

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MARYLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

2005

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 licensing and certifying authority of professional counselors; marriage and family 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 and therapy, verifying credentials, issuing licenses and certificates, establishing requirements for and verifying completion of continuing education, investigating complaints based on alleged violations of regulations and statutes, formal and informal disciplining of licensees and certificate holders, creating committees as deemed appropriate to advise the Board, and submitting an annual report to the Governor and Secretary.

This report covers the activity of the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period ending December 31, 2005.

MEETING

During the year, the Board held 10 formal meetings. In addition to these meetings, several ad hoc committee meetings were held.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The Board consists of nine members: Ms. Joanne Faber- Chairperson, Mr. Ronald Rogers, Vice -Chairperson; Alice Sue Cooper-Lee Secretary, Dr. K. Elizabeth Oakes; Dr. Deborah Haskins; Ms. Sonja Williams; Mr. Paul Duncan, Consumer Member and Ms. Patricia Weathersbee serves as an advisor on issues relating to certified alcohol and drug counselors. All of the members are certified or licensed with the exception of Mr. Duncan who is the consumer (public) member of the Board.

COMMITTEES

Credentials: Deborah Haskins, Paul Duncan and Alice Sue Cooper-Lee
Ethics: Katherine Oakes, Ronald Rogers and Patricia Weathersbee
Regulations: Joanne Faber and Sonja Williams

BOARD MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA OF REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Ms. Joanne Faber	Private Sector	June 2008
Ms. Alice S. Cooper-Lee	At-Large	June 2005
Mr. Ronald Rogers	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	June 2009
Dr. Mary Guindon	Public Sector	<i>Resigned 6/30/05</i>
Ms. Patricia Weathersbee	Advisor Position	June 2008
Dr. K. Elizabeth Oakes	At-Large	June 2006
Dr. Deborah Haskins	Education	June 2006
Ms. Sonja Williams	Marriage and Family Therapy	June 2006
Mr. Paul Duncan	Consumer Member	June 2009

STAFF

The staff consists of Aileen Taylor- Program Manager, Jacqueline Carpenter- Administrative Specialist; Anna Sullivan- Licensure Coordinator; Julie Washington, Certification Coordinator; Howard F. Kenney, Jr., Investigator and Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel.

COMPLAINTS

The Board received 23 complaints from the public concerning problems with the Board's licensees, which resulted in 5 referrals to the OAG for prosecution, 5 Advisory letters, 2 Education Letters, 2 withdrawn by complainant, 3 referred to the Office of Health Care Quality and 6 dismissals.

LEGISLATION

SB 24 Practicing Without License - Unfavorable Report
SB-667 – Appraisal– Failed in Committee

REGULATIONS

COMAR 10.58.08.13 – Marriage and Family Therapy Reciprocity (adopted 6/9/05)
COMAR 10.58.09 – Monetary Penalties (adopted 11/7/05)
COMAR 10.58.07.12 – Alcohol and Drug Trainees (published in Md. Register 11/28/05)
COMAR 10.58.11 – Psychological Testing (on going)
COMAR 10.58.01 – Professional Counselor Supervision – (on going)

FINANCES

The Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists is 100% special funded. Revenues are exclusively generated by the licensing and certification fees. No other State money may be used to support the operations of the Board.

The Board generated \$574,442 in revenues on 2005. Expenditures totaled \$381,515.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

- 594 – New applications
- 299 - New licenses/certificates issued
- 2,293 - Renewal applications
- 51- Reinstatements

NEW APPLICATONS

- 278 – Alcohol and drug counselor and trainee applications
- 282 – Professional counselor applications
- 34 – Marriage and family therapy applications

NEW LICESNES ISSUES

- 11 – Marriage and family therapists
- 230 – Professional counselors
- 58 – Alcohol and drug counselors

(195 - Alcohol and Drug Trainees)

REINSTATEMENTS

- 24 Professional counselors
- 27 Alcohol and drug counselors

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

- 1,048 Alcohol and drug counselors
- 1,146 – Professional counselors
- 99 – Marriage and family therapists

