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Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors & Therapists

**Annual Report**

**July 2021 – June 2022**

**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 of alcohol and drug counselors, art therapists, behavior analysts, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors in the state of Maryland.

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.

**Board Members (2022)**

Mary N. Drotleff, LCMFT, Board Chair (2022-2023)

Winnie Moore, LCPC, Board Vice Chair

Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC, Board Secretary

Jeffrey Galecki, LCADC, LCPC

Sara Carlton, Ed.D., Consumer

Michael Nettles, D.Min., LCPC

Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC

C.Scott Frazier, III, Consumer

Elizabeth K. Guroff, MA, LCMFT

Karen Katrinic, MS., LCMFT

Stacey Nelson, LCPC, LCPAT, ATR-BC

Kimberly J. Poole-Sykes, LCPC

**MISSION**

The mission of the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (BPCT) is to protect the citizens of Maryland through the promotion of quality healthcare. This is achieved through maintenance of efficient licensure systems for healthcare professionals; promotion of disciplinary practices that contribute to an overall culture of accountability, education of clients and other stakeholders, and enforcement of applicable laws and statutes.

**VISION**

Maryland is a state where healthcare professionals are well qualified, where healthcare professionals want to live and practice, and where citizens are informed about the qualifications of their healthcare practitioners.

**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 Behavioral Analysts

Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy

Board of Dental Examiners

Board of Dietetic Practice

Board of Environmental Health Specialists

Commission on Kidney Disease

Board of Morticians

Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission

Board of Long-Term Care Administrators

Board of Occupational Therapy

Board of Optometry

Board of Pharmacy

Professional Boards & Commissions (cont.)

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Board of Podiatry

Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists

Board of Psychology

Board of Residential Child Care Administration

Board of Social Work

**BOARD STAFF**

Vacant, Executive Director

Anna Weinfield, Administrative Specialist III

Vacant, Administrative Officer

Janice Isaac, Administrative Specialist

Grecia Whitehead

Alexandria Langston, Licensing Manager

Shelly-Ann Barnes, Compliance Manager

Vacant, Compliance Administrative Coordinator

Vacant, Investigator

Vacant, Investigator

Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator

Rhonda Edwards, Acting Asst. Attorney General, Board Counsel

**ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL SUPPORT**

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

**Meetings**

During the year, the Board held 12 Open and Administrative Sessions 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 has coordinated and participated in regular Executive Director meetings to provide updates, share critical insights, and ensure organizational goals and strategic initiatives are aligned.

**Credentialling 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 can be used to support the Board’s operations. In collaboration with appropriate fiscal authorities, the Board has ensured proper financial oversight by tracking budget allocations, monitoring expenditures, and supporting procurement and reimbursement processes.

The Board generated $**3,623,558.50** in revenues in 2022, and its expenditure totaled $**978,950.53.**

**Complaints**

The Board received a total of 117 complaints in 2022. The Board issued 22 formal disciplinary actions. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board’s website at [www.health.maryland.gov/bopc](http://www.health.maryland.gov/bopc).

**Legislation & Regulations**

The Board has tracked legislative and regulatory developments relevant to licensure and professional practice, ensuring timely updates to policies and compliance with state mandates. In FY22, the Board enacted the following

***Inclusion under Medicare Part B (2022)***

***HB 1318 - Culturally Informed and Culturally Responsive Mental Health Task Force (2022)***

***Sunset Review Participation (2022)***

*HB 196 - Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting*

*HB 291/SB 14 - Health Occupations - Clinical and Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors - Licensure*

*HB 454/SB 187- Health Occupations - Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations - Lawful Presence and Identification Numbers*

*HB 906 - Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Prohibited Disclosures and Predetermination Review Process*

*SB 78 - Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting*

*SB 534 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2023*

**Technology & Data Infrastructure**

The Board has worked to maintain and improve technological infrastructure, including coordinating system access, updating user credentials, and supporting transitions in email, cloud storage, and internal platforms during leadership changes. In FY22, the Board is greatly challenged with its ability to update its technological infrastructure in processing licensure fees and payments. The BOPCT is reviewing options in upgrading its current licensure system.

**Website & Digital Analytics**

The Board and Board staff have overseen content updates, ensured compliance with accessibility standards, and monitored website updates monthly via public schedule of Open Administrative meetings of the BOPCT. BOPCT works daily to enhance user engagement and maintain transparency of Public Disciplinary Actions which are listed on website for the protection of the public as well as stakeholders.

**HR/Payroll & Benefits**

The Board and Board staff have worked closely with the state’s HR and payroll departments to ensure timely processing of employee compensation, benefits enrollment, and personnel changes, especially during leadership transitions.

**ACTIVE LICENSES/CERTIFICATES**

**Alcohol and Drug Counselors (A&D)**

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors 16

Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors 9

Certified Associate Counselors – Alcohol and Drug 127

**Art Therapists (LCPAT)**

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists 38

Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists 6

**Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA)**

LBA Applications 277

LBA License 289

LBA Reinstatement 50

LBA Renewal 420

**Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)**

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists 59

Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists 33

**Professional Counselors (LCPC)**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors 1031

Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors 878

**NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**Alcohol and Drug Counselors (A&D)**

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors 100

Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors 51

Certified Associate Counselors – Alcohol and Drug/ 328

Alcohol and Drug Trainees 659

**Art Therapists (LCPAT)**

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists 44

Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists 61

**Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBA)**

Licensed Behavior Analysts 277

**Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)**

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists 73

Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors 93

**Professional Counselors (LCPC)**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors 2125

Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors 1686

**RENEWALS**

**Alcohol and Drug Counselors (A&D)**

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors 186

Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors 11

Certified Associate Counselors – Alcohol and Drug 721

Alcohol and Drug Trainees 552

**RENEWALS (CONT.)**

**Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)**

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists 173

Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists 93

**Professional Counselors (LCPC)**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors 3032

Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors 359

**REINSTATEMENTS**

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Alcohol and Drug Counselors 47

Art Therapists 10

Behavior Analysts 50

Marriage and Family Therapists 18

Professional Counselors 296

**FY 2022 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES**

**REVENUE:**

**EARNINGS:** **$ AMOUNT:**

Application Fee $ 429,861.00

License/Certification Fees $ 255,249.00

Renewal Fees $1,009,725.00

Inactive Fees $ 2,050.00

Miscellaneous $ 119,218.00

Fund Balance from FY21 $1,807,455.50

**Total Revenue: $3,623,558.50**

**EXPENDITURES:**

**EXPENSES**: **$ AMOUNT:**

Personnel $697,978.90

Operating $110,784.95

Indirect $ 32,901.68

Attorney General $103,397.00

Rent $ 33,888.00

**Total Expenditures: $978,950.53**

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