



NEWSLETTER

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From The Board President

Hello to all the physical therapists and physical therapist assistants,

This year has gone by so quickly, with many important changes. We are providing licensing and regulatory services for over 4350 physical therapists and over 1440 physical therapist assistants. The future will be a challenging and rewarding time for the Board. Facing all health care professionals are the increasing complexities of health care reform, public protection issues, increased patient needs with limited resources, continuing competence and the role of health care regulation. Our Board will need to monitor, respond to public needs and protection, and be a resource to all licensees.

In fact, as this letter is being written, the Board is responding to a Sunset Review requirement for all the health boards. A commission will review each agency against specific criteria to determine whether a public need exists for the continuation of the Board. Criteria include mission, goals, objectives, efficiency, and effectiveness, response to complaints and the Board's rule making process. This is an extensive process and the results will be forthcoming early next year.

The Board has worked very hard this year in all committee functions. The Complaint Review Committee has been actively involved with investigations of complaints against licensees. The number of cases and the complexity of the cases continued to increase. The central focus is public protection through remediation for practitioners when appropriate and discipline when warranted. Licensee education is critical to public protection, and the Continuing Education Committee reviews the annual CE audit submissions and hundreds of continuing education courses. The Licensing Committee continues to work diligently to review applications and make licensing recommendations to the Board.

Continuing Competence will be a central part of future endeavors for the Board. The members have been working to develop concepts for future continuing education and continuing competence activities. Watch the Board website (www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us) for information that will be coming related to rule making for continuing education.

With the increase in cheating by applicants taking the national exam (NPTE), the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), has had to go to fixed date testing in order to maintain the exam validity and integrity. FSBPT made this decision after extensive investigations and recommendations from forensic experts, and psychometricians. The impact for MN license applicants is that the test will only be given four times a year on fixed dates. The Board has worked very hard with applicants, educational programs, licensees, and employers to make the transition as smooth as possible.

I would again like to thank the Board staff for all their hard work in licensing and their support for all Board and Committee activities. They exceed all expectations and the Board is most appreciative. We also have very dedicated, experienced, and committed Board members.

The office is always available to answer questions, assist with licensing, and provide public protection. Have a wonderful 2012!

Regards,

Kathy Fleischaker, PT, President
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Online services and resources at

www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us

"Search Licensees" for CE report date, license status, issue date, renewal date, or disciplinary action

Update your address (required within 30 days of the change)

Update your phone or email address

Print a copy of the MN PT Practice Act

Review CE requirements

View and print all Board disciplinary orders

Print a report or complaint form

Reference the flow chart of the complaint review process

Apply for an initial license

Print a license application form and instructions

Print an application form for Category I CE course review

Governor Appoints Five Board Members

On June 20, 2011, Governor Dayton appointed five Board members to the Board of Physical Therapy. Kathy Fleischaker, PT, Linda Gustafson, PT, Sandy Marden-Lokken, PT, and Debra Newel were reappointed for four-year terms ending on January 5, 2015. Chris Adams, PTA, was appointed to a first term as a physical therapist assistant member, replacing Therese McDevitt.

Kathy Fleischaker, PT, served as the director of rehabilitation services for 44 years at Park Nicollet Health Services. She has served as Board President and on the Complaint Review, Administration and Legislative Committees of the Board. She has also served on the FSBPT Board of Directors as Treasurer since 2002.

Linda Gustafson, PT of Minnetonka, is the director of the Fairview Acute Rehabilitation Center, University of MN Medical Center. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Minnesota. She has served on the Complaint Review Committee and Continuing Competency Task Force.

Sandy Marden-Lokken, PT of Duluth is an Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy at the College of St. Scholastica. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy and Masters degree in Management from College of St. Scholastica. She has served on the Board Licensure and Continuing Education Committees and Continuing Competence Task Force.

Debra Newel of St. Paul is an associate attorney with the Thomsen and Nybeck law firm and an adjunct practicum professor with William Mitchell College of Law. She earned her MBA degree from the University of St. Thomas, her law degree from Hamline University School of Law, and her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Chris Adams, PTA of Plymouth earned his Associates of Applied Sciences as a Physical Therapist Assistant from the College of St. Catherine. Currently, Chris works for Aegis Therapies located at Golden Living Center- Hillcrest of Wayzata. He was recently appointed to a vacant board position for a Physical Therapist Assistant with his term ending in 2015.

Thank you to Terry McDevitt

Therese (Terry) McDevitt, PTA, recently retired from the Board of Physical Therapy. She was a Board member from: 12/27/99 - 1/2/06 and 3/5/09 - 1/3/11. Terry has a long history of professional involvement and public service. She was a member of the Legislative, Continuing Education and Licensure Committees, the

Board representative to the HPSP Program Committee and a participant in the FSBPT PTA exam pass point study. For over 25 years, Terry worked tirelessly on Physical Therapist Assistant professional activities. Prior to being appointed to the Board she was an active volunteer and PTA leader in the MN Chapter APTA and

APTA.

Terry's dedication to public protection is deeply appreciated. She has made significant contributions to the success of the Board of Physical Therapy.

Practice in Minnesota is prohibited with a lapsed or nonrenewed license

Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants may not practice physical therapy in Minnesota on or after January 1, 2012 until their licenses have been renewed for 2012.

The practice of physical therapy with a nonrenewed or lapsed license constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to MN Statute 148.75 (a) (18).

A list of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants who did not renew their

licenses for 2012 will be posted on the Board website .

This is NOT a list of Board disciplinary action. The PTs and PTAs listed may have moved to another state or retired. Immediately contact the Minnesota Board if you believe a name has been listed in error or if you recognize the name of someone practicing in Minnesota.

Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants are

strongly encouraged to submit their renewal applications no later than mid December if they plan to practice physical therapy in Minnesota in early January 2012. A license has not been renewed until it has been reviewed and approved by Board staff.

NOTE: *If your renewal hasn't been approved by the close of business on 12/31/11, then any practice after 12/31/11 will be looked at as practicing PT without a license until your license has been renewed for 2012. The Board office will open on 8:00am on 01/03/11*



MISSION

To ensure that Minnesota citizens receive appropriate physical therapy services from competent physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

Health Professionals Services Program

The Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP) is a confidential, and non-disciplinary program available to any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who has an impairment, such as alcohol or substance abuse, a psychiatric illness, or a physical disorder.

The legal obligation to report an illness or a potential impairment (either to self report or to report another physical therapist or physical therapist assistant) is satisfied by either making a report to HPSP or to the licensing board.

HPSP contact information: 651-643-2120, or web: www.hpssp.state.mn.us

Vision

To protect the public through licensure of qualified physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, and to provide timely and impartial resolution of complaints against physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

Professional Boundaries

Education about professional boundaries supports the Board's mission of public protection. There is no road map for the prevention of boundaries problems. Each individual licensee is responsible for making appropriate professional decisions.

"Professional Boundaries in the

Physical Therapist-Patient Relationship" is an article written by John Hung, PhD, LP.

Based on his training, experience, and expertise, Dr. Hung discusses professional boundaries, interpersonal relationships, social and dual roles, physical contact and space, verbal behavior, and eth-

ics. This article is not a presentation of Board policies or guidelines.

Dr. Hung is a clinical psychologist with a consulting and forensics practice.

This January 2006 Newsletter supplement is available from the Board website at www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us

Board Actions

2012 BOARD MEETINGS

January 26, 2012

March 8, 2012

May 24, 2012

July 19, 2012

September 13, 2012

November 8, 2012

Unless otherwise indicated all meetings will take place at 4:00 PM in 4th Floor Conference Rm A

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Paul Holmquist, PT, Lakeville, MN, license 3080, DOB 9/8/1962

Date of Board Action: November 18, 2010 *Nature of Misconduct:* Engaged in unprofessional conduct and inadequately supervised a physical therapist assistant.

Action Taken: Reprimanded by the Board and License conditioned as follows:

He shall have MN APTA peer reviews completed quarterly for one year and semi annually in subsequent years; and successfully complete a MN APTA documentation course.

Richard Ness, PT, Thompson, ND, license 4648, DOB 2/17/1964

Date of Board Action: November 18, 2010 *Action Taken:* Order of Unconditional License

Stephen Sovada, PT, Cohasset, MN, license 6444, DOB 5/5/1975

Date of Board Action: December 9, 2010 *Nature of Misconduct:* Mr. Sovada violated the Terms of the 2004 Order.

Action Taken: Reprimanded by the Board and License Suspended until a written plan for compliance with 2004 order is approved.

Date of Board Action: January 28, 2011 *Action Taken:* Stayed Suspension

Wayne Erickson, PT, Merrifield, MN, license 4226, DOB 11/24/1958

Date of Board Action: March 17, 2011 *Nature of Misconduct:* Engaged in unprofessional conduct, sexual contact with a patient.

Action Taken: Reprimanded by the Board and License Indefinitely Suspended until he completes Boundaries Training, a Psychological Evaluation.

Date of Board Action: April 20, 2011 *Action Taken:* Stayed Suspension. He shall comply with mental health treatment recommendations of the psychological evaluation with a therapist approved in advance by the Board.

Jennifer O'Connor, PT, Owatonna, MN, license 7466, DOB 8/31/1978

Date of Board Action: March 17, 2011 *Action Taken:* Order of Unconditional License

Denise Lawson, PTA, Circle Pines, MN, license A947, DOB 8/20/1960

Date of Board Action: March 17, 2011 *Action Taken:* Order of Unconditional License

Megan Nordgren, PTA, Crosslake, MN, License A1285, DOB 9/17/1984

Date of Board Action: March 17, 2011 *Action Taken:* Order of Unconditional License

Sheryl Gilbert, PT, Shoreview, MN, license 2566 DOB 3/7/1961

Date of Board Action: May 19, 2011 *Nature of Misconduct:* Engaged in unprofessional conduct, engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient.

Action Taken: Reprimanded by the Board and License Conditioned and Restricted. She shall successfully complete individualized professional boundaries training.

Date of Board Action: September 15, 2011 *Action Taken:* Order of Unconditional License

Kathy E. Smith, PT, Egan, SD, license 1131, DOB 4/23/1949

Date of Board Action: May 19, 2011 *Nature of Misconduct:* Engaged in unprofessional conduct

Action Taken: Conditioned and Restricted License. She shall only practice in a preapproved group setting with at least one other PT at the same location; obtain and meet weekly with a mentor/work quality assessor, with monthly reports for the first 6 months and quarterly reports thereafter; have quarterly MN APTA peer reviews of documentation; and complete a MN APTA documentation course.

Andrew Kulas, PT, Esko, MN, license 7379, DOB 4/20/1979

Date of Board Action: May 19, 2011 *Nature of Misconduct:* Engaged in unprofessional conduct and practiced as a physical therapist under lapsed or nonrenewed credentials.

Action Taken: Reprimanded by the Board

Dawn Larson, PTA, Cloquet, MN, license A946, DOB 9/28/1973

Date of Board Action: May 19, 2011 *Nature of Misconduct:* Engaged in unprofessional conduct and practiced as a physical therapist assistant under lapsed or nonrenewed credentials.

Action Taken: Reprimanded by the Board

Caroline Rey, PT, Minnetonka, MN, license 6401, DOB 11/30/1970

Date of Board Action: May 19, 2011 *Nature of Misconduct:* Engaged in unprofessional conduct and practiced as a physical therapist under lapsed or nonrenewed credentials.

Action Taken: Reprimanded by the Board

Gregg Tranowski, PT, New Brighton, MN, license 6381, DOB 6/21/1975

Date of Board Action: May 19, 2011 *Nature of Misconduct:* Engaged in unprofessional conduct and practiced as a physical therapist under lapsed or nonrenewed credentials.

Action Taken: Reprimanded by the Board

All Stipulations and Orders may be reviewed and printed from the Board website under "Complaints and Discipline" at www.physical.therapy.state.mn.us or available at cost, upon request from the Board Office.