

Role and Overview

The Ohio Respiratory Care Board (RCB) was established in 1989 to ensure that those who are licensed by the board meet certain minimum education and training criteria to safely practice respiratory care (RC) in Ohio. The board monitors those licensees to ensure compliance with the laws in the Ohio Revised Code, which governs the profession. The board also regulates the licensing/registration of qualifying home medical equipment (HME) facilities as required under the Ohio Revised Code. The board’s annual budget of slightly more than \$492,000 supports a staff of five in addition to the nine board members. RCB licenses nearly 7,000 RC licensees, approximately 170 HME licensees, and 310 HME certifications to companies selling home medical equipment. Additional information regarding the Respiratory Care Board is available at: <http://respiratorycare.ohio.gov/>.



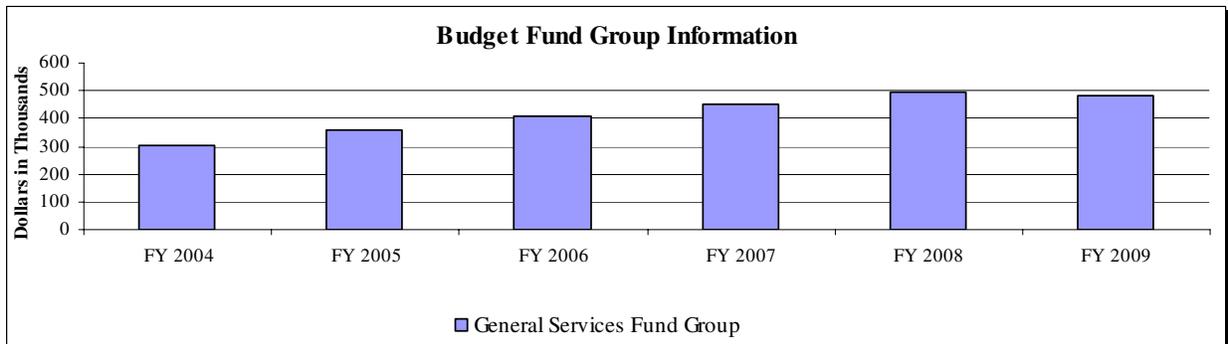
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Develop a performance contract to set priorities in line with Turnaround Ohio strategies to fund results.
- Ease the burden of regulations that prohibit and constrain development in Ohio through “Advantage Ohio.”
- Operate the Ohio Respiratory Care Board with a high level of transparency and accountability to Ohio citizens.

Agency Priorities

- Meet all mission critical goals: license application review and expedient issuance, expedient and efficient license renewal, investigating complaints and adjudicating violations, monitoring continuing education attainment, and perform required inspections on time.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date information on the licensing requirements for respiratory therapists and home medical equipment facility licensure.
- Create opportunities to improve licensing efficiency: increase usage of electronic renewal of licenses to 50% of renew eligible licenses by 2008.
- Enhance licensing efficiency for home medical equipment facilities: create a strategic plan to reduce unnecessary requirements, eliminate unneeded paperwork, streamline licensing processes, and identify future board initiatives to improve the regulation of home medical equipment services.
- Post meeting notices, agendas, and meeting minutes on the board’s website.
- Establish annual management goals and regularly review achievement of these objectives.
- Work with other state agencies to identify opportunities to improve patient care delivered by respiratory care therapists and home medical equipment facilities.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

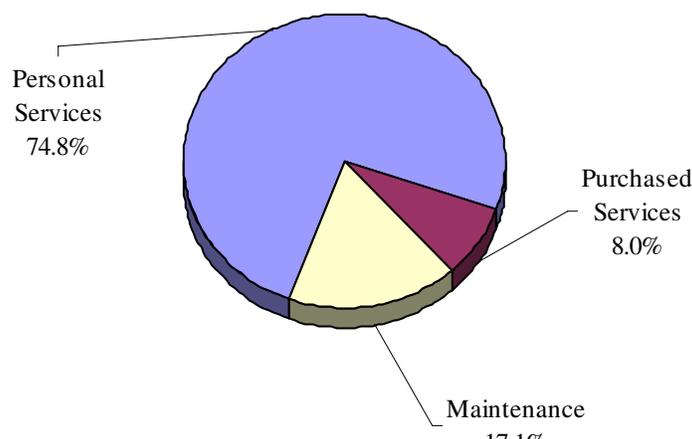


(In thousands)	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
BUDGET FUND GROUP							CHANGE		CHANGE

State of Ohio
Ohio Respiratory Care Board

General Services Fund Group	304	356	410	451	9.9	492	9.1	482	(2.0)
TOTAL	304	356	410	451	9.9	492	9.1	482	(2.0)

**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Expense Category**



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
Personal Services	232	255	303	331	9.2	354	6.9	375	5.9
Purchased Services	1	10	2	49	3,110.2	51	3.8	27	(46.3)
Maintenance	67	77	103	60	(41.1)	87	44.4	80	(8.3)
Equipment	4	14	3	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Transfer & Other	0	0	1	11	2,007.0	0	(100.0)	0	.0
TOTAL	304	356	410	451	9.9	492	9.1	482	(2.0)

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Regulation

This program series ensures the health, safety, and general welfare of citizens of the state through oversight of the regulated profession.

Program 01.01: License/Registration/Enforcement

This program includes the regulation and licensure activities of the respiratory care profession including issuance and renewal of licenses and permits, monitoring of continuing education requirements, and investigation of complaints filed with the Board.

The Executive Recommendation will:

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- Support licensing and renewal of approximately 6,500 respiratory care professionals and 394 limited permit holders;
- Support investigation of complaints received and enforcement of Board adjudication orders;
- Support the monitoring of continuing education compliance of the licensees; and
- Allow the board to develop web-based application processes for all license types.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	4K9	872-609	Operating Expenses	345,476	352,935
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				345,476	352,935

Program 01.02: Home Medical Equipment Regulation

This program includes the regulation and licensure activities of the home medical equipment (HME) companies in Ohio including the issuance and renewal of licenses and registration, monitoring of continuing education requirements, investigation of complaints, and inspection of HME facilities.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Support the issuance and renewal of over 217 HME licenses and over 350 HME Certificates of Registration to companies selling, renting, or maintaining home medical equipment to Ohio citizens;
- Complete the inspection of approximately 80 licensed home medical equipment facilities out of the 217 total licensed facilities;
- Support investigation and enforcement activities pertaining to HME facilities;
- Allow strategic planning to increase licensing efficiency for home medical equipment facilities; and
- Allow the board to develop web-based application processes for all license types

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	4K9	872-609	Operating Expenses	146,152	128,833
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				146,152	128,833

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Respiratory Care Board

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
4K9	872-609	Operating Expenses	304,435	356,106	409,938	450,520	491,628	9.1	481,768	(2.0)
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			304,435	356,106	409,938	450,520	491,628	9.1	481,768	(2.0)
TOTAL RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD			304,435	356,106	409,938	450,520	491,628	9.1	481,768	(2.0)