ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

Enabling Laws

Act 10 of 2003 A.C.A. §17-27-401

History and Organization

<u>History</u>

Act 1588 of 1999 and 1708 of 2001 (ACA §17-27-401 et seq.) established the State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors. It authorized a thirteen member board made up of Licensed and or Certified Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors and one citizen at large.

<u>Mission</u>

To protect the public from being misled by incompetent and unauthorized persons and from unprofessional conduct on the part of qualified Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors.

Statutory Responsibility

To provide regulatory authority over persons who hold themselves out to the public as Licensed Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors.

Primary Activities

- 1) To establish appropriate licensure and certification requirements.
- 2) To define the practice of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counseling and to promote high standards of professional performance for those engaged in the practice of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counseling.
- 3) To set standards of qualifications, training and experience for those who seek to engage in the practice of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counseling.
- 4) Maintain an office to provide necessary support to meet Board responsibilities.

Oversight and/or Advisory Affiliation Attorney General's Office



Agency Commentary

The State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors is responsible for providing regulatory authority over persons who hold themselves out to the public as Licensed Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors. The operation of the Board is funded from the receipt of fees charged by the agency for licensing.

Board expenses basically consist of board member per diem and expenses. There is currently no projection for the Board to have any paid staff. Board expenses for each year of the biennium are not projected to increase beyond base level. Base Level is the Agency Request for the 2005-2007 biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AUDIT OF : BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

Findings	Recommendations
THE 2002 FISCAL YEAR WAS THE FIRST YEAR FOR AN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS. AN AUDIT HAD NOT BEEN PREPARED AS OF THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS MANUAL.	

Cash Fund Balance Description as of June 30, 2004

Fund AccountBalance1060204\$44,227

Type Checking Location Bank of the Ozarks, Maumelle AR

Statutory/Other Restrictions on use:

ACA § 17-27-415

Statutory Provisions for Fees, Fines, Penalties:

ACA § 17-27-413

Revenue Receipts Cycle:

ACA § 17-27-413 authorizes license or certificates to be renewed every two (2) years.

Fund Balance Utilization:

ACA § 17-27-415 requires that moneys received by the Board be used for Board operations.

Publications

A.C.A 25-1-204

	Statutory	Required for		# Of	Reason (s) for Continued	
Name	Authorization	Governor	General Assembly	# Of Copies	Publication and Distribution	
None	N/A	Ν	Ν	0	N/A	

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation / Program:B58 - Cash OperationsFunding Sources:106-Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors-Cash

The Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors was created by Act 1588 of 1999 (ACA §17-27-401 et seq.). The Board is responsible for regulating the practice of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counseling. The first operating appropriation of the Board was established in the 2002 fiscal year by authority of the DFA Cash Holding appropriation. License fees generate funding for the operations of the Board.

The Agency Request for each year of the 2005-2007 biennium is Base Level of \$18,000 each year.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Agency Request.

Appropriation / Program Summary

Appropriation / Program:B58Cash OperationsFunding Sources:106-Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors-Cash

	Historical Data				Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
		2003-2004	2004-2005	2004-2005	2005-2006			2006-2007		
Commitment Item		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	11,768	13,000	18,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Travel-Conference Fees	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees and Servic	es 5060010	2,830	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		14,598	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Funding Source	es									
Fund Balance	4000005	26,230	44,227		29,227	29,227	29,227	14,227	14,227	14,227
Cash Fund	4000045	32,595	3,000		3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total Funding		58,825	47,227		32,227	32,227	32,227	18,227	18,227	18,227
Excess Appropriation/(Fundi	ng)	(44,227)	(29,227)		(14,227)	(14,227)	(14,227)	(227)	(227)	(227)
Grand Total		14,598	18,000		18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Professional Fees and Services by authority of Budget Classification Transfer.