

Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors & Therapists (BOPCT)

BOPCT Annual Report 2022

Victoria Stinson, Deputy Director

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Final Copy - November 2025



Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

November 17, 2025

The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President
Senate of Maryland
State House, H-107
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
MD House of Delegates
State House, H-101
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: MD State Government – Health Occupations Article §17-205(b)(2) (MSAR #11659)
Annual Report-2022 – CORRECTED VERSION from previous submission of August 11, 2025**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (BOPCT) Annual Report 2022. The Board respectfully acknowledges that this submission is subsequent to the statutory deadline. The delay resulted from extended vacancies in critical Board positions traditionally charged with the preparation and submission of the report.

The Board is pleased to report that leadership have now been appointed to address operational challenges and ensure the timely fulfillment of all statutory obligations. Preparation of the Annual Report for 2025 is actively underway and will be transmitted in advance of the December 31 statutory deadline.

The Board remains committed to transparency, accountability, and the diligent service of the citizens of Maryland, and we value the General Assembly's continued support in furtherance of this mission. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Victoria Stinson, Deputy Director
MD State Board of Professional Counselors & Therapists

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Annual Report - 2022

Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists

The Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”) functions under Health Occupations Article, Title 17, Annotated Code of Maryland. The Board is the licensure and certification authority of alcohol and drug counselors, art therapists, behavior analysts, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors in the state of Maryland.

The Board is mandated to regulate these professions by verifying individuals’ credentials, issuing licenses and certificates, establishing requirements for and verifying completion of continuing education hours, investigating complaints based on alleged violations of statutes and regulations, imposing formal and informal disciplining of licensees and certificate holders, establishing committees as deemed appropriate to advise the Board, and to submit an annual report to the Governor and Secretary.

Board Members (2022)

Mary N. Drotleff, LCMFT, Board Chair (2022-2023)

Winnie Moore, LCPC, Board Vice Chair

Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC, Board Secretary

Jeffrey Galecki, LCADC, LCPC

Sara Carlton, Ed.D., Consumer

Michael Nettles, D.Min., LCPC

Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC

C.Scott Frazier, III, Consumer

Elizabeth K. Guroff, MA, LCMFT

Karen Katrinic, MS., LCMFT

Stacey Nelson, LCPC, LCPAT, ATR-BC

Kimberly J. Poole-Sykes, LCPC

MISSION

The mission of the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (BPCT) is to protect the citizens of Maryland through the promotion of quality healthcare. This is achieved through maintenance of efficient licensure systems for healthcare professionals; promotion of disciplinary practices that contribute to an overall culture of accountability, education of clients and other stakeholders, and enforcement of applicable laws and statutes.

VISION

Maryland is a state where healthcare professionals are well qualified, where healthcare professionals want to live and practice, and where citizens are informed about the qualifications of their healthcare practitioners.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Currently there are more than 20 Maryland health occupations licensing boards which are required to oversee thousands of professionals in fields ranging from medicine to mortuary science. These Boards will continue to play a vital role in our society, and as the healthcare field expands, their importance as well as their sole duty to protect the public will continue to grow.

Board of Acupuncture

Board of Audiologists/Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech Language Pathologists

Board of Behavioral Analysts

Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy

Board of Dental Examiners

Board of Dietetic Practice

Board of Environmental Health Specialists

Commission on Kidney Disease

Board of Morticians

Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission

Board of Long-Term Care Administrators

Board of Occupational Therapy

Board of Optometry

Board of Pharmacy
Professional Boards & Commissions (cont.)
Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Board of Podiatry
Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists
Board of Psychology
Board of Residential Child Care Administration
Board of Social Work

BOARD STAFF

Vacant, Executive Director
Anna Weinfield, Administrative Specialist III
Vacant, Administrative Officer
Janice Isaac, Administrative Specialist
Grecia Whitehead
Alexandria Langston, Licensing Manager
Shelly-Ann Barnes, Compliance Manager
Vacant, Compliance Administrative Coordinator
Vacant, Investigator
Vacant, Investigator
Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator
Rhonda Edwards, Acting Asst. Attorney General, Board Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

The Board has provided consistent administrative and operational support, including committee meetings, monthly Board meetings, Open Administrative meetings, document preparation such as meeting minutes, committee minutes, calendar management, document preparation, and coordination of communications to maintain efficiency, continuity, and to ensure smooth operations.

Meetings

During the year, the Board held 12 Open and Administrative Sessions Meetings. The Open Session meetings are open to the public. All Open and Administrative Sessions occur on the 3rd Friday of every month.

Committees

The Board has coordinated and participated in regular Executive Director meetings to provide updates, share critical insights, and ensure organizational goals and strategic initiatives are aligned.

Credentialing Committee Members: Sharon Bolden, Stacey Nelson, and Sara Carlton

Disciplinary Review Committee Members: Jeffrey Galecki, Winnie Moore, Nicki Drotleff, and Scott Frazier

Legislation and Regulation Committee Members: Nicki Drotleff, Mark Donovan, Karen Katrinic

Alcohol and Drug Committee Members: Jeffrey Galecki, Sharon Bolden, Mark Donovan

Financial Management

The Board is special funded. Revenues which support the Board's operation are generated through licensing and certification fees. No other state funds can be used to support the Board's operations. In collaboration with appropriate fiscal authorities, the Board has ensured proper financial oversight by tracking budget allocations, monitoring expenditures, and supporting procurement and reimbursement processes.

The Board generated **\$3,623,558.50** in revenues in FY22, and its expenditure totaled **\$978,950.53**.

Complaints

The Board received a total of 117 complaints in 2022. The Board issued 22 formal disciplinary actions. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board's website at www.health.maryland.gov/bopc.

Legislation & Regulations

The Board has tracked legislative and regulatory developments relevant to licensure and professional practice, ensuring timely updates to policies and compliance with state mandates. In the state fiscal year 2022, the Board enacted the following

Inclusion under Medicare Part B (2022)

HB 1318 - Culturally Informed and Culturally Responsive Mental Health Task Force (2022)

Sunset Review Participation (2022)

HB 196 - Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting

HB 291/SB 14 - Health Occupations - Clinical and Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors - Licensure

HB 454/SB 187- Health Occupations - Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations - Lawful Presence and Identification Numbers

HB 906 - Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Prohibited Disclosures and Predetermination Review Process

SB 78 - Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting

SB 534 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2023

Technology & Data Infrastructure

The Board has worked to maintain and improve technological infrastructure, including coordinating system access, updating user credentials, and supporting transitions in email, cloud storage, and internal platforms during leadership changes. In FY22, the Board is greatly challenged with its ability to update its technological infrastructure in processing licensure fees and payments. The BOPCT is reviewing options in upgrading its current licensure system.

Website & Digital Analytics

The Board and Board staff have overseen content updates, ensured compliance with accessibility standards, and monitored website updates monthly via public schedule of Open Administrative meetings of the BOPCT. BOPCT works daily to enhance user engagement and maintain transparency of Public Disciplinary Actions which are listed on website for the protection of the public as well as stakeholders.

HR/Payroll & Benefits

The Board and Board staff have worked closely with the state's HR and payroll departments to ensure timely processing of employee compensation, benefits enrollment, and personnel changes, especially during leadership transitions.

ACTIVE LICENSES/CERTIFICATES

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (A&D)

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	16
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	9
Certified Associate Counselors – Alcohol and Drug	127

Art Therapists (LCPAT)

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	38
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	6

Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA)

LBA Applications	277
LBA License	289
LBA Reinstatement	50
LBA Renewal	420

Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	59
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	33

Professional Counselors (LCPC)

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	1031
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	878

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (A&D)

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	100
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	51
Certified Associate Counselors – Alcohol and Drug/	328
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	659

Art Therapists (LCPAT)

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	44
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	61

Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBA)

Licensed Behavior Analysts	277
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Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	73
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	93

Professional Counselors (LCPC)

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	2125
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	1686

RENEWALS

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (A&D)

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	186
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	11
Certified Associate Counselors – Alcohol and Drug	721
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	552

RENEWALS (CONT.)

Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	173
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	93

Professional Counselors (LCPC)

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	3032
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	359

REINSTATEMENTS

Reinstatements

Alcohol and Drug Counselors	47
Art Therapists	10
Behavior Analysts	50
Marriage and Family Therapists	18
Professional Counselors	296

2022 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE:

<u>EARNINGS:</u>	<u>\$ AMOUNT:</u>
Application Fee	\$ 429,861.00
License/Certification Fees	\$ 255,249.00
Renewal Fees	\$1,009,725.00
Inactive Fees	\$ 2,050.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 119,218.00
Fund Balance from FY21	\$1,807,455.50
Total Revenue:	\$3,623,558.50

EXPENDITURES:

<u>EXPENSES:</u>	<u>\$ AMOUNT:</u>
Personnel	\$697,978.90
Operating	\$110,784.95
Indirect	\$ 32,901.68
Attorney General	\$103,397.00
Rent	\$ 33,888.00
Total Expenditures:	\$978,950.53

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