

MARYLAND BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

ANNUAL REPORT – 2011

This report covers the activities of the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period ending December 31, 2011.

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, 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, 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 (H.O. 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, 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>
Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Ph.D., LCPC, Board Chair	June 30, 2012
Allen Twigg, LCPC, Vice-Chair	June 30, 2012
Tina Young, Consumer, Board Secretary	June 30, 2012

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term</u>
Stephanie C. Chupein, LCMFT	June 30, 2013
Carol A. Deel, LCMFT, LCPC	June 30, 2013
Candice Richardson Dickens	June 30, 2014
Lorraine G. Garcia, LCPC	June 30, 2013
Richard Hann, LCPC *	June 30, 2014
Maria Riveria, Consumer	June 30, 2013
Marcia L. Mityga, LCADC	June 30, 2013
Carlo Panlilio, LCMFT	June 30, 2014
Susan A. Tangires, LCPC, LCADC	June 30, 2013
Cindy A. Shaw-Wilson, LCADC	June 30, 2013

*Board Chair Elect (Term Began September, 2011)

Committees

1. Credentials: Mr. Allen Twigg, Chairperson; Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry; Ms. Stephanie Chupein; Ms. Lorraine Garcia; and Ms. Susan Tangires.
2. Ethics: Ms. Tina Young, Chairperson; Mr. Carlo Panlilio; Ms. Marcia Mityga and Ms. Maria Riveria
3. Regulations/Legislation: Mr. Richard Hann, Chairperson; Ms. Carol A. Deel; Ms. Candice Richardson-Dickens; and 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
 Star Anderson, Office Clerk
 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 \$1,015,383 in revenues in 2011 and its expenditures totaled \$617,486.

Complaints

The Board received 76 complaints in 2011. The number of investigations conducted during the year was 53. The Board issued 3 formal disciplinary actions. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc.

Legislation

HB311/SB476 – Professional Counselors and Therapists – Continuing Education – Home Study – *Passed (Chapter Numbers 481 and 480)*

Repealing a provision prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from authorizing home study courses towards completion of continuing education requirements.

Regulations

COMAR 10.58.06 – Advance Testing

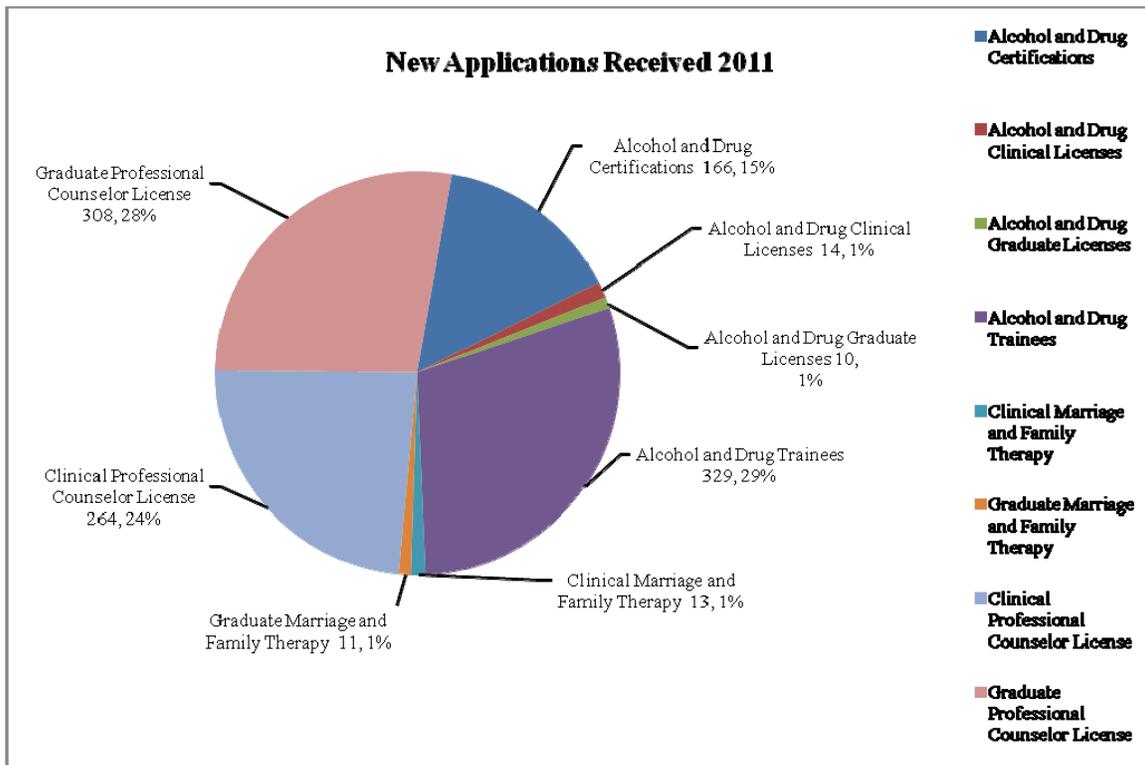
COMAR 10.58.01 – Professional Counselor Supervision

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Alcohol and Drug Certifications	166
Alcohol and Drug Clinical Licenses	14
Alcohol and Drug Graduate Licenses	10
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	329
Total A & D Application	519

Clinical Marriage and Family Therapy	13
Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy	11
Total MFT Application	24

Clinical Professional Counselor License	264
Graduate Professional Counselor License	308
Total New Applications	572
Total Applications = 1139	



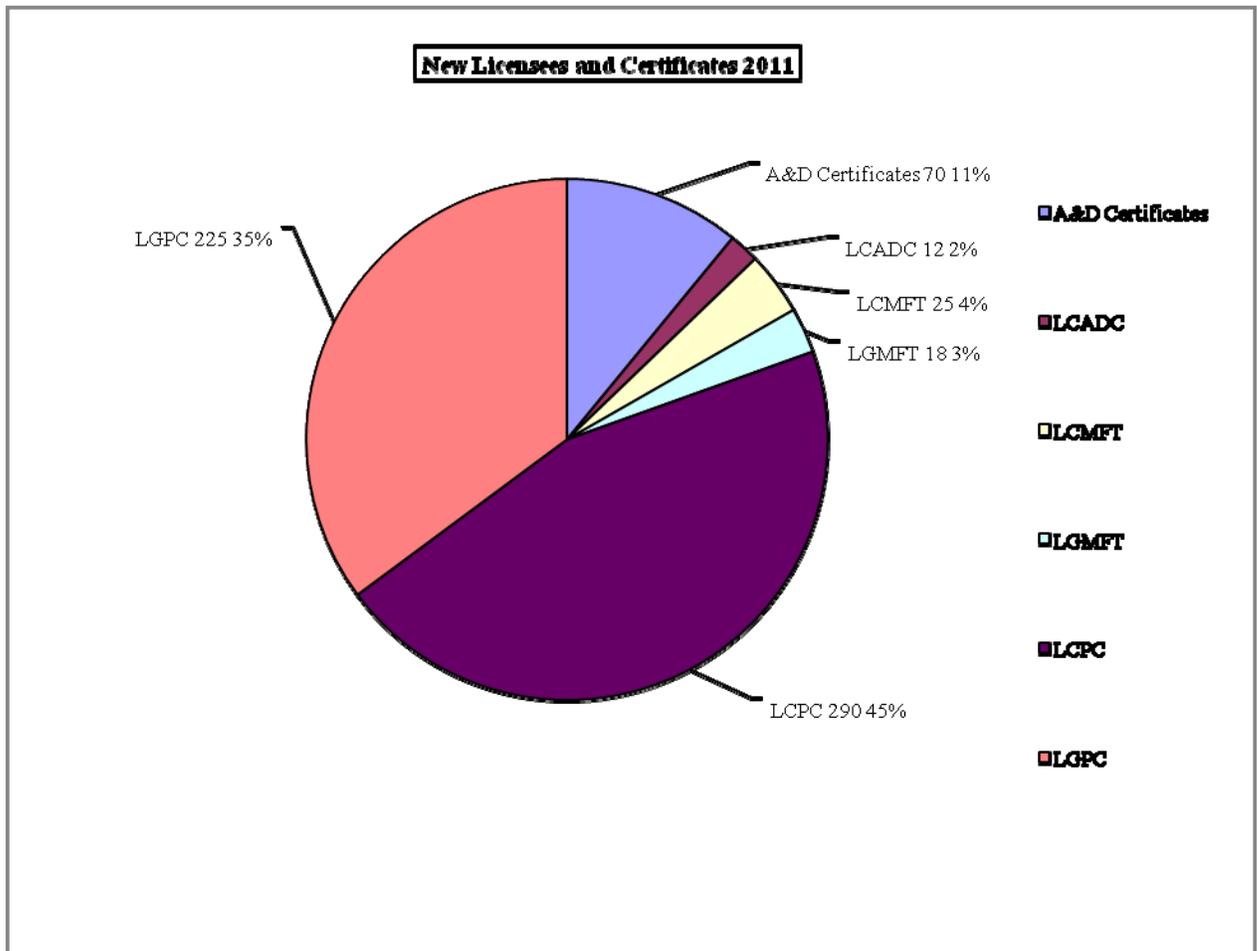
NEW LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATES

A&D Certificates	70
LCADC	12
Total	82

LCMFT	25
LGMFT	18
Total	43

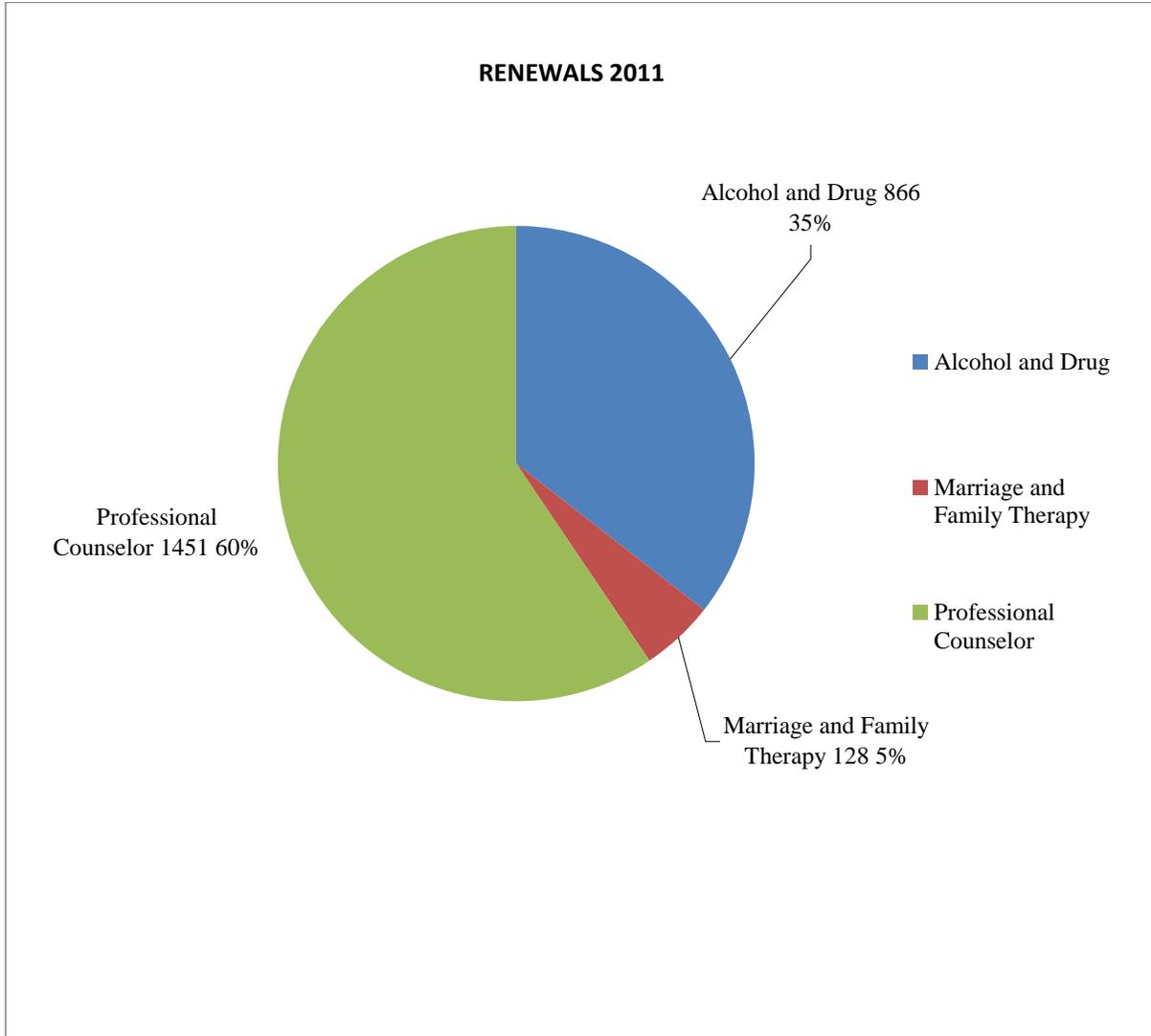
LCPC	290
LGPC	225
Total	515

Total of New Licenses and Certificates = 650



RENEWALS

Alcohol and Drug	866
Marriage and Family Therapy	128
Professional Counselor	1451
Total Renewals	2445



REINSTATEMENTS

Alcohol and Drug	118
Marriage and Family Therapy	2
Professional Counselors	51
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Total Reinstatements	171

