

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

2007

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 hours, 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, 2007.

## MEETING

During the year, the Board held 6 formal meetings and 5 formal hearings. There were monthly committee meetings consisting of Ethics, Credentials and Regulations/Legislation.

## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The Board consists of nine members: Ms. Joanne Faber- Chairperson, Dr. Deborah Haskins, Vice-Chairperson Mr. Paul Duncan, Consumer Member and Secretary; Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson, Ms. Sonja Williams; Mr. Richard Hann; Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry; Ms. Carol A. Deel; Tina Young, Consumer Member and Ms. Patricia Weathersbee who serves as alcohol and drug counselor advisor. All of the members are certified or licensed with the exception of Mr. Duncan and Ms. Young who are consumer (public) members of the Board.

## COMMITTEES

1. Credentials: Dr. Deborah Haskins, Mr. Paul Duncan and Ms. Carol A. Deel
2. Ethics: Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry; Ms. Patricia Weathersbee and Ms. Tina Young
3. Regulations/ Legislation: Ms. Joanne Faber; Ms. Sonja Williams; Mr. Richard Hann; and Ms. Cindy Chaw-Wison.

## BOARD MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA OF REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Ms. Joanne Faber	Private Sector	June 2008
Ms. Carol A. Deel	At-Large	June 2009
Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	June 2009
Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry	Public Sector	June 2008
Ms. Patricia Weathersbee	Advisor Position	June 2008
Dr. Deborah Haskins	Education	June 2010
Ms. Sonja Williams	Marriage and Family Therapy	June 2010
Mr. Richard Hann	At Large	June 2010
Mr. Paul Duncan	Consumer Member	June 2009
Ms. Tina Young	Consumer Member	June 2008

### STAFF

The staff consists of Aileen Taylor- Program Manager, Anna Sullivan- Professional Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Coordinator; Janice Isaac, Alcohol and Drug Certification Coordinator; Howard F. Kenney, Jr., Investigator, Sangetta Sarkar, Information Technology and Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel.

## COMPLAINTS

The Board received 31 complaints from the public, which resulted in 15 investigations.

## LEGISLATION

HB 1098 Definition of Appraisal Died in Committee.

SB-866 – Definition of Appraisal – Passed the Senate – No action in the House

## **SUNSET REVIEW**

The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) completed its evaluation of the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in 2007 and recommended to extend the Board's termination date by 10 years to July 1, 2019. Additionally, an interim report to the Committees is due by October 1, 2010.

## **REGULATIONS**

COMAR 10.58.07.15 – Alcohol and Drug Reciprocity (on-going)

COMAR 10.58.01.13 – Professional Counselor Therapy Reciprocity (on-going)

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 \$600,329 in revenues on 2007. Expenses totaled \$407,876.

## **2007 LICENSE RENEWAL PROCESS**

The Board offered licensees the opportunity for the on-line renewal to certificate holders and licensees with an expiration date of December 31, 2007. All licensee and certificate holders were encouraged to renew on-line as it expedites the process and allows for a credit card payment.

## **Active Licenses**

- Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists – 202
- Clinical Professional Counselors – 2,452
- Alcohol and Drug Counselors – 2,034
- Graduate Professional Counselors – 302
- Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists - 28
- Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors – 2
- Certified Marriage & Family Therapists – 1
- Certified Professional Counselors - 91