



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 2015 -- June 2016**

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

Mark Jews, Vice Chair

Jennifer Younker, Secretary

Sony White-Norman

DHMH - Mental Hygiene Administration

RCYCP

RCCPA

Department of Juvenile Services

Nicole Smith  
Anne Blackfield  
Brady Daniels  
Darlene Ham  
Dorenzer Thomas  
Sheila Philip  
Ada Pearl Thomas  
Janet Furman

RCCPA  
Maryland Department of Disabilities  
Consumer  
Department of Human Resources  
RCCPA  
Maryland State Department of Education  
Consumer  
DHMH – Developmental Disabilities  
Administration

**STAFF:**

James T. Merrow, Executive Director  
Gwendolyn A. Joyner, Administrative Officer/Deputy Director  
Randy Sams, Contractual Employee  
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 \$68,625.00

**EXPENDITURE REPORT:**

Personnel	\$177,874.00
Operating	68,488.00
Shared	31,097.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$277,459.00</u>

**NUMBER OF LICENSES:**

June 30, 2016:	
Program Administrators	94
Acting Capacity	1
Child and Youth Practitioners	917

**LEGISLATION:**

None proposed during the reporting period.

**REGULATIONS:**

During the reporting period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 the Board promulgated regulations to implement the changes to the statute as required by Ch. 331, Acts of 2015 (S.B. 201), State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Professionals – Revisions.