

**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

Board Members

Term

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 generated \$919,436 in revenues in 2012 and its 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](http://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*)

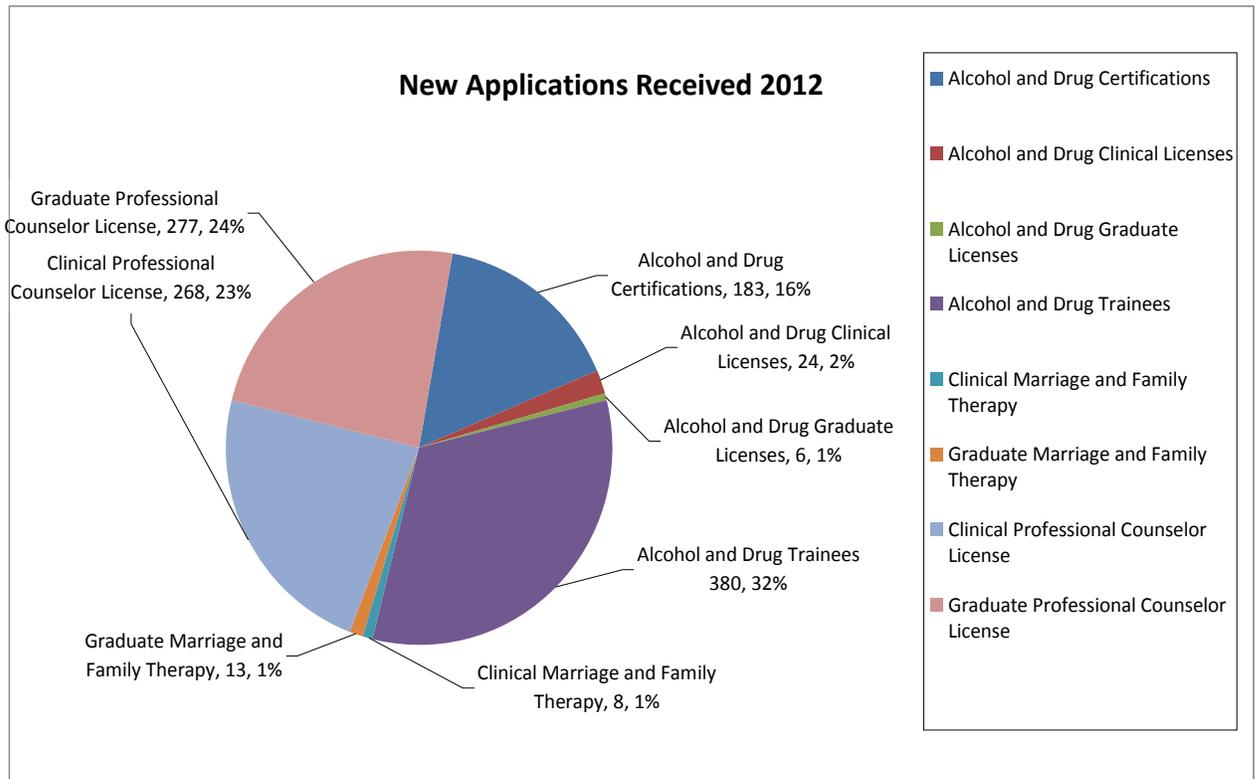
**NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Alcohol and Drug Certifications	183
Alcohol and Drug Clinical Licenses	24
Alcohol and Drug Graduate Licenses	6
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	380
<b>Total A &amp; D Application</b>	<b>593</b>

Clinical Marriage and Family Therapy	8
Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy	13
<b>Total MFT Application</b>	<b>21</b>

Clinical Professional Counselor License	268
Graduate Professional Counselor License	277
<b>Total New Applications</b>	<b>545</b>

**Total Applications = 1159**



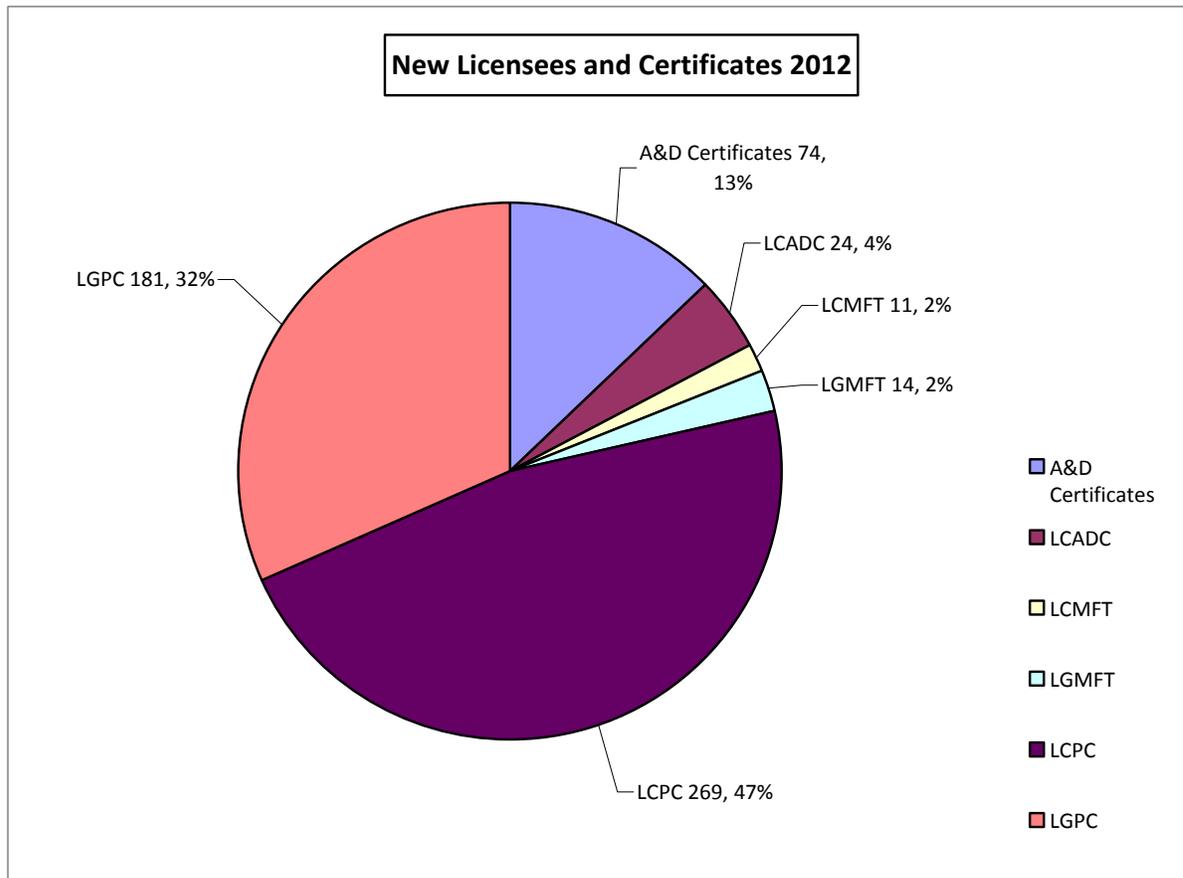
**NEW LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATES**

A&D Certificates	74
LCADC	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>

LCMFT	11
LGMFT	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

LCPC	269
LGPC	181
<b>Total</b>	<b>450</b>

**Total of New Licenses and Certificates = 573**

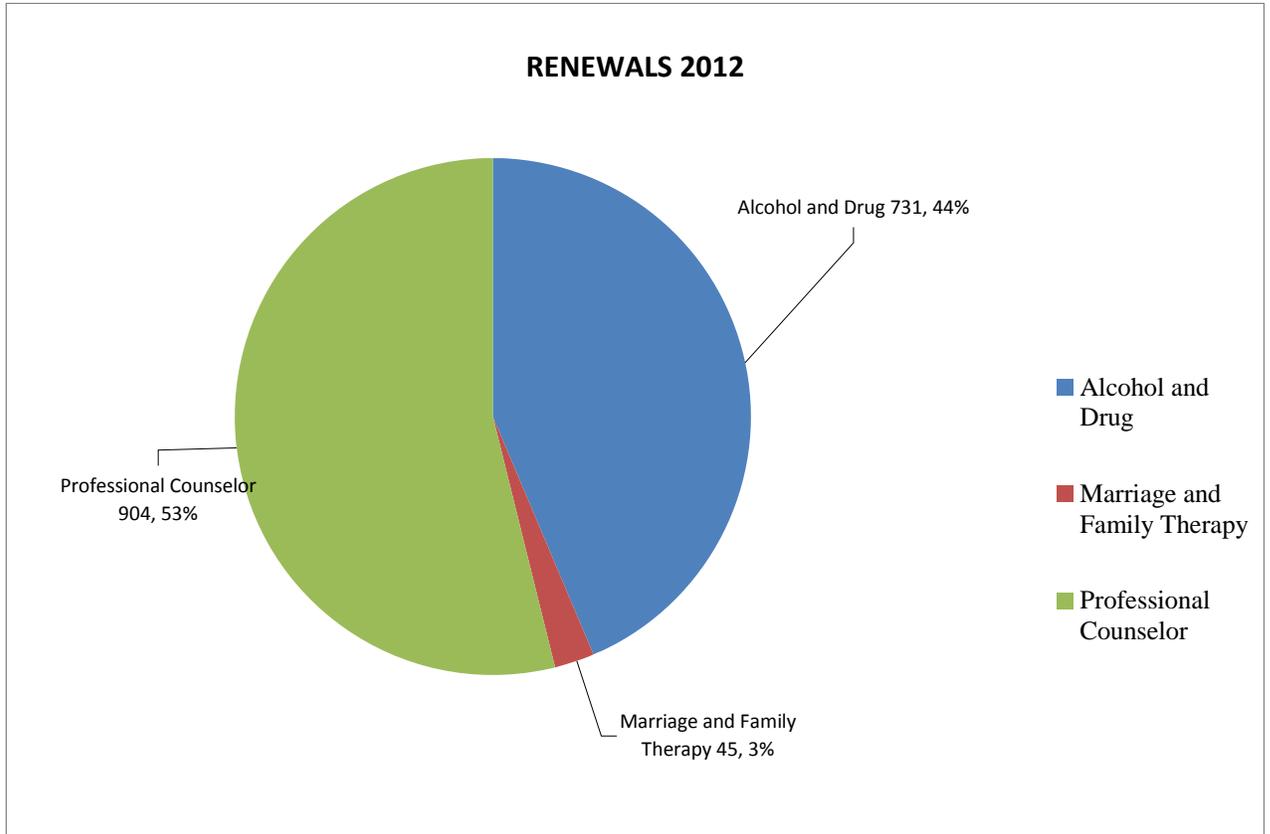


## RENEWALS

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
<b>Total Reinstatements</b>	<b>99</b>

