



STATE OF MARYLAND

**DHMH**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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## **BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS**

### **ANNUAL REPORT July 2014 -- June 2015**

The State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals (“State Board”) was established in 2004 and operates under the provisions of Title 20 of the Health Occupations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. In 2007, the State Board became general funded.

The State Board is the certification authority for Residential Child Care Program Administrators (“RCCPAs”). In 2008, the State Board’s authority was expanded to include the certification of residential child care workers employed by programs licensed by the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Juvenile Services, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Mental Hygiene Administration, as Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners (“RCYCPs”).

The State Board consists of 12 members, of which six are representatives appointed by the secretaries of various State agencies involved in the licensing and monitoring of residential child care programs. These agencies include the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Mental Hygiene Administration and Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Department Human Resources, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Maryland State Department of Education, and the Governor’s Office for Children. The remaining six members are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. Of these six members, three are RCCPAs, one is a RCYCP and two are consumers.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Albert Zachik, MD, Chair  
Krystal McKinney, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Younker, Secretary  
Ertha Sterling-Garrett

DHMH - Mental Hygiene Administration  
CRCCPA  
CRCCPA  
Department of Juvenile Services

Vacant  
Patricia Arriaza  
Brady Daniels  
Darlene Ham  
Dorenzer Thomas  
Carmen Brown  
Ada Pearl Thomas  
Nancy Hatch

RCYCP  
Governor's Office for Children  
Consumer  
Department of Human Resources  
CRCCPA  
Maryland State Department of Education  
Consumer  
DHMH – Developmental Disabilities  
Administration

**STAFF:**

James T. Merrow, Executive Director  
Gwendolyn A. Joyner, Administrative Officer/Deputy Director  
Anthony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel

The Board's staff is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Board and the coordination of administrative activities with other government agencies. In addition to the above staff, the Board shares its financial, information technology and investigative staff with the other Health Occupation Boards under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

The Board conducts public meetings on the second Friday of the month throughout the year. The dates, times, and place of meetings are published on the Board's website. The State Board does not meet in August or November.

**MISSION:**

The mission of the State Board is to protect children living in Maryland's residential child programs and to promote quality of care in the field of residential child care through:

- (1) Certifying and regulating RCCPAs and RCYCPs;
- (2) Receiving and resolving complaints from the public, licensing authorities, courts, employers, insurance companies, other certificate holders regarding RCCPAs or RCYCPs who may have violated the practice act and its regulations; and
- (3) Setting the standards for residential child care program administrators and youth care practitioners that reflect new and emergent developments through regulations and legislation.

**REVENUE REPORT: - General Fund**

Revenue from all categories:

Total Revenue \$34,142.00

**EXPENDITURE REPORT:**

Personnel	\$181,668.00
Operating	16,167.00
Shared	24,585.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$181,668.00</u>

**NUMBER OF LICENSES:**

June 30, 2015:

Program Administrators	109
Acting Capacity	4
Child and Youth Practitioners	172

**LEGISLATION:**

During the 2015 General Assembly the legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 201 (Chapter 331) that add “good moral character” as a requirement for an acting program administrator, requiring a CPS clearance for certificate holders, altering the requirements for an applicant to obtain a criminal history records check, and authorizing the Board to waive the required child protective services background clearance under certain circumstances.

**REGULATIONS:**

During the reporting period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 the Board did not promulgated any regulations.