

MARYLAND BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

This report covers the activities of the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period ending December 31, 2012.

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, art 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 (HO 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, art 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>
Richard Hann, LCPC, Board Chair	June 30, 2014
Allen Twigg, LCPC, Vice-Chair	June 30, 2012
Tina Young, Consumer, Board Secretary	June 30, 2012

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term</u>
Maria Riveria, Consumer *	June 30, 2013
Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Ph.D., LCPC	June 30, 2012
Stephanie C. Chupein, LCMFT	June 30, 2013
Carol A. Deel, LCMFT, LCPC **	June 30, 2013
Candice Richardson Dickens, LCPC, LCADC	June 30, 2014
Lorraine G. Garcia, LCPC	June 30, 2013
Marcia L. Mityga, LCADC	June 30, 2013
Carlo Panlilio, LCMFT	June 30, 2014
Cindy A. Shaw-Wilson, LCADC	June 30, 2013
Susan A. Tangires, LCPC, LCADC	June 30, 2013

**Resigned April, 2012*

**Board Chair Elect (Term Began October, 2012)

Committees

1. Credentials: Mr. Allen Twigg, Chairperson; Ms. Lorraine Garcia; Ms. Stephanie Chupein; Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry; and Ms. Susan Tangires
2. Ethics: Mr. Carlo Panlilio, Chairperson; Ms. Marcia Mityga; and Ms. Candice Richardson Dickens; and Tina Young
3. Regulations/Legislation: Ms. Carol A. Deel, Chairperson; Mr. Richard Hann; Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson

Staff

Tracey DeShields, Executive Director
 Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
 Anna Sullivan, Licensing Administrator
 Janice Isaac, Licensing Coordinator
 Sandra Boxley, Office Secretary
 Tawana Brown, Office Secretary
 Karen Wamsley, 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 fund balance in 2012 was \$334, 049. In fiscal year 2012 the Board generated \$585, 385 in revenues. The Board's expenditures totaled \$609,776.

Complaints

The Board received 115 complaints in 2012. The number of investigations conducted during the year was 96. The Board issued 7 formal disciplinary actions. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc.

Legislation

HB348/SB474 - State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Certified Professional Counselor-Alcohol and Drug – Repeal – *Passed* (Chapter Number 518 and 517)

Repealing provisions of law relating to the requirements that must be met to qualify as a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug; prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from placing a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug on inactive status; prohibiting the Board from reinstating the certificate of a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug under specified circumstances; etc.

HB1009 - State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Alcohol and Drug Counselor Trainees - Registry and Code of Ethics Requirements - *Passed* (Chapter Number 696)

Requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to maintain a registry of and adopt a code of ethics for individuals working as trainees under the supervision of approved alcohol and drug counselor supervisors.

HB1207/SB969 - State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Licensure of Clinical Professional Art Therapists – *Passed* (Chapter Number 629 and 628)

Altering the membership of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring specified individuals to be licensed by the Board as clinical professional art therapists before performing specified work in the State; establishing education and experience requirements to qualify for a license under the Act; requiring the Board to waive requirements under specified circumstances; etc.

Regulations

10.58.07 Requirements for Licensure and Certification/Scope of Practice

10.58.09 Disciplinary Sanctions and Monetary Penalties

10.58.13 and 10.58.14 Supervision Requirements for Licensed Graduate A & D
Counselors/Masters Level Trainees and Certified Counselors and Trainees (*On-going*)

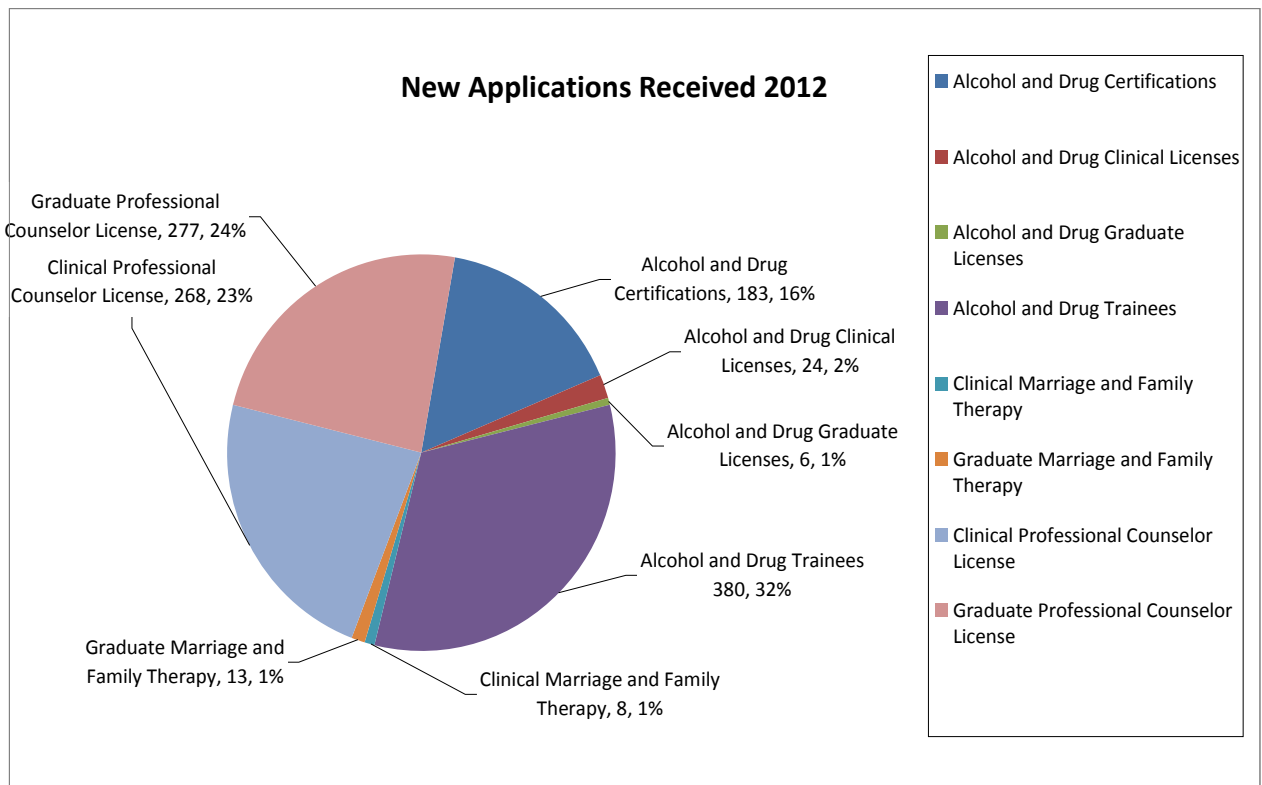
NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Alcohol and Drug Certifications	183
Alcohol and Drug Clinical Licenses	24
Alcohol and Drug Graduate Licenses	6
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	380
Total A & D Application	593

Clinical Marriage and Family Therapy	8
Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy	13
Total MFT Application	21

Clinical Professional Counselor License	268
Graduate Professional Counselor License	277
Total New Applications	545

Total Applications = 1159



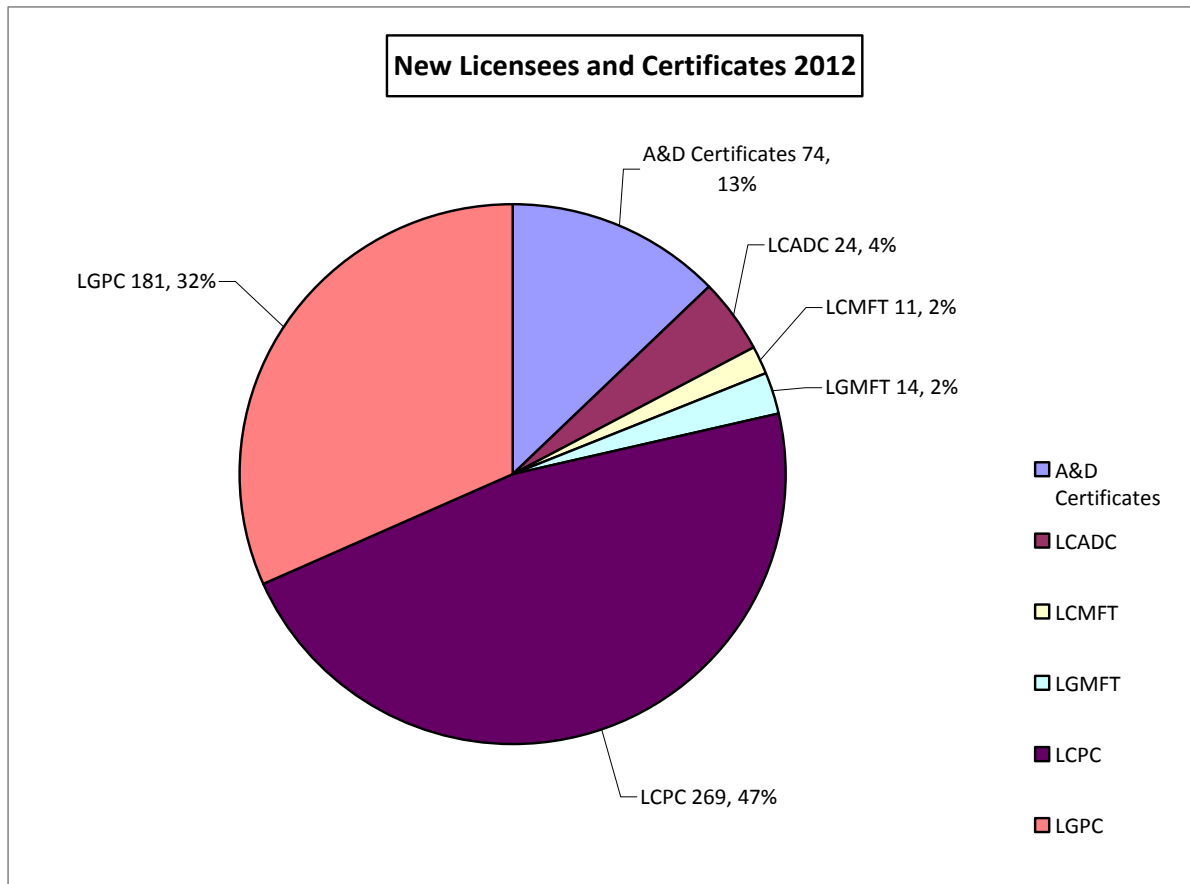
NEW LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATES

A&D Certificates	74
LCADC	24
Total	98

LCMFT	11
LGMFT	14
Total	25

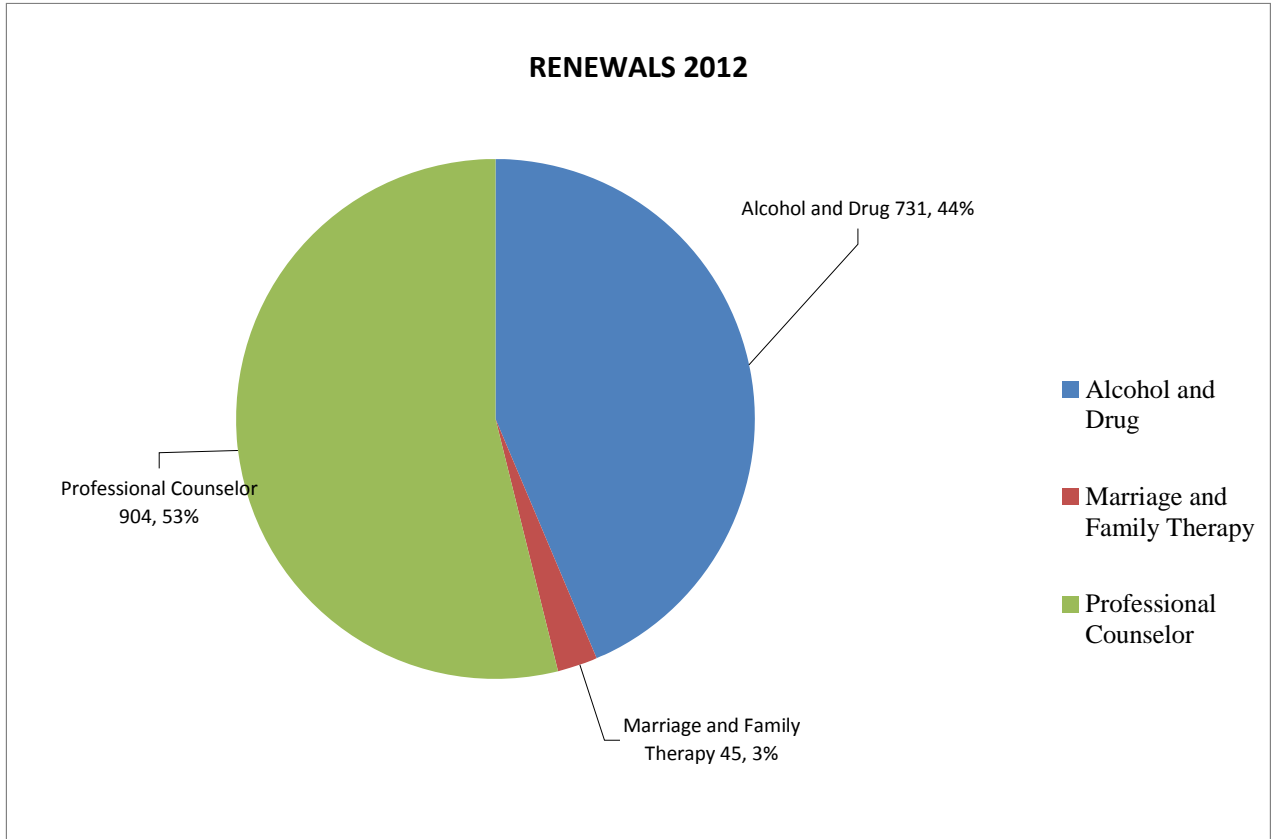
LCPC	269
LGPC	181
Total	450

Total of New Licenses and Certificates = 573



RENEWALS

Alcohol and Drug	731
Marriage and Family Therapy	45
Professional Counselor	904
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Total Renewals	1680



REINSTATEMENTS

Alcohol and Drug	52
Marriage and Family Therapy	2
Professional Counselors	45
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Total Reinstatements	99

