

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

2009

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 activities of the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period ending December 31, 2009

MEETING

During the year, the Board held 10 formal meetings and monthly committee meetings.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The Board consists of 13 members: Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Chairperson, Ms. Sonja Williams, Vice-Chairperson; Ms. Tina Y. Young, Consumer Member and Secretary; Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson, Ms. Susan Tangires, Ms. Marcia Mityga; Dr. Deborah Haskins; Mr. Richard Hann; Ms. Lorraine Garcia; Mr. Allen Twigg; Ms. Alexandra Rickeman and Ms. Deborah Hayes, Consumer Member. All of the members are licensed with the exception of Ms. Young and Ms Hayes who are consumer (public) members of the Board.

COMMITTEES

1. Credentials: Dr. Deborah Haskins, Chairperson; Ms. Lorraine Garcia; Ms. Sonja Williams; Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson; Mr. Allen Twigg and Ms. Susan Tangires.
2. Ethics: Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Chairperson; Ms. Alexandra Rickeman; Ms. Marcia Mityga and Ms. Tina Young
3. Regulations/ Legislation: Mr. Richard Hann, Chairperson; Ms. Sonja Williams, Co-Chairperson and Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson.

BOARD MEMBERS

NAME

TERM EXPIRES

Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry, LCPC.....June 2012
Ms. Alexandra Rickeman, LCMFT.....June 2013
Ms. Cindy Shaw-Wilson, LCADC..... June 2013
Ms. Marcia Mityg, LCADC.....June 2013
Ms. Susan Tangires, LCADC.....June 2013
Ms. Lorraine Garcia, LCPC.....June 2013
Dr. Deborah Haskins, LCPC.....June 2010
Ms. Sonja Williams, LCMFT.....June 2010
Mr. Richard Hann, LCPC..... June 2010
Mr. Allen Twigg, LCPC.....June 2012
Mr. Deborah A. Hayes Consumer.....June 2013
Ms. Tina Young, Consumer.....June 2012

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 Counselor Licensure Coordinator; Star Anderson, Office Clerk; Sandra Boxley, Office Secretary, Howard F. Kenney, Jr., Investigator, Sangetta Sarkar, Information Technology and Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel.

COMPLAINTS

The Board received 30 complaints from the public in 2009, which resulted in 16 investigations. All public disciplinary orders are posted online at the Board's website www.dhmd.state.md.us/bopc

REGULATIONS

COMAR 10.58.07 – Alcohol and Drug Out of State Regulations
COMAR 10.58.01 – Professional Counselor Therapy – Out of State Regulations
COMAR 10.58.08 – Marriage and Family Therapy Out of State Regulations (amendments)
COMAR 10.58.06 – Advance 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 \$653,491 in revenues on 2009. FY 2008 expenditures totaled \$486,638

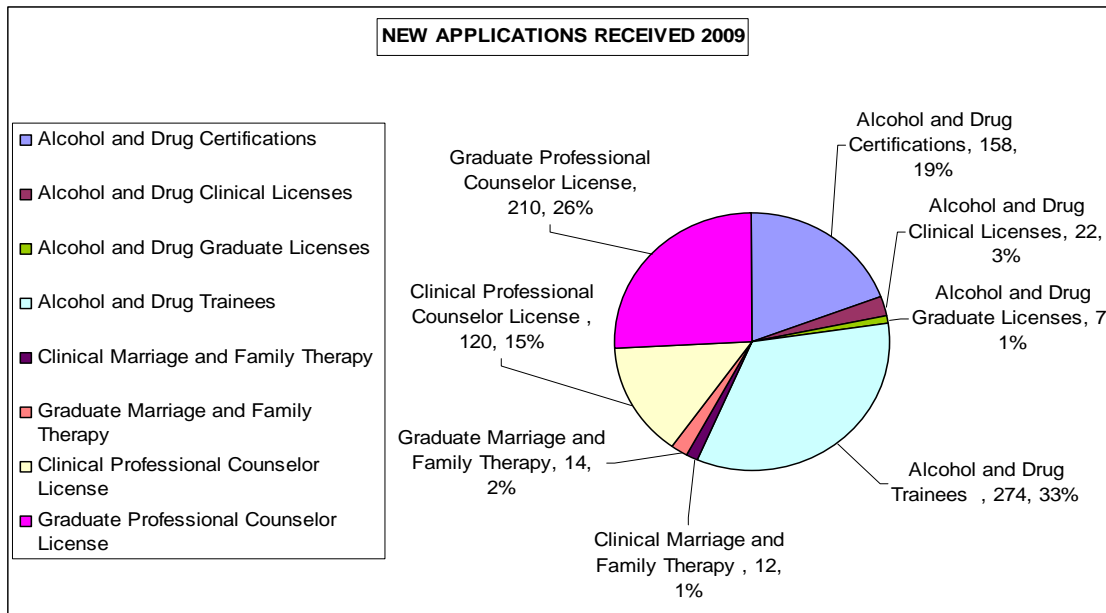
NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Alcohol and Drug Certifications	158
Alcohol and Drug Clinical Licenses	22
Alcohol and Drug Graduate Licenses	7
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	274
Total A & D Application	461

Clinical Marriage and Family Therapy	12
Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy	14
Total MFT Application	26

Clinical Professional Counselor License	120
Graduate Professional Counselor License	210
Total Counselors Application	340

Total Applications = 827



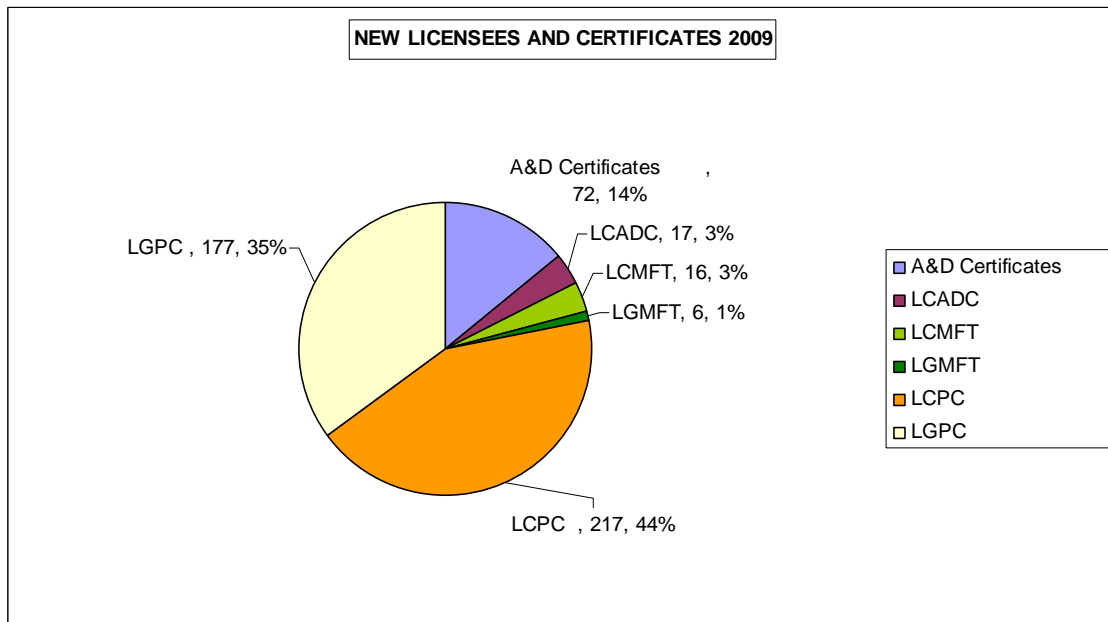
NEW LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATES

A&D Certificates	72
LCADC	17
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Total	89

LCMFT	16
LGMFT	6
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Total	22

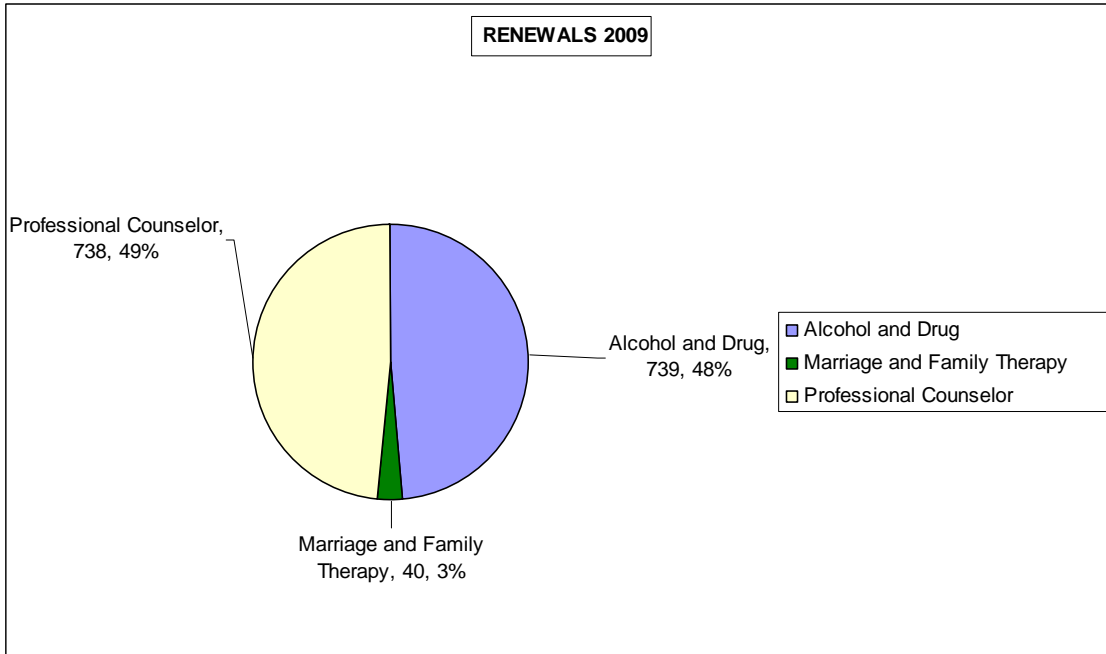
LCPC	217
LGPC	177
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Total	394

Total of New Licenses and Certificates = 505



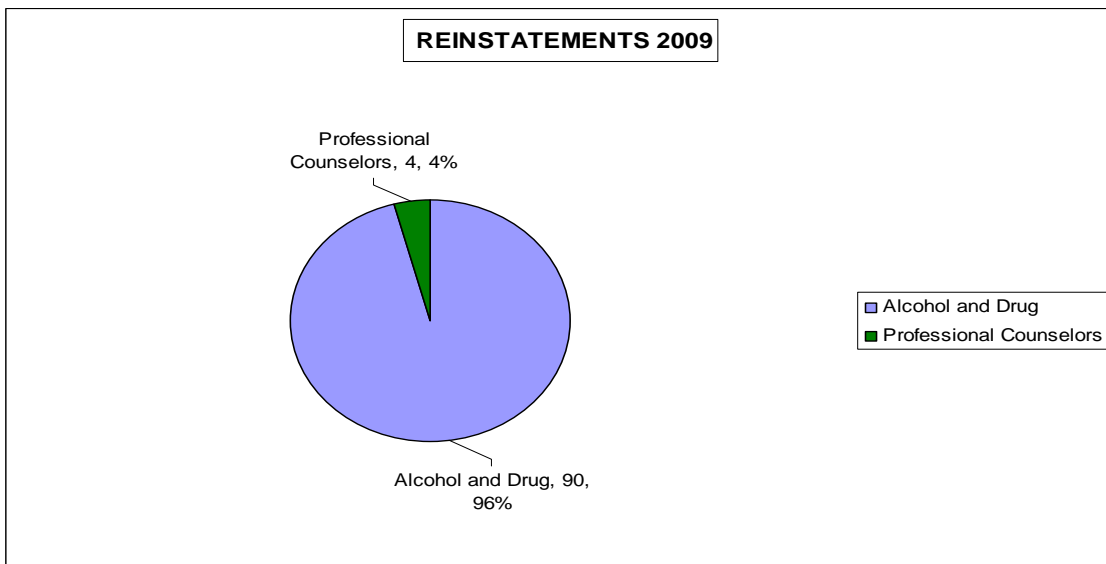
RENEWALS

Alcohol and Drug	739
Marriage and Family Therapy	40
Professional Counselor	738
Total Renewal	1517



REINSTATEMENTS

Alcohol and Drug	90
Professional Counselors	4
Total Reinstatement	94



ON-LINE RENEWAL

The Board offered licensees the opportunity for the on-line renewal to certificate holders and licensees with an expiration date of December 31, 2009 and January 31, 2010. All licensees and certificate holders were encouraged to renew on-line as it expedites the process and allows for a credit card payment.

Paid by Checks	166
Paid by CC	1289
Total Renewal On-line	1455

