

# **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](http://www.dhmd.state.md.us/bopc)

## **REGULATIONS**

COMAR 10.58.07 – Alcohol and Drug Counselors Out of State Regulations - New  
COMAR 10.58.01 – Professional Counselors Out of State Regulations - New  
COMAR 10.58.08 – Marriage and Family Therapists Out of State Regulations (amendments)  
COMAR 10.58.06 – Advanced Testing - New  
COMAR 10.58.01 – Professional Counselor Supervision – New

## **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 2009 expenditures totaled \$486,638

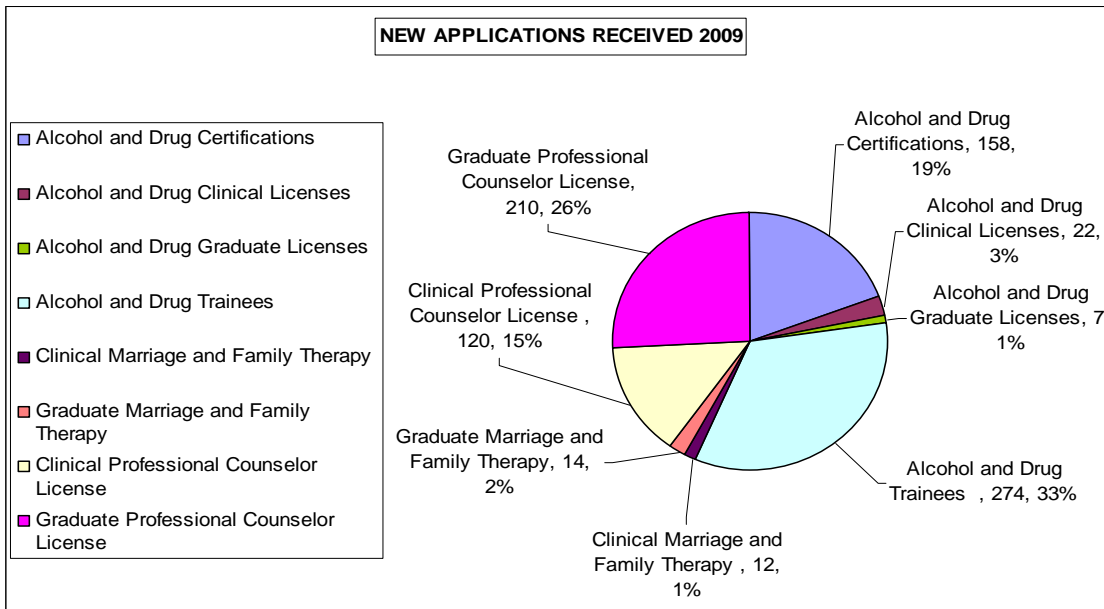
## NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Alcohol and Drug Certifications	158
Alcohol and Drug Clinical Licenses	22
Alcohol and Drug Graduate Licenses	7
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	274
<b>Total A &amp; D Application</b>	<b>461</b>

Clinical Marriage and Family Therapy	12
Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy	14
<b>Total MFT Application</b>	<b>26</b>

Clinical Professional Counselor License	120
Graduate Professional Counselor License	210
<b>Total Counselors Application</b>	<b>340</b>

**Total Applications = 827**



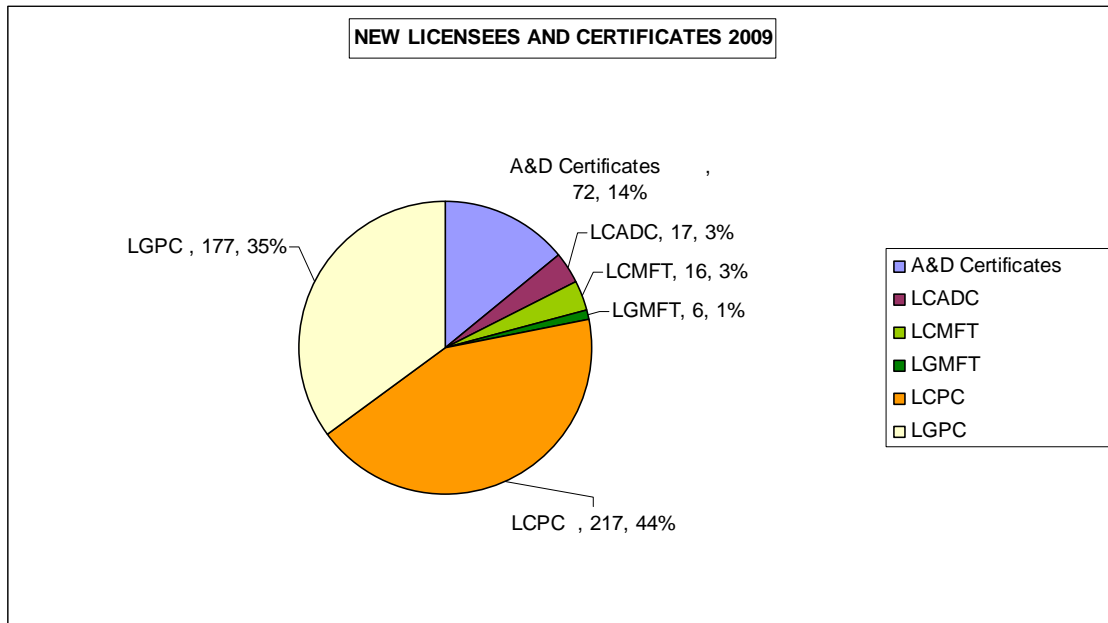
**NEW LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATES**

A&D Certificates	72
LCADC	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

LCMFT	16
LGMFT	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

LCPC	217
LGPC	177
<b>Total</b>	<b>394</b>

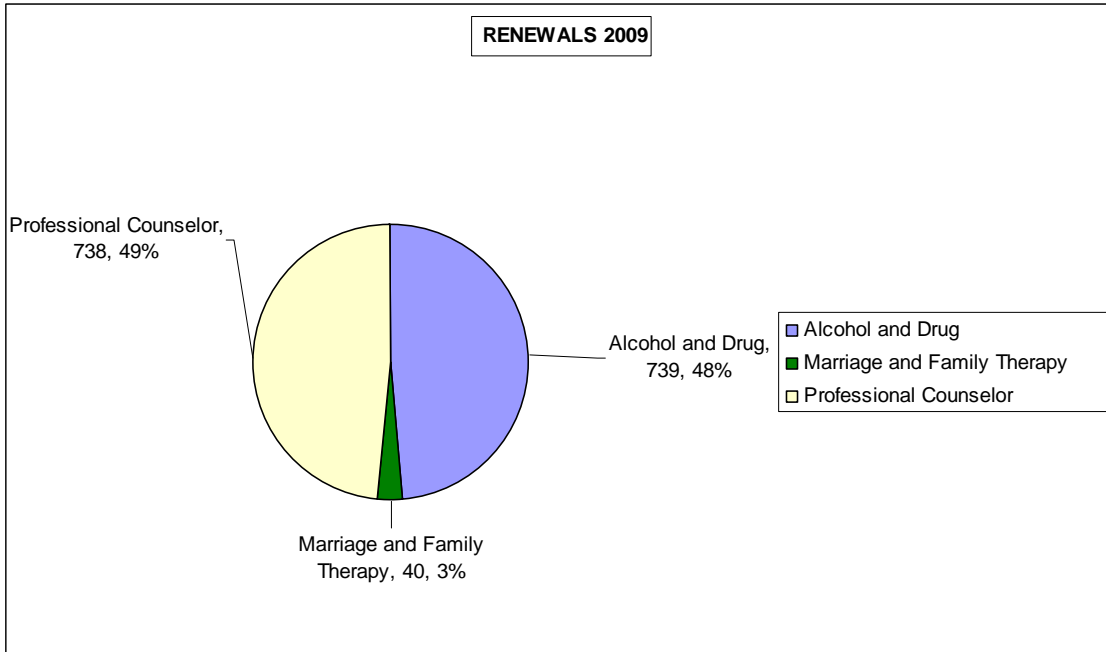
**Total of New Licenses and Certificates = 505**



## RENEWALS

Alcohol and Drug	739
Marriage and Family Therapy	40
Professional Counselor	738
<b>Total Renewal</b>	<b>1517</b>

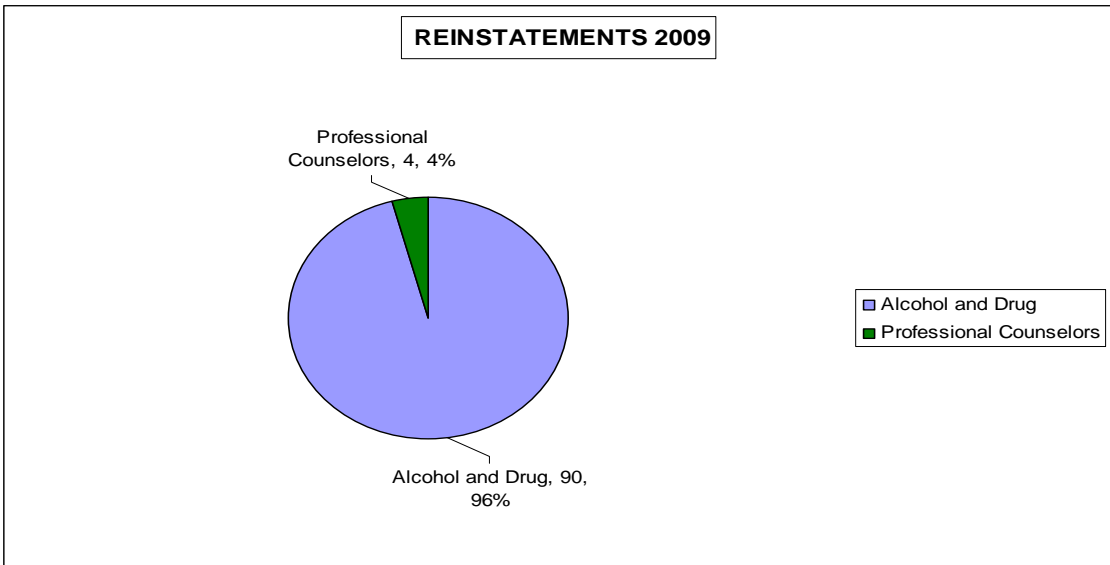
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## REINSTATEMENTS

Alcohol and Drug	90
Professional Counselors	4
<b>Total Reinstatement</b>	<b>94</b>

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**ON-LINE RENEWAL**

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

Paid by Checks	166
Paid by CC	1289
<b>Total Renewal On-line</b>	<b>1455</b>

