

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

2006

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 activity of the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period ending December 31, 2006.

MEETING

During the year, the Board held 8 formal meetings, 4 administrative hearings and several ad hoc committee meetings.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The Board consists of eight members: Ms. Joanne Faber- Chairperson, Mr. Ronald Rogers, Vice -Chairperson; Mr. Paul Duncan, Consumer Member and Secretary; Ms. Sonja Williams; Dr. K. Elizabeth Oakes; Dr. Deborah Haskins; Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry; Ms. Carol A. Deel; and Ms. Patricia Weathersbee who serves as alcohol and drug counselor advisor. All of the members are certified or licensed with the exception of Mr. Duncan who is the consumer (public) member of the Board.

COMMITTEES

Credentials: Dr. Deborah Haskins, Mr. Paul Duncan and Ms. Carol A. Deel
Ethics: Dr. Katherine Oakes, Mr. Ronald Rogers and Ms. Patricia Weathersbee
Regulations: Ms. Joanne Faber; Ms. Sonja Williams and Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry

BOARD MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA OF REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Ms. Joanne Faber	Private Sector	June 2008
Ms. Carol A. Deel	At-Large	June 2009
Mr. Ronald Rogers	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	June 2009
Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry	Public Sector	June 2009
Ms. Patricia Weathersbee	Advisor Position	June 2008
Dr. K. Elizabeth Oakes	At-Large	June 2006
Dr. Deborah Haskins	Education	June 2006
Ms. Sonja Williams	Marriage and Family Therapy	June 2010
Mr. Paul Duncan	Consumer Member	June 2009

STAFF

The staff consists of Aileen Taylor- Program Manager, Anna Sullivan- Licensure Coordinator; Julie Washington, Certification Coordinator; Howard F. Kenney, Jr., Investigator and Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel.

COMPLAINTS

The Board received 40 complaints from the public concerning problems with the Board's licensees, which resulted in 8 referrals to the Office of Attorney General for prosecution, 4 Letters of Advisory 2 Letters of Education, 1 withdrawal by complainant, 1 referral to the Office of Health Care Quality; 1 Cease and Desist; 3 referrals to Rehabilitation Program and 20 dismissals.

LEGISLATION

SB 955 Alcohol and Drug Reciprocity – Adopted
SB 866 Appraisal Senate Committee - Died in Committee

REGULATIONS

COMAR 10.58.07.15 – Alcohol and Drug Reciprocity (on-going)

COMAR 10.58.07.12 – Alcohol and Drug Trainees (amendments adopted November 23, 2006)

COMAR 10.58.07.14 – Alcohol and Drug Scope of Practice – Submitted to DHMH

COMAR 10.58.01.13 – Professional Counselor Therapy Reciprocity (on-going)

COMAR 10.58.11 – Psychological 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 \$374,547 in revenues on 2006.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

- 601 – New applications
- 344 - New licenses/certificates issued
- 730 Renewal Certificates
- 596 Renewal Licenses
- 48- Reinstatements

NEW APPLICATIONS

- 291 – Alcohol and drug counselors and trainee applications
- 295 – Professional counselor applications
- 15 – Marriage and family therapy applications

NEW LICENSING ISSUES

- 24 – Marriage and family therapists
- 276 – Professional counselors
- 42 – Alcohol and drug counselors
(162 - Alcohol and Drug Trainees)

REINSTATEMENTS

- 21 Professional counselors
- 25 Alcohol and drug counselors
- 2 Marriage and Family Therapists

TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED

- Addiction Counselors - \$182,696
- Professional Counselors - \$183,013
- Marriage & Family Therapists - \$8,837

TOTAL ACTIVE LICENSEES

- **3,909**