I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES MISSION

The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners was created by Act 144 of 1887. Act 14 of 1955 (A.C.A. 17-82-101 et seq.), known as the Arkansas Dental Practice Act, governs Board operations. The Board regulates the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting, by examining applicants for competency and issuing licenses to candidates meeting the requirements of the State and the Board. The Board is composed of six practicing dentists, one practicing dental hygienist, and two consumer representative; one representing senior citizens. Members are appointed by the Governor to five year terms, and officers are elected annually.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for Fiscal Year 2011 is \$384,311.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Board is funded by cash funds that are collected by the Board through applications for licensure, renewal of licenses, issuance and renewal of permits, late penalties, and disciplinary fines.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER FY 2010

• NONE.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions for FY 2011: 3 Total Authorized Positions for FY 2010: 3 Increase/(Decrease): 0

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

• EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS: No funds can be spent on attorney services unless the Attorney General certifies the board can employ legal counsel. The Attorney General must certify the board needs legal counsel, consents to legal counsel, and determines the board re-advertises each year for legal counsel and that it be reviewed and approved by ALC/JBC annually.