

MARYLAND BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

ANNUAL REPORT – 2013

This report covers the activities of the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period ending December 31, 2013

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.

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, alcohol and drug counseling, marriage and family therapy, and art therapy.

Meetings

During the year, the Board held 10 formal meetings and monthly committee 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</u>
Carol A. Deel, LCMFT, LCPC, Board Chair	June 30, 2014
Cindy Shaw-Wilson, LCADC, Vice-Chair	June 30, 2013
Carlo Panlilio, LCMFT, Board Secretary	June 30, 2014

Board Members

Term

Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT	June 30, 2016
Linda Allen-Benton, LCMFT	June 30, 2012
Candice Richardson Dickens, LCPC, LCADC	June 30, 2013
Lorraine G. Garcia, LCPC	June 30, 2013
Paschaline Gumne, Consumer Member*	June 30, 2013
Richard M. Hann, LCPC	June 30, 2014
Elizabeth Hlavek, LCPAT	June 30, 2016
Marcia L. Mityga, LCADC	June 30, 2013
Susan A. Tangires, LCADC, LCPC	June 30, 2013
Consumer Member - Vacant	

**Resigned April, 2013*

Committees

1. Credentials: Ms. Susan Tangires, Chairperson; Ms. Amanda Bechtel; Ms. Linda Allen-Benton; and Ms. Lorraine Garcia.
2. Ethics: Mr. Carlo Panlilio, Chairperson; Ms. Candice Richardson Dickens; Ms. Elizabeth Hlavek; and Ms. Marcia Mityga
3. Regulations/Legislation: Ms. Carol A. Deel, Chairperson; Mr. Richard Hann; and Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson

Staff

Tracey DeShields, Executive Director
Ari S. Elbaum, 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 \$773,501 in revenues in 2013 and its expenditures totaled \$614,946.

Complaints

The Board received 76 complaints in 2013. The number of investigations conducted during the year was 50. The Board issued 11 formal disciplinary actions. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board's website at www.dhmf.maryland.gov/bopc.

Legislation

HB56 - State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Criminal History Records Check – *Passed* (Chapter Number 348)

This bill requires all applicants for a license or certificate from the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to submit to a criminal history records check (CHRC). An additional CHRC must be performed every six years. The bill also creates a new ground for disciplinary action if an applicant, licensee, or certificate holder fails to submit to a CHRC as required under the bill.

HB1115/SB593 – Health Occupations Boards - License Renewal, Investigation of Alleged Violations, and Immunity from Liability – *Passed* (Chapter Number 404)

This bill authorizes each health occupations board to develop a secure electronic system for the distribution of a renewed license, permit, certification, or registration. Any such system developed must (1) be accessible to the public for the purpose of verification of a current license, permit, certification, or registration and (2) provide the licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or registrant the option of printing a verification of the status of their license, permit, certificate, or registration. The bill clarifies that *all* boards must investigate any alleged violation of their respective practice acts and that a person must have immunity from liability for giving information to *any* board or otherwise participating in a board's activities.

Regulations

10.58. Supervision Requirements for Licensed Graduate A & D Counselors/Masters Level Trainees and Certified Counselors and Trainees (*On-going*)

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

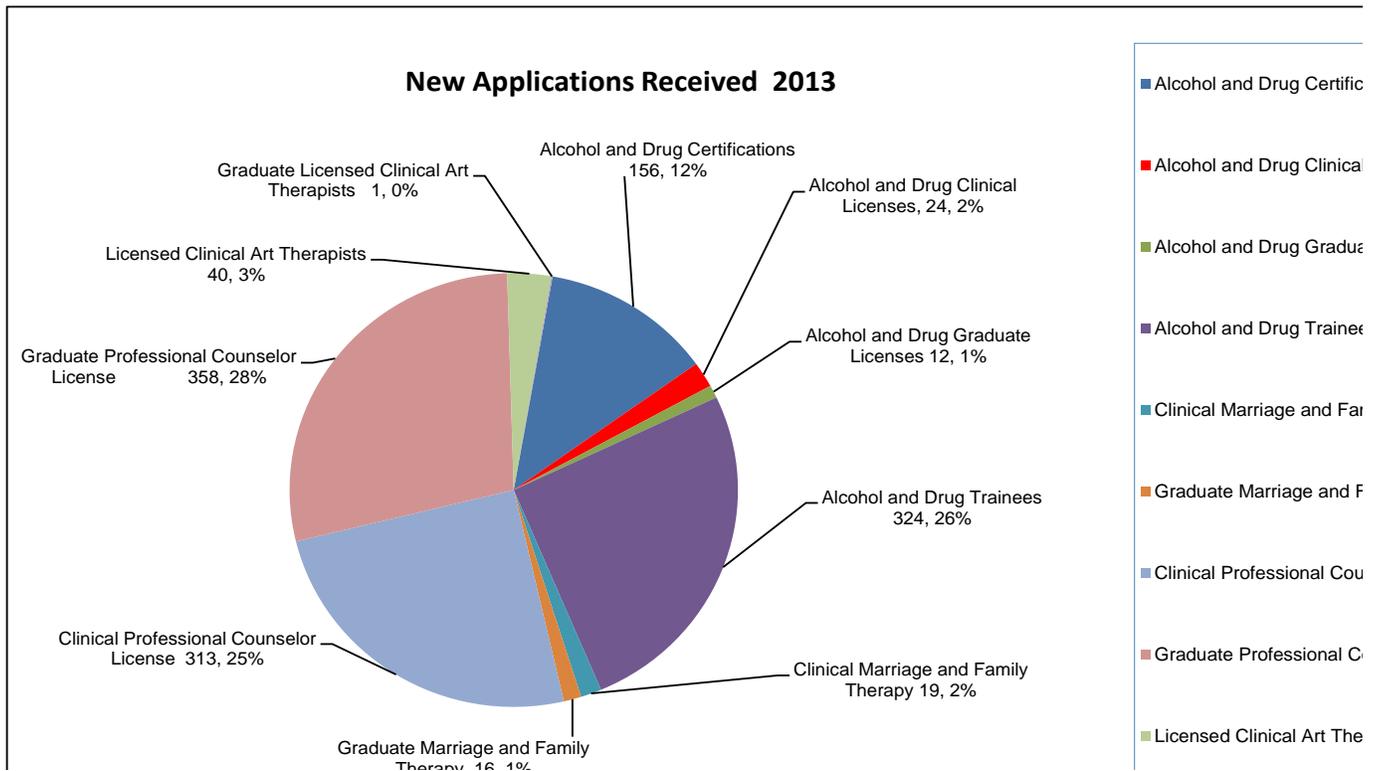
Alcohol and Drug Certifications	156
Alcohol and Drug Clinical Licenses	24
Alcohol and Drug Graduate Licenses	12
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	324
Total A & D Application	516

Clinical Marriage and Family Therapy	19
Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy	16
Total MFT Application	35

Clinical Professional Counselor License	313
Graduate Professional Counselor License	358
Total New Applications	671

Licensed Clinical Art Therapists	40
Graduate Licensed Clinical Art Therapists	1
Total New Applications	41

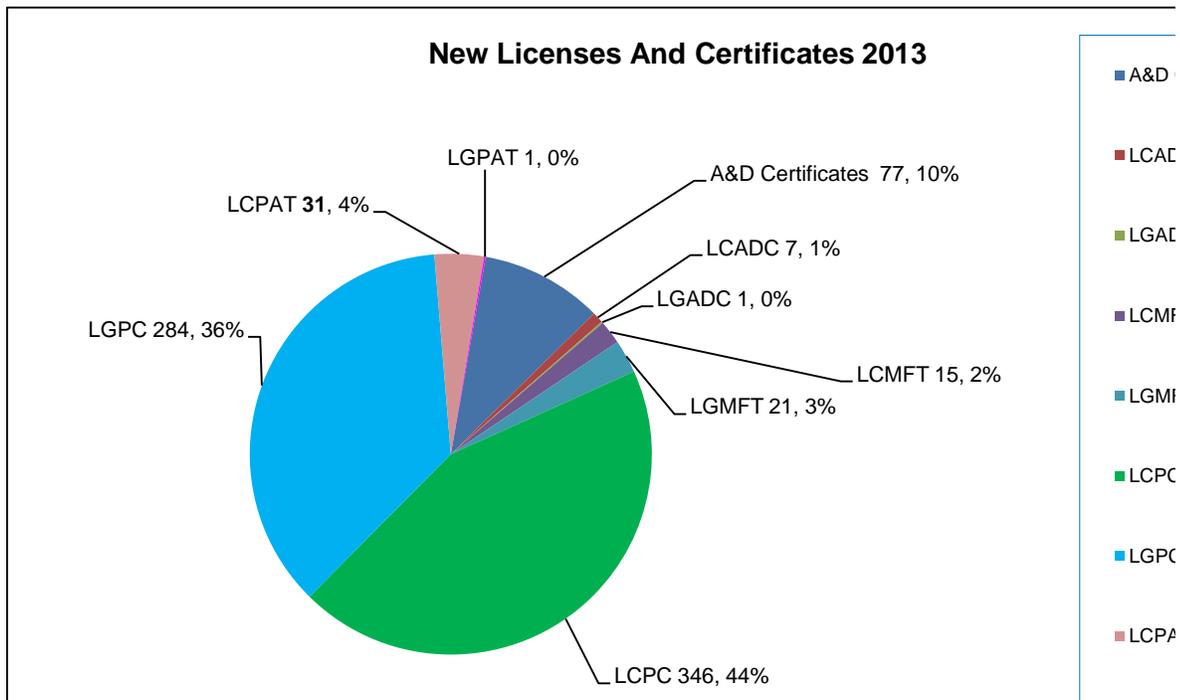
Total Applications = 1263



NEW LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATES

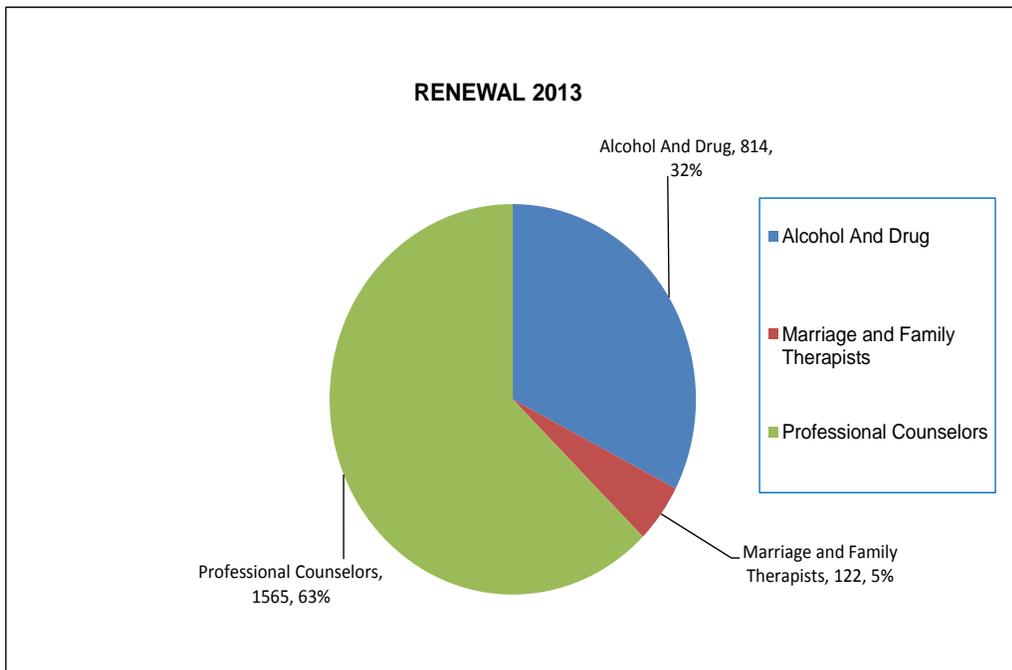
A&D Certificates	77
LCADC	7
LGADC	1
Total	85
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LCMFT	15
LGMFT	21
Total	36
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LCPC	346
LGPC	284
Total	630
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LCPAT	31
LGPAT	1
Total	32

Total of New Licenses and Certificates = 783



RENEWALS

Alcohol and Drug	814
Marriage and Family Therapy	122
Professional Counselor	1565
Total Renewals	2501



REINSTATEMENTS

Alcohol and Drug	39
Marriage and Family Therapy	3
Professional Counselors	38
Total Reinstatements	80

