

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

## ANNUAL REPORT July 2018 – June 2019

*This report covers the activities of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.*

The 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.

### 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 fields of professional counseling, alcohol and drug counseling, marriage and family therapy, art therapy and behavior analysis.

### Meetings

During the year, the Board held 12 open and administrative session meetings.

### Board Members

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

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Risa L. Ganel, LCMFT, Chair	June 30, 2022
Jeffrey Galecki, LCADC, Vice Chair	June 30, 2021
Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Secretary	June 30, 2021
Aparna Ramaswamy, LCPC	June 30, 2020
Amanda Bechtel, LCPAT	June 30, 2020
Sharon Bolden, LCADC	June 30, 2021
Sara Carlton, Consumer	June 30, 2020
Mark Donovan, LCADC	June 30, 2021
C. Scott Frazier, Consumer	June 30, 2021
Husher L. Harris, Sr., LCPC	June 30, 2021
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	June 30, 2021
Michael Nettles, LCPC	June 30, 2022
Winnie Moore, LCPC	June 30, 2022

## Committees

1. Credentials: Sharon Bolden, Husher Harris, Aparna Ramaswamy, Sara Carlton
2. Discipline Review: Jeffrey Galecki, Risa Ganel, Winnie Moore, Nicki Drotleff, Scott Frazier
3. Regulations/Legislation: Amanda Bechtel, Mark Donovan, Karen Katrinic, Aparna Ramaswamy
4. Board Composition: Risa Ganel, Amanda Bechtel, Mark Donovan, Sharon Bolden, Sara Carlton

## Staff

Kimberly B. Link, Executive Director  
Rhonda Edwards, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Anna Sullivan, Licensing Administrator  
Janice Isaac, Licensing Coordinator  
Sandra Boxley, Licensing Coordinator  
Tawana Brown, Licensing Coordinator  
Ryan Heisler, Administrative Specialist  
Shelly-Ann Barnes, Board Investigator  
Danielle Vallone, Investigator Supervisor  
Grecia Whitehead, Office Secretary  
Alexandria Langston, Licensing Coordinator  
Frances A. Cipriotti, Administrator

## Finances

The Board 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 generated \$1,632,747.00 in revenues in FY2019 and its expenditures totaled \$1,056,486.86.

## Complaints

The Board received 105 complaints in FY2019. The Board issued 24 formal disciplinary actions. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board's website at [www.health.maryland.gov/bopc](http://www.health.maryland.gov/bopc).

## Legislation

**HB1104 - State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists –Licensure, Criminal History Records Checks, and Trainee Status - Revisions – *Passed*.**

This bill repeals the provision that the educational requirements for applicants seeking licensure as professional clinical or graduate art therapists be accredited by the American Art Therapy Association; requires art therapy applicants to pass an examinations approved by the Board rather than the Art Therapy Credentials Board; requires applicants for alcohol and drug trainee status submit to a criminal history records check; provides that alcohol and drug trainees are subject to the same disciplinary sanctions applicable to other alcohol and drug counselors; allow the Board to participate in the federal rap

back program; and to provide for electronic license verification and eliminate paper licenses and certificates.

**ACTIVE LICENSES/CERTIFICATES (8703)**

**Alcohol and Drug Counselors (2403, 28%):**

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	325
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	26
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	673
Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	563
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	802
Certified Professional Alcohol and Drug Counselors	14

**Art Therapists (163, 2%):**

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	138
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	25

**Licensed Behavior Analysts (6%):**

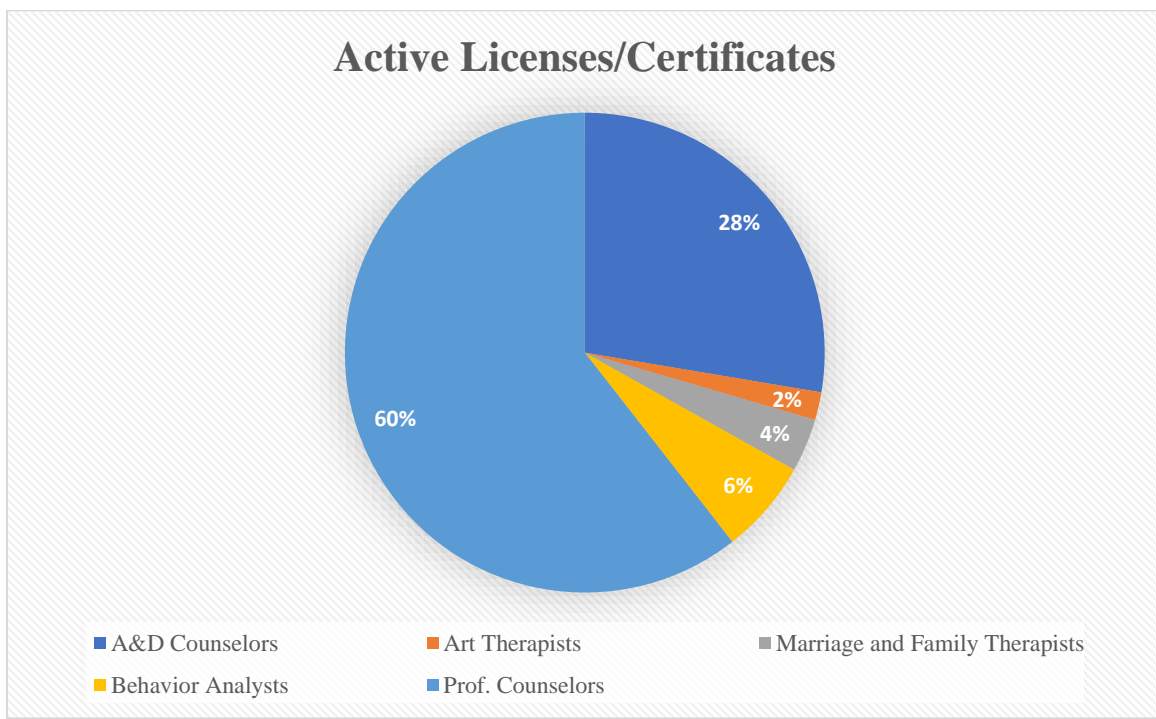
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**Marriage and Family Therapists (312, 4%):**

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	265
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	47

**Professional Counselors (5274, 60%):**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	4136
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	1125
Certified Professional Counselors	13



**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (3952)**

**Alcohol and Drug Counselors (1076, 27%):**

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	57
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	77
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug and Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	370
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	572

**Art Therapists (104, 3%):**

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	45
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	59

**Licensed Behavior Analysts (5%):** 192

**Marriage and Family Therapists (133, 3%):**

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	77
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	56

**Professional Counselors (2447, 62%):**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	1125
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	1322

**NEW LICENSES/CERTIFICATES ISSUED (1983)**

**Alcohol and Drug Counselors (397, 20%):**

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	17
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	17
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	56
Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	58
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	249

**Art Therapists (38, 2%):**

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	18
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	20

**Licensed Behavior Analysts (9%):** 174

**Marriage and Family Therapists (72, 4%):**

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	36
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	36

**Professional Counselors (1302, 66%):**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	568
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	734

**RENEWALS (5158)**

**Alcohol and Drug Counselors (1366, 26%):**

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	223
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	1
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug And Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	733
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	409

**Art Therapists (119, 2%):**

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	99
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	20

**Licensed Behavior Analysts (6%):** 294

**Marriage and Family Therapists (202, 4%):**

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	191
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	11

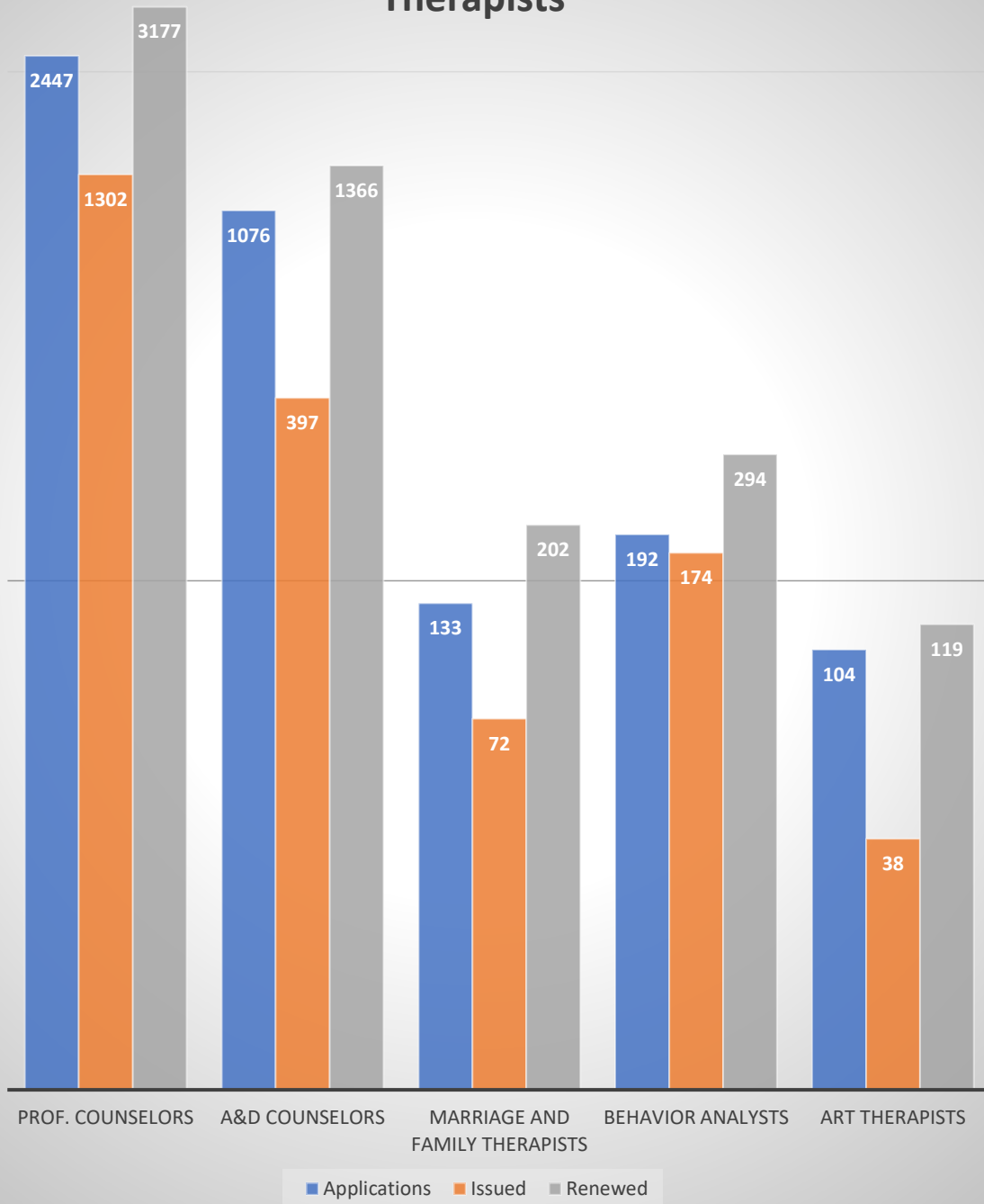
**Professional Counselors (3177, 62%):**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	2909
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	265
Certified Professional Counselors	3

**REINSTATEMENTS (247)**

Alcohol and Drug Counselors	41
Art Therapists	8
Behavior Analysts	28
Marriage and Family Therapists	15
Professional Counselors	155

## Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists



**REVENUE:**

Application fees:	315,689.00
License/Certification fees:	182,430.00
Renewal fees:	948,367.00
Inactive fees:	4,850.00
Miscellaneous:	181,411.00
Fund Balance from FY18:	1,713,858.89
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>3,346,605.89</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

Personnel:	609,808.63
Operating:	229,013.64
Indirect:	28,007.55
Attorney General:	147,267.00
Rent:	42,390.04
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>1,056,486.86</b>