal	\$200
Midwife license renewal	\$550	Midwife exam proctor only fee	\$150
		Midwife apprentice inactive status..	\$100

Revenues FY2009-FY2012 and Expenditures for FY 2009-2012

	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Licensing	Other	Personal Services	Operating
FY 2009	\$65,874		\$57,002	
FY 2010	\$66,310		\$63,554	
FY 2011	\$63,740		\$45,425	
FY 2012	\$69,765		\$69,386	
FY 2015 biennium*	--		\$142,023	

Expenditures, FY 2012	Direct	Indirect			
		Admin	Div. IT/Bureau	Compliance	Bureau
Personal Services, incl. per diem	\$21,556	\$5,444	\$1,531	\$11,621	\$1,203
Operating Expenses					
Consulting, Printing, IT, Other	\$2,663			\$998	
Supplies, incl. Computer	\$1,123			\$245	
Postage, mailing, IT network, voice srv	\$718			\$763	
Travel/Per Diem for Board Members	\$2,167				
Rent and other expenses*	\$3,781			\$5,384	
Legal and hearings	\$10,188				
Total (may be affected by rounding)	\$42,196			\$27,189	

*Includes rent of \$1,949, and dues, education & training, and fee collection expense of \$1,832 for direct expenses and DLI OIT expense of \$2,210, apportioned meeting room cost of \$7, computer and office equipment repair of \$50, and indirect agency of \$3,117 for indirect expenses.

Number of Complaints

FY 09	12
FY 10	10
FY 11	21
FY 12	11

Disciplinary Action (may be from other years)

Revocation 1, Dismissed 8, Investigations 5
 Dismissed 11, Investigations 4, Other Sanctions 2
 Dismissed 14
 Dismissed 5, Other Sanctions 1, Closed 5

Scope of Practice

Naturopathic Physician - A person authorized and licensed to practice naturopathic health care, defined in 37-26-103, MCA, as "a system of primary health care practiced by naturopathic physicians for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of human health conditions, injury, and disease. Its purpose is to promote or restore health by the support and stimulation of the individual's inherent self-healing processes. This is accomplished through education of the patient by a naturopathic physician and through the use of natural therapies and therapeutic substances." A naturopathic physician also may be certified in the specialty practice of natural childbirth by using "natural therapeutic substances, ophthalmic antibiotics, oxytocin (pitocin), and minor surgery, as set by board rules." An additional scope of practice is outlined in 37-26-301, MCA.

Direct-entry Midwife - A person authorized to advise, attend, or assist a woman during pregnancy, labor, natural childbirth, or the period up to 6 weeks after birth. There are limitations on the administration of prescription drugs, as provided in 37-27-302, MCA, and operative or surgical procedures, as provided in 37-27-303, MCA.

2013 Legislation Impacting Board or Profession --

Summary of Responses from Survey as made through June 11, 2013:

of Responses from Board of Alternative Health Care licensees -- 12

Comments summarized separately.