

2020 Annual Report of the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

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Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists

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MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

ANNUAL REPORT July 2019 – June 2020

This report covers the activities of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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 10 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 5, 2020
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, 2024
Mark Donovan, LCADC	June 30, 2021
C. Scott Frazier, Consumer	June 30, 2021
Husher L. Harris, Sr., LCPC	July 25, 2019
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, Lynn Duffy
3. Regulations/Legislation: Amanda Bechtel, Mark Donovan, Karen Katrinic, Aparna Ramaswamy
4. Alcohol and Drug Committee: Jeffrey Galecki, Sharon Bolden, Mark Donovan, Lynn Duffy

Staff

Kimberly B. Link, Executive Director (end 5/2020)
Danielle Vallone, Acting Executive Director (began 5/2020); and
Compliance Manger (end 5/2020)
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, Acting Compliance Manager (began 5/2020); and
Board Investigator (end 5/2020)
Tammy Galligan, Board Investigator
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 \$1,542,570.00 in revenues in FY2020 and its expenditures totaled \$1,155,730.35.

Complaints

The Board received 113 complaints in FY2020. The Board issued 28 formal disciplinary actions. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board's website at www.health.maryland.gov/bopc.

Legislation

The Board did not put forth any legislation during this session.

ACTIVE LICENSES/CERTIFICATES (9371)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (2463, 28%):

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	314
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	33
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	672
Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	580
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	850
Certified Professional Alcohol and Drug Counselors	14

Art Therapists (177, 2%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	145
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	32

Licensed Behavior Analysts (6%):

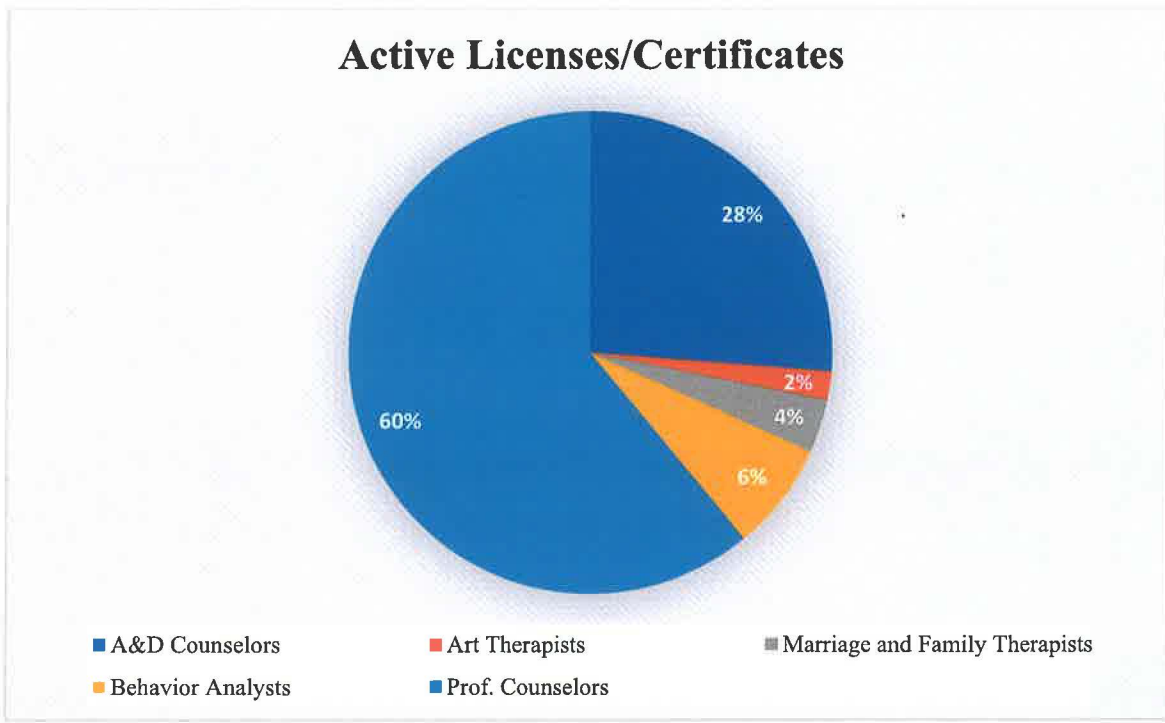
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Marriage and Family Therapists (338, 4%):

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	278
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	60

Professional Counselors (5713, 60%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	4426
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	1275
Certified Professional Counselors	12



APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (3956)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (892, 23%):

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	63
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	75
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug and Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	261
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	493

Art Therapists (91, 2%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	27
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	64

Licensed Behavior Analysts (4%): 163

Marriage and Family Therapists (122, 3%):

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	46
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	76

Professional Counselors (2688, 68%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	1083
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	1605

NEW LICENSES/CERTIFICATES ISSUED (1521)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (354, 23%):

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	11
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	13
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	46
Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	68
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	216

Art Therapists (24, 2%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	10
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	14

Licensed Behavior Analysts (11%): 171

Marriage and Family Therapists (38, 3%):

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	19
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	19

Professional Counselors (934, 61%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	386
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	548

RENEWALS (2853)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (728, 26%):

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	141
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	1
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug And Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	567
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	19

Art Therapists (57, 2%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	53
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	4

Licensed Behavior Analysts (7%): 198

Marriage and Family Therapists (113, 4%):

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	105
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	8

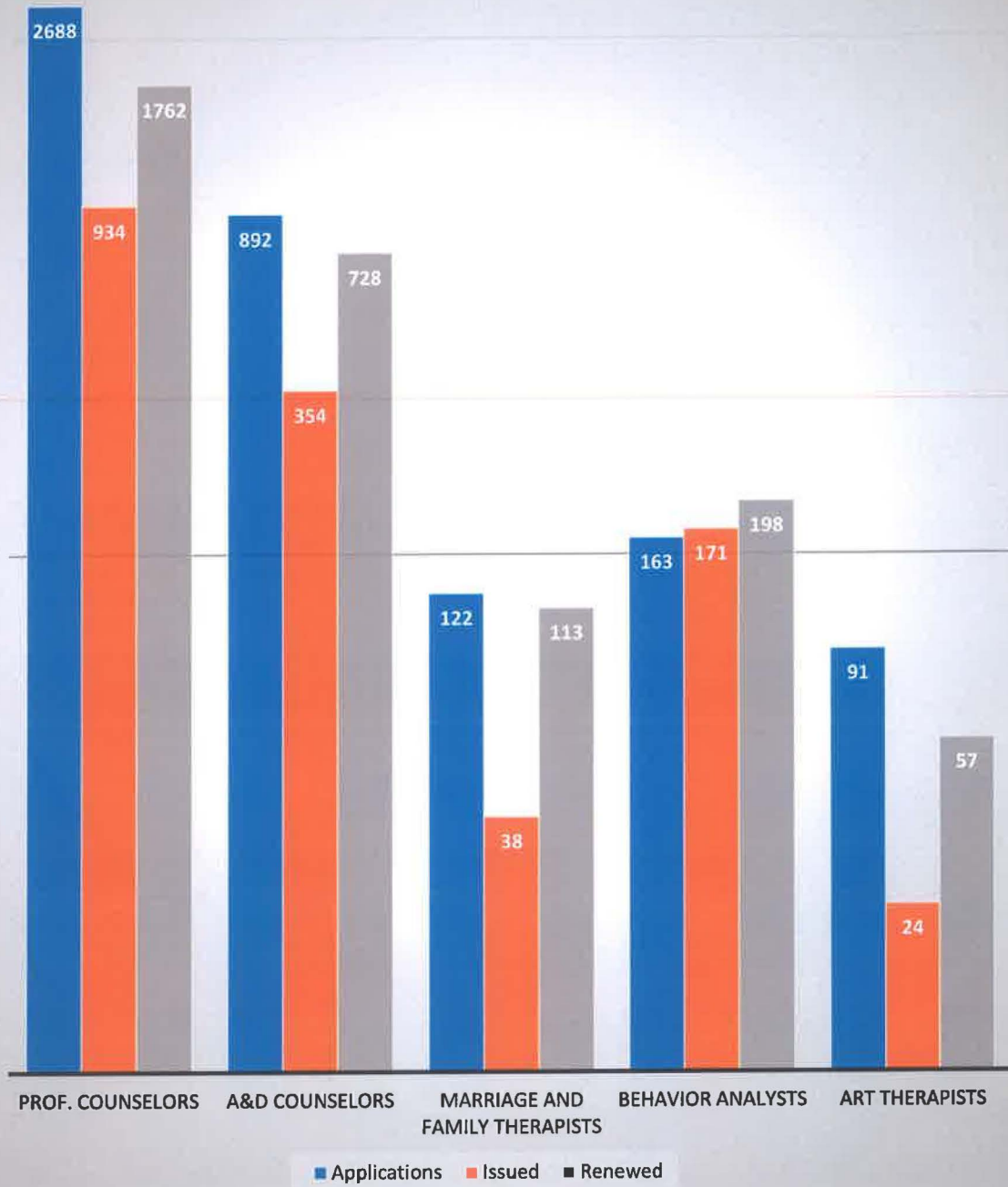
Professional Counselors (1762, 62%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	1746
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	15
Certified Professional Counselors	1

REINSTATEMENTS (257)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors	50
Art Therapists	17
Behavior Analysts	39
Marriage and Family Therapists	8
Professional Counselors	143

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REVENUE:

Application fees:	317,103.00
License/Certification fees:	186,075.00
Renewal fees:	841,279.00
Inactive fees:	4,300.00
Miscellaneous:	102,800.00
Fund Balance from FY19:	2,288,126.62
Total Revenue:	3,772,473.62

EXPENDITURES:

Personnel:	849,512.00
Operating:	112,220.64
Indirect:	29,040.51
Attorney General:	168,875.00
Rent:	33,624.00
Total Expenditures:	1,155,730.35