

Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors & Therapists (BOPCT)

BOPCT Annual Report 2023

Victoria Stinson, Deputy Director

Corrected Copy - August 2025

Final Copy - November 2025



Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

November 17, 2025

The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President
Senate of Maryland
State House, H-107
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
MD House of Delegates
State House, H-101
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: MD State Government – Health Occupations Article §17-205(b)(2) (MSAR #11659)
Annual Report-2023 – CORRECTED VERSION from previous submission of August 11, 2025**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (BOPCT) Annual Report 2023. The Board respectfully acknowledges that this submission is subsequent to the statutory deadline. The delay resulted from extended vacancies in critical Board positions traditionally charged with the preparation and submission of the report.

The Executive Director and Deputy Director have now been appointed to address operational challenges and ensure the timely fulfillment of all statutory obligations. Preparation of the Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2025 is actively underway, and each will be transmitted under separate cover in advance of the December 31 statutory deadline.

The Board remains committed to transparency, accountability, and the diligent service of the citizens of Maryland, and we value the General Assembly's continued support in furtherance of this mission. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Victoria Stinson, Deputy Director
MD State Board of Professional Counselors & Therapists

2023

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Annual Report - 2023

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

The Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”) functions under Health Occupations Article, Title 17, Annotated Code of Maryland. The Board is the licensure and certification authority for five professions in the state of Maryland: alcohol and drug counselors, art therapists, behavior analysts, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors.

The Board is mandated to regulate these professions by verifying individuals’ credentials, issuing licenses and certificates, establishing requirements for and verifying completion of continuing education hours, investigating complaints based on alleged violations of statutes and regulations, imposing formal and informal disciplining of licensees and certificate holders, establishing committees as deemed appropriate to advise the Board, and to submit an annual report to the Governor and Secretary.

Active Board Members (2023)

Jeffrey Galecki, LCADC, LCPC – Chair

Sara Carlton, Ed.D., Consumer Member

Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC – Disciplinary Review Committee

Lisa R. Connors, PhD., LCPC

Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC – Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

Mary (Nicki) Drotleff, LCMFT

C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer Member

Elizabeth K. Guroff, MA, LCMFT – Credentialing Committee

Karen Katrinic, MS., LCMFT – Legislative/Regulations Committee

Winnie Moore, LCPC

Stacey Nelson, LCPC, LCPAT, ATR-BC

Kimberly J. Poole-Sykes, LCPC

Sharita Sivels-Stevens, LCPC

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Currently there are more than 20 Maryland health occupations licensing boards which are required to oversee thousands of professionals in fields ranging from medicine to mortuary science. These Boards will continue to play a vital role in our society, and as the healthcare field expands, their importance as well as their sole duty to protect the public will continue to grow.

Board of Acupuncture

Board of Audiologists/Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech Language Pathologists

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

Board of Dental Examiners

Board of Dietetic Practice

Board of Environmental Health Specialists

Commission on Kidney Disease

Board of Morticians & Funeral Directors

Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission

Board of Nursing Home Administrators

Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Board of Pharmacy

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists

Board of Examiner of Psychologists

Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals

Board of Social Work Examiners

BOPCT BOARD STAFF

Laura Berg, MSW, Executive Director, 2022-2023

Mary N. Drotleff, M.S., LCMFT Acting Executive Director, 2023-2024

Anna Weinfield, Administrative Specialist III

Vacant, Administrative Officer

Janice Isaac, Administrative Specialist

Grecia Whitehead, Administrative Specialist

Alexandria Langston, Licensing Manager

Shelly-Ann Barnes, Compliance Manager

Vacant, Compliance Administrative Coordinator

Myisha Maybin, Investigator

J. Lego/E. Alot, Investigators

Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator

Kristen Lim, Assistant Attorney General – Board Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

The Board provides consistent administrative and operational support, including committee meetings, monthly Open meetings, monthly Administrative meetings, document preparation such as meeting minutes, calendar management, document preparation, and coordination of communications to maintain efficiency, continuity, and to ensure smooth operations.

Meetings

During the year, the Board holds 10 monthly Open and Administrative Session Meetings. The Open Session meetings are open to the public. All Open and Administrative Sessions occur on the 3rd Friday of every month.

Committees

The Board's Executive Director coordinates committee meetings and participates in regular Executive Director meetings. The Executive Director participates in these meetings providing updates, sharing critical insights, and ensuring the Board's organizational goals and strategic initiatives are aligned.

Credentiailling Committee Members: Sharon Bolden, Stacey Nelson, and Sara Carlton

Disciplinary Review Committee Members: Jeffrey Galecki, Winnie Moore, Nicki Drotleff, and Scott Frazier

Legislation and Regulation Committee Members: Nicki Drotleff, Mark Donovan, Karen Katrinic

Alcohol and Drug Committee Members: Jeffrey Galecki, Sharon Bolden, Mark Donovan

Financial Management

The Board is special funded. Revenues which support the Board's operation are generated through licensing and certification fees. No other state funds may be used to support the Board's operations. In collaboration with appropriate fiscal authorities, the Board ensures proper financial oversight by tracking budget allocations, monitoring expenditures, and supporting procurement and reimbursement processes.

The Board generated \$ **3,071,707.00** in revenues in FY23, and its expenditure totaled **\$1,091,207.68**.

Compliance

The Board received a total of 234 complaints in fiscal year 2023. The Board issued formal disciplinary actions. Public disciplinary orders may be found on the Board's website at www.health.maryland.gov/bopc.

Legislation & Regulations

The Board tracks legislative and regulatory developments relevant to licensure and professional practice. This enables the Board to update policies and practices and ensure compliance with all federal and state mandates. In the fiscal year 2023, the Board tracked the following legislation:

HB 146/SB 221 - Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification

HB 175/SB 54 - Occupational Licensing and Certification – Criminal History – Prohibited Disclosures and Predetermination Review Process

HB 269 - Criminal Procedure - Disclosure of Expunged Records – Alterations

HB 581/SB 472 - State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates - Processing (Transparent Government Act of 2024)

HB 628/SB 409 - Health Occupations - Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists - Reciprocal Licensure Requirements

HB 642/SB 1185 - Apprenticeships in Licensed Occupations Act of 2024

HB 809 - Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, or Workgroups – Removal or Suspension

HB 1201/SB 1072 Occupational and Professional Licensing - Military Training and Military Spouses

HB 1260/SB 926 - State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates – Reimbursement

Technology & Data Infrastructure

The Board is actively seeking solutions to address its technology and data infrastructure needs. The Board's compliance unit upgraded its software in 2021. Updates are also needed for processing licensure fees and payments as well as licensure and renewal applications.

Website & Digital Analytics

The Board and Board staff oversee content updates, ensure compliance with accessibility standards, and monitor website updates monthly via public schedule of Open meetings of the BOPCT. The Board staff works daily to enhance user engagement and maintain license verification information and transparency of public disciplinary actions which are listed on the Board's website.

ACTIVE LICENSES/CERTIFICATES

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (A&D)

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	6
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	10
Certified Associate Counselors – Alcohol and Drug	113

Art Therapists (LCPAT)

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	47
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	7

Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA)

LBA License	254
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Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	71
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	38

Professional Counselors (LCPC)

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	949
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	854

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (A&D)

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	83
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	57
Certified Associate Counselors – Alcohol and Drug	320
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	739

Art Therapists (LCPAT)

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	57
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	32

Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBA)

Licensed Behavior Analysts	263
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Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	171
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	71

Professional Counselors (LCPC)

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	1956
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	1748
Certified Professional Counselors	3

RENEWALS

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (A&D)

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	207
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	7
Certified Associate Counselors – Alcohol and Drug	778
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	524

Art Therapists (LCPAT)

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	127
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	14

Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBA)

Licensed Behavior Analysts	715
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Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	248
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	21

Professional Counselors (LCPC)

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	3854
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	286
Licensed Professional Certified Counselors	11

REINSTATEMENTS

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Alcohol and Drug Counselors	51
Art Therapists	6
Licensed Behavior Analysts	72
Marriage and Family Therapists	23
Professional Counselors	255

FY 2023 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE

<u>EARNINGS:</u>	<u>\$ AMOUNT:</u>
Application Fee	\$ 446,595.00
License/Certification Fees	\$ 257,103.00
Renewal Fees	\$1,251,314.00
Inactive Fees	\$ 2,600.00
Other Sales	\$ 1,575.00
Miscellaneous – Other Non-Recur Receipts	\$ 131,266.00
Fund Balance from FY22	\$1,981,234.00
Total Revenue:	\$3,071,707.00

EXPENDITURES

<u>EXPENSES:</u>	<u>\$ AMOUNT:</u>
Personnel	\$ 704,019.02
Operating	\$ 178,754.74
Indirect	\$ 32,767.92
Attorney General	\$ 140,616.00
Rent	\$ 35,050.00
Total Expenditures:	\$1,091,207.68

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