

MARYLAND BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

ANNUAL REPORT – 2010

This report covers the activities of the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period ending December 31, 2010.

The Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists functions under Health Occupations Article, Title 17, Annotated Code of Maryland. The State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”) is the licensure and certification authority of professional counselors; marriage and family therapists, art therapists, and alcohol and drug counselors in the State of Maryland. The Board is mandated to regulate the practice of professional counseling and therapy in Maryland by licensing and certifying qualified counselors and therapists, promulgating regulations for the practice of professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, and alcohol and drug counseling, verifying credentials, issuing licenses and certificates, establishing requirements for and verifying completion of continuing education hours, investigating complaints based on alleged violations of regulations and statutes, formal and informal disciplining of licensees and certificate holders, establishing committees as deemed appropriate to advise the Board, and submit an annual report to the Governor and Secretary (H.O. Ann. Code of Md, §17-205 (b) (2)).

Mission

The Mission of the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists is to protect the citizens of Maryland and to promote high quality health care in the field of professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, and alcohol and drug counseling.

Meetings

During the year, the Board held 10 formal meetings and monthly committee meetings.

Board Members

The Board consists of 13 members: five licensed clinical professional counselors, three licensed clinical marriage and family therapists, three licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors and two consumer members.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term</u>
Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Ph.D., LCPC, Board Chair	June 30, 2012
Ms. Sonja Williams, LCMFT, Vice-Chair	June 30, 2010
Tina Young, Consumer, Board Secretary	June 30, 2012

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term</u>
Lorraine G. Garcia, LCPC	June 30, 2013
Richard Hann, LCPC,	June 30, 2010
Deborah G. Haskins, LCPC	June 30, 2010
Deborah Hayes, Consumer*	June 30, 2010
Marcia L. Mityga, LCADC	June 30, 2013
Alexandra G. Rickeman, LCMFT *	June 30, 2013
Susan A. Tangires, LCPC, LCADC	June 30, 2013
Allen Twigg, LCPC,	June 30, 2012
Cindy A. Shaw-Wilson, LCADC	June 30, 2013
Consumer Member	Vacant

**Resigned, 2010*

Committees

1. Credentials: Dr. Deborah Haskins, Chairperson; Ms. Lorraine Garcia; Ms. Sonja Williams; Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson; Mr. Allen Twigg and Ms. Susan Tangires.
2. Ethics: Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Chairperson; Ms. Alexandra Rickeman; Ms. Marcia Mityga and Ms. Tina Young
3. Regulations/Legislation: Mr. Richard Hann, Chairperson; Ms. Sonja Williams, Co-Chairperson and Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson.

Staff

Aileen Taylor, Executive Director
 Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
 Anna Sullivan, Licensing Administrator
 Janice Isaac, Licensing Coordinator
 Sandra Boxley, Office Secretary
 Star Anderson, Office Clerk
 Howard F. Kenney, Jr., Board Investigator
 Sangeeta Sarkar, Programmer Data Analyst

Finances

The Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists is special funded. Revenues, which support the Board's operations, are generated through licensing and certification fees. No other State funds can be used to support the Board's operations.

The Board's 2010 fund balance was 431,216. In fiscal year 2010 the Board generated \$443,037 in revenues. The Board's expenditures totaled \$571,931.

Complaints

The Board received 30 complaints in 2010. The number of investigations conducted during the year was 15. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc.

Legislation

HB114/SB291 – Health Occupations Boards – Revisions – *Passed* (Chapter Number 534 and Chapter 533)

Requiring health occupations boards to provide notification to licensees or certificate holders of board vacancies; requiring health occupations boards to collect specified racial and ethnic information; requiring that, to the extent practicable, members of health occupations boards reasonably reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State; requiring specified health occupations boards to develop a specified training process and materials for board members; etc.

Regulations

COMAR 10.58.06 – Advance Testing (on going)

COMAR 10.58.01 – Professional Counselor Supervision – (on going)

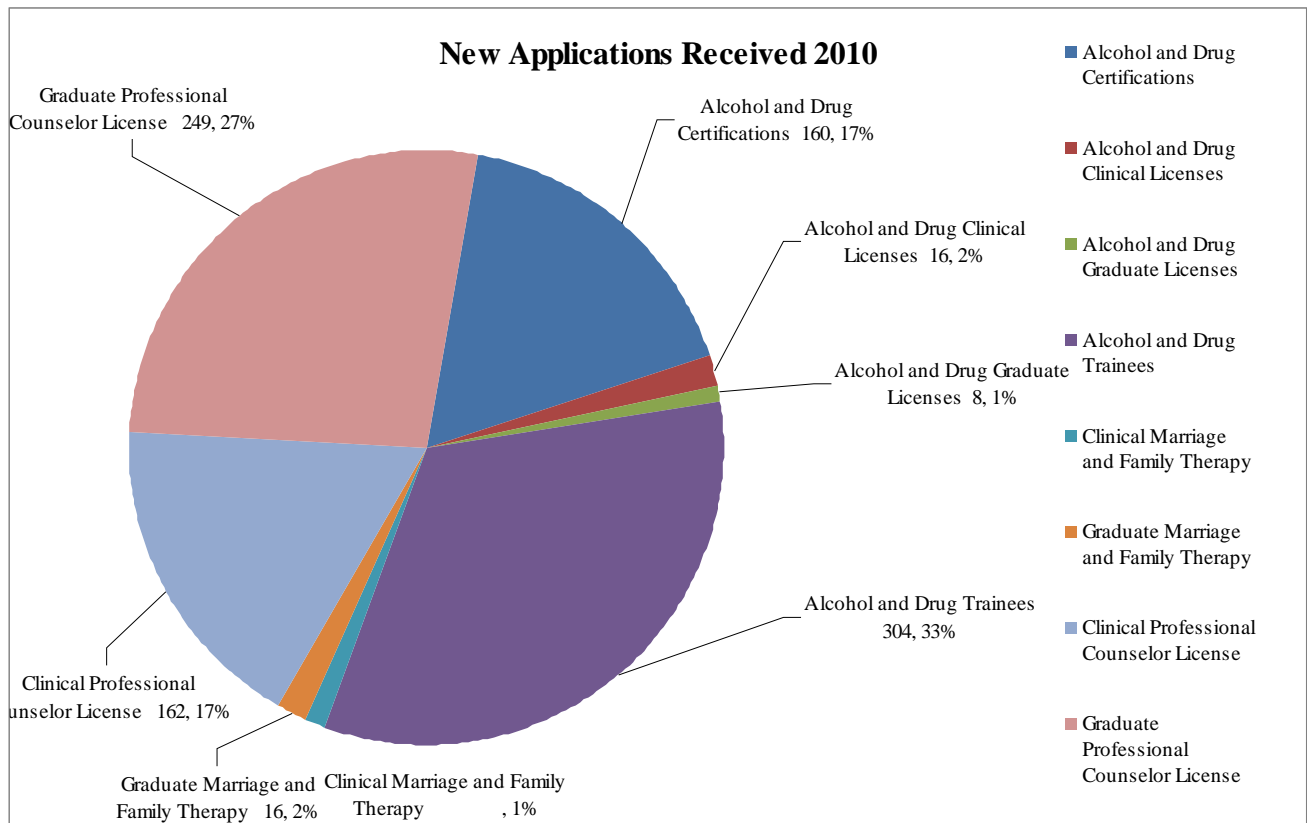
NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Alcohol and Drug Certifications	160
Alcohol and Drug Clinical Licenses	16
Alcohol and Drug Graduate Licenses	8
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	304
Total A & D Application	488

Clinical Marriage and Family Therapy	12
Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy	16
Total MFT Application	28

Clinical Professional Counselor License	162
Graduate Professional Counselor License	249
Total New Applications	411

Total Applications = 927



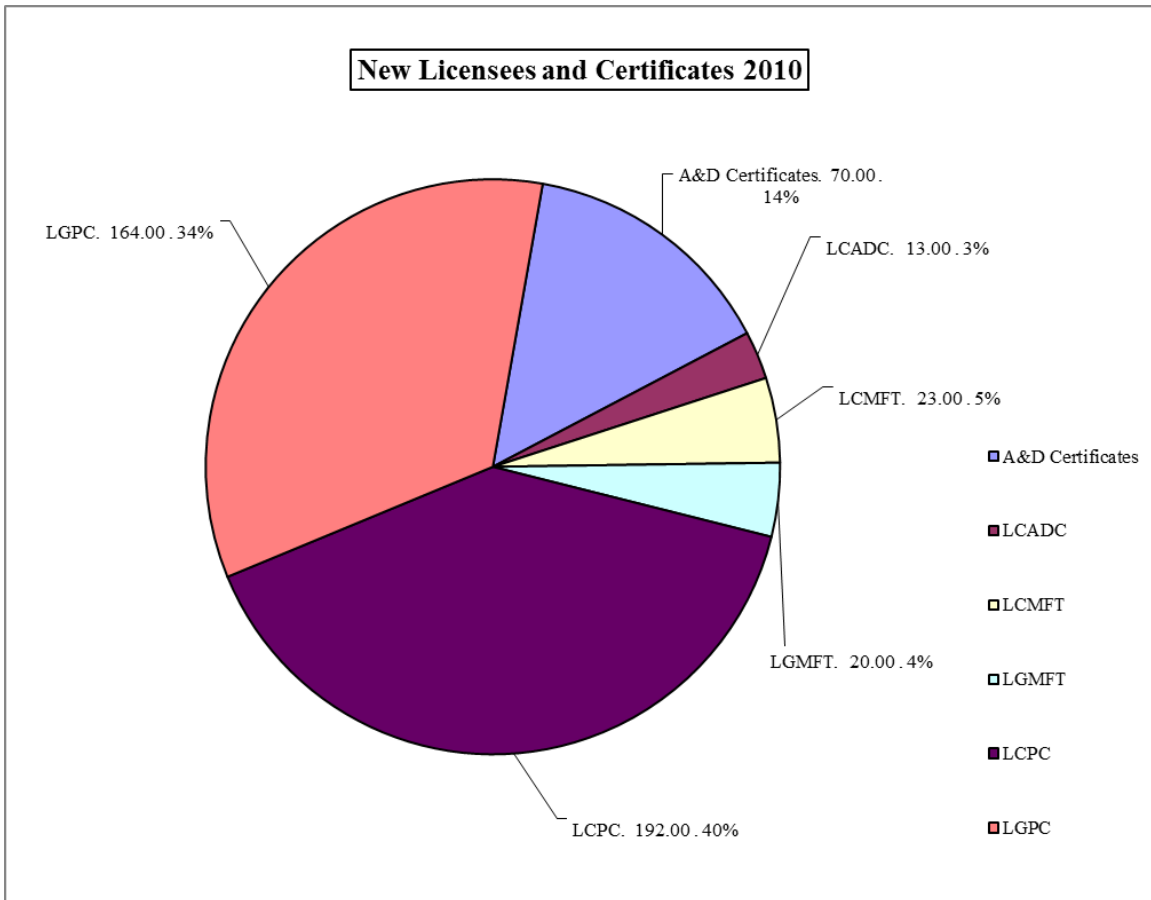
NEW LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATES

A&D Certificates	70
LCADC	13
Total	83

LCMFT	23
LGMFT	20
Total	43

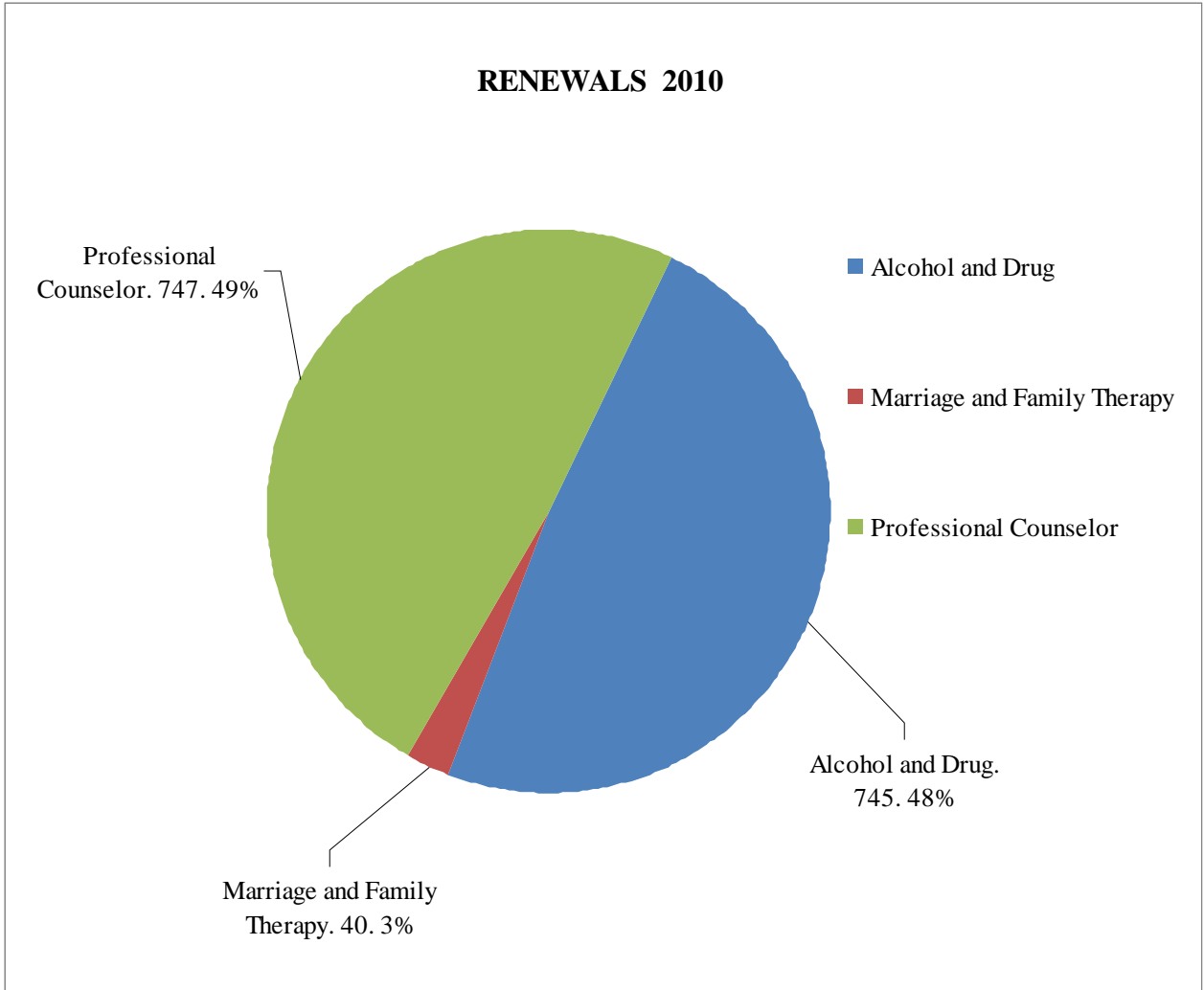
LCPC	192
LGPC	164
Total	356

Total of New Licenses and Certificates = 482



RENEWALS

Alcohol and Drug	745
Marriage and Family Therapy	40
Professional Counselor	747
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Total Renewals	1532



REINSTATEMENTS

Alcohol and Drug	149
Marriage and Family Therapy	1
Professional Counselors	41
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Total Reinstatements	191

