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Message from the Board President



This issue is titled Passion for the Profession. The theme made me immediately think of continuing competence. One definition of competence is of the practitioner being engaged. It is an idea, but encompasses that an engaged practitioner would embody all the hopes of continuing competence: They would be safe, ethical, legal, and effective. Being engaged is to continue your passion for the profession.

A few years ago, the continuing competence task force debated at great length about what should be required. The recommendations of the task force and further input by the Board and the public resulted in the Board's current regulations regarding continuing competence.

Contained in the requirement are two main concepts:

- Specific requirements: Minimum two hours of ethics/laws, and four hours of training in life support for health professional.

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Passion for the Profession

The other day a client made a comment to me, "You always look so happy, you really enjoy your job, don't you?" I went home that night and it hit me how lucky I am to be one of the few people in this world that gets up in the morning and looks forward to going to work. In outpatient therapy, I start treatment with many clients who are recently post-op or acutely injured. They are in pain and essentially are concerned that they will never get back to all the things important in their lives, such as golf, hiking, or playing catch with their son. It is so rewarding to watch their progression through therapy achieving short term goals like: "I slept in my bed not in the recliner and didn't wake up until my alarm went off," or "I was able to reach up and get the coffee cup out of the cupboard this morning." Moreover, assisting in the realization of a long-term or life long goal like: "I did it ... I ran my first marathon and my knee didn't hurt at all." It's not every day that a person gets to hear "I couldn't have done it without you, thank you so much for helping me get back to my life!" In our line of work you get to make a difference in people's lives. What more could you ask for?

Kim Morton, PTA
Burger Rehabilitation Inc., Auburn CA



Survey says ...

Have a minute? Fill out this survey and tell us what you think.

1. Did you find the information in our newsletter:
 - a. Very useful
 - b. Somewhat useful
 - c. Not useful
2. Identify the articles you found to be the most valuable.
3. What topics would you like to see covered more in the future issues?
 - a. Applications
 - b. Licensing
 - c. Continuing competency
 - d. Enforcement
 - e. Outreach and Community Relations
 - f. Other (specify)

Send your responses to:
PTA@dca.ca.gov

Message from the Board President

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- ▶ Available flexibility and variability for the individual practitioner to meet the requirement.

With the intent of improving public protection, the task force reached consensus on the value of the specific requirements. The public is best served by a licensee population regularly trained in basic life support for health professionals. Many therapists and assistants already keep such a certification, but asking all licensees to maintain this training will improve the safety of the public when in our care.

The laws and ethics requirement was selected because many of the issues leading to discipline of a licensee are based on a departure from ethics or lack of knowledge about the laws pertaining to practice. Again, the public is best served by licensees who regularly review and update their knowledge on ethics and/or the laws related to physical therapy.

It was clear to the task force there are many faces and pathways to engagement. They include:

- ▶ The licensee with a passion to gain advanced skills and knowledge in an area of practice.
- ▶ The licensee who recognizes a weakness in their practice and seeks to improve.
- ▶ The licensee who is changing practice settings and needs to remediate in foundational skills.
- ▶ The benefits of varied activities including attendance at conferences, serving as an instructor, clinical instructor, etc.

The best application of the continuing competence requirement, done by a true professional, will be more than just finding 30 hours of approved activity. Ideally, a professional would do some amount of self-assessment and be strategic about his or her choices. The latitude left to the individual gives varied and multiple opportunities to improve the knowledge and skills needed to practice with safety, competence, and quality. I hope your choice of continuing competence activities keep you engaged and cultivate your passion for the profession ...

Best wishes,
Debra Alviso, PT

For more information on the Continuing Competence requirement, please visit Physical Therapy Board of California Web site at www.ptbc.ca.gov.

Under "Quick Hits-Continuing Competence" from the home page, you can access the regulations, information, and FAQs.

Message from PTBC's Executive Officer Rebecca Marco



As my first year serving as Executive Officer to the Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) is nearing the end, I am overwhelmed by all that has been accomplished by the Board and staff in spite of the budget, resource and logistical challenges.

The year began with the Board facing what was considered by some as a lack of clarity in the Moscone Knox Corporation Code. This placed the Board in a precarious position given its mandate to enforce the law. The difference of opinion within the Board's stakeholders was unsettling at best. Consequently, the Legislature introduced language in SB 543 [Chapter 448, 2011; Steinberg] prohibiting any physical therapist from being the subject of discipline for providing physical therapy services who was a professional employee of either a medical, podiatric, or chiropractic corporation. Since the language in this bill sunsets in December 2012, the Legislature is seeking a permanent resolution to the issue with introduction of SB 924, amending the Moscone Knox Corporations Code (Corporations Code section 13401) to include physical therapists. Meanwhile, this issue led to a request for an audit of the Board by Assemblywoman Hayashi to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC). JLAC granted her request and for the first time since the Board was enacted in 1953, the Bureau of State Audits (BSA) was directed to commence an audit of the Board. On June 26, 2012, the findings resulting from the audit were released in a report by the BSA. While there were minimal recommendations by the BSA, there were no findings substantiating the allegations of inappropriate relationships with professional organizations within the profession or its handling of complaints against physical therapists. The estimated cost of the audit to the Board remains \$188,000, which is to be paid from the Physical Therapy Board fund supported by licensing and renewal fees. A complete copy of the report can be downloaded from the Board's web site at www.ptbc.ca.gov.

Prior to commencement of the audit, the Board prepared and submitted a 115-page Sunset Report to the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee (Committee) in preparation for March 2012 Sunset hearings which optimistically would extend the Board beyond its 2013 sunset date. However, the Committee postponed the hearing of the Board and is proposing to extend the Board until 2014 via SB 1237. While the Board will be updating its 2011 Sunset Report in preparation for next year's hearings, the current report can be found under the Forms and Publications tab on the Board's Web site.

Even though I have been an employee of the Board since 1981, I have never experienced a year quite like this one. Among all the Board encountered in carrying out its mandate to protect consumers, it concluded the year with issuing 1,439 licenses; opening 1,795 complaints and conducted 511 continuing competency audits. Needless to say, it's been an eventful year and I look forward to what the future holds for the Physical Therapy Board!

PTBC on Facebook and Twitter

We are excited to announce that the Physical Therapy Board of California is now on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us on both to stay current with all newsworthy activities of the Board. We think that having a Facebook page and Twitter feed opens up another avenue to reach out to the physical therapy community. You can join the Board's fan pages at facebook.com/PTBCnews and twitter.com/PTBCnews





Diversion hotline

Do you know an employee or associate who is a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant who is struggling with a drug or alcohol problem?

Do you have a problem?

If so, the PTBC has a voluntary and confidential program to help licensees overcome the disease of addiction.

Just pick up the telephone and call Maximus, Inc.
1-800-522-9198.

Tips for applicants

Foreign applicants

Effective October 29, 2011, there was a change to California Code of Regulations section 1398.26.1 that affects all foreign-educated graduates applying for a Physical Therapist license in California. If you are reapplying with the PTBC and you graduated after 1997 you must contact your credential evaluation service for a duplicate or re-evaluation.

Dos and Don'ts for All Applicants

DOs

- ▶ **DO** submit a complete application. See what makes an application complete by visiting the Web site at www.ptbc.ca.gov.
- ▶ **DO** send the correct fee schedule and fees.
- ▶ **DO** check the Web site at www.ptbc.ca.gov for answers before contacting the Board with questions.
- ▶ **DO** keep the PTBC up to date on all address and name changes.
- ▶ **DO** register for the exams as soon as you mail your application.
- ▶ **DO** submit all Live Scan fingerprint forms with your application.
- ▶ **DO** review the laws and regulations available on the Web site before sitting for the California Law Exam.
- ▶ **DO** take care to remember your license expiration date as soon as you are licensed. (Licenses expire on the last day of your birth month.)
- ▶ **DO** write legibly on all forms and documents.
- ▶ **DO** complete the application with consistency. For example, if you wrote your name as Jane C. Doe, write it this way throughout the application process and on all paperwork with the PTBC.

DON'Ts

- ▶ **DON'T** forget to disclose any criminal history on your application.
- ▶ **DON'T** leave a message and e-mail your questions simultaneously. Choose one form of communicating and allow enough time for a Board representative to respond.
- ▶ **DON'T** call the Board to verify receipt of documents. Wait at least three weeks from the date of submission.
- ▶ **DON'T** call the Board to verify fingerprint results. Call the Department of Justice at (916) 227-3849
- ▶ **DON'T** contact the Board to schedule exams; go to the Web site of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), www.fsbpt.org.
- ▶ **DON'T** call the Board to obtain exam results.
- ▶ **DON'T** forget to check the Board's Web site to obtain your license number once it's issued.
- ▶ **DON'T** apply if you cannot meet the application requirements, such as completing the exams within a year.
- ▶ **DON'T** send your Certificate of Completion Form (P1E) separate from the application.
- ▶ **DON'T** forget to renew your license on time once you are a licensee.

Advice to help you on your path to becoming a Licensed Physical Therapist

by Vanessa C. Chiu, DPT



Why reinvent the wheel, if it is already made? If you do not have to, why run into a dead end, make a wrong

turn, complete a U-turn, or take no turn on your path to becoming a physical therapist? While no career path follows a cookie cutter outline, Vanessa Chiu, DPT, outlines some secrets to her success.

1. Before graduation:

- ▶ Make sure you receive all the information from your school that is needed in order to sign up for your boards and law exam. (You can visit the Board's Web site too at www.ptbc.ca.gov.)
- ▶ Talk to the alumni from your school; they should be able to provide their personal insight on this process.
- ▶ DO NOT PUT OFF TAKING THE BOARDS! It is a big scary test, but be confident. Sign up for the test, and know that you will work hard to study for it.

2. After graduation:

- ▶ Three words: Boards prep course. It is expensive, but the "Boards" is this giant scary lingering storm cloud over your head. Sometimes it's quite intimidating to figure out a plan of attack. That is where the prep course can help. The prep course does not go over every detail of the test, but rather how to take the test. This is probably my biggest recommendation!

- ▶ It is quite tempting to immediately start work once you receive you PTLA status. There are financial burdens, mortgages, children, and the list is endless! The best advice that I received (and abided by), was to NOT work as a licensed applicant, especially if you are the type that procrastinates studying. Remember, you will have the rest of your life to work as a PT—don't feel pressured to immediately go out there and work. Although experience is excellent, time (to study) is priceless. You do not want to open the Web page stating you failed the Boards, and regret possibly not investing enough time.

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- ▶ Again, this next bit of advice may be financially troubling for some, but I also recommend taking time off between passing your Boards and beginning to work. Even if it's just one week, give yourself a chance to breathe! You have been working so hard for years in grad school, then had to work hard to study for the Boards, give yourself a chance to maybe go on a trip, get back to a hobby, play some sports!

3. Maneuvering the job hunt bump

- ▶ I had great success with the APTA Web site for job searching. Many sites like **Ptjobs.com** have listings which are posted by a recruiting agency. Just remember that if/when you put your personal information out on the Web, you may be contacted by a recruiter. At one point, I was receiving about 10 phone calls a day from recruiters.
- ▶ Be careful on Craigslist! There are many postings that are real, and many that are fake. I have a personal friend who had great success with finding her current job over Craigslist, but just stay mindful that this site carries no accreditation to protect a job seeker.

- ▶ NETWORK! (The Physical Therapy Board's Facebook page could be one possible place to do so at www.facebook.com/PTBCnews)
- ▶ If you have a specific job you are extremely interested in, remember you can always do things the old fashion way, tackle 'em with your best resume/cover letter combo and follow the chorus that the cheerleading squad sings by "Be-ing per-sistent, be-ing per-sistent!" Use your passion!

10 common violations resulting in discipline or citation and fine

By Elsa Ybarra

To keep your license free of action taken by the Board, stay away from situations that are illegal or can result in unsafe or unprofessional practice.

1 Unprofessional conduct (Also includes many of the categories listed below.)

- ▶ Failure or refusal to obey any lawful order or administrative regulation of the Board.
- ▶ Failing to respect the rights and dignity of all patients.

- ▶ Deviant behavior impacting the patient care or departures from the Community Standard of Care.
- ▶ Continuing physical therapy services beyond the point of reasonable benefit to the patient, unless the patient consents in writing.
- ▶ Adverse action taken in another State.
- ▶ Failure to notify the Board of your name and/or address change within 30 days.
- ▶ Failure to complete Continuing Competency requirements.
- ▶ Failure to explain treatment/procedure to patient to avoid misinterpretation.

2 Substance abuse

- ▶ Excessive use of alcohol.
- ▶ Abusive use of controlled drugs.
- ▶ Impairment by mental, physical, or other conditions that impedes competent practice.

3 Insufficient documentation and recordkeeping

- ▶ Failure to perform and document an initial evaluation before providing treatment.
- ▶ Failure to document the diagnosis.
- ▶ Failure to document the treatment plan and modification of the plan of care.
- ▶ Failure to document the discharge summary (even in the event the patient fails to return for final treatment).

4 Unlicensed practice

- ▶ Failure to renew license yet continue practicing.
- ▶ Providing physical therapy care prior to issuance of license to practice.
- ▶ Inappropriate delegation of duties to physical therapist assistants and physical therapy aides.
- ▶ Continuing to practice on PTLA/PTALA status after failing the exam.
- ▶ Aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of physical therapy.
- ▶ PTA performing evaluation or other procedure out of scope of PTA.



5 Negligence (Substandard patient care)

- ▶ Failure to develop an appropriate treatment plan.
- ▶ Care provided by a PTA/PT aide that is inconsistent with the plan of care delegated by the supervising physical therapist.
- ▶ Providing inappropriate treatment for the patient's diagnosis.
- ▶ Failure to explain the plan of care to the patient or the patient's family.
- ▶ Practicing beyond the scope of the licensee's training, expertise and experience.

6 Incompetence (Quality of care-lack of training)

- ▶ Failure to refer the patient to another professional when the treatment or service is beyond the credential holder's scope of practice.
- ▶ Lack of training and experience.

7 Patient abuse

- ▶ Hitting a patient.
- ▶ Neglecting a patient.
- ▶ Verbally abusing a patient.

8 Fraud and material deception in the practice of physical therapy

- ▶ Falsely reporting or changing treatment dates to obtain reimbursement.

- ▶ Engaging in fraud or material deception in the delivery of the professional service.
- ▶ Billing for services not provided.
- ▶ Advertising physical therapy services in a false or misleading manner.

9 Boundary violations and sexual misconduct or contact

- ▶ Any sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a patient.
- ▶ Inappropriate speech or touching.
- ▶ Inappropriate gestures, comments.
- ▶ Sexual harassment including inappropriate sexual or offensive language.

10 Professional misconduct and criminal conviction

- ▶ Forging patient or staff signatures.
- ▶ Creating false medical records or reports.
- ▶ Criminal conviction in any state (other than moving violations not involving alcohol or drug impairment).
- ▶ Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license by fraud or material deception.
- ▶ Making a false statement to the Board on the renewal application or the application for licensure.
- ▶ Failure to pay child support.

Did you know?

If you change your name with the Board, a new wallet certificate is not automatically generated. If you want a wallet license with your new name, you must complete and submit the Duplicate Wallet Request form and pay the appropriate processing fee.

The processing fee to request a letter of verification to another state or agency is now \$60 per request.

You can sign up to receive the Board's meeting agendas, notification of proposed regulations, and other Board-related information via e-mail located under "Join Our Mailing List" on the Board's Web site at www.ptbc.ca.gov.

Well-rounded practitioner and address updates

by Korey Landry

Max Gestalt empirically proved that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts; however, in the case of some physical therapist and physical therapist assistants, the little parts can actually override the whole.

For instance, let's say you're a great physical therapist, which no doubt you are. Your practice is going well and the patients for the most of are all making progress toward rehabilitation. Life is going well and you're moving on up just like the Jefferson's; you've moved on to bigger and better. What could possibly go wrong? In the process of moving by any chance, did you update your address?

Many times licensees move or change residences and forget that the law

requires all licensees to report all address and/or name changes within 30 days after each change. Even if you're moving outside of the United States or from state to state, the Board must be notified. Sadly, many good PTs and PTAs receive administrative citations and fines for failing to report an address and/or name change in a timely manner. While citation and fine orders are not disciplinary actions, they are matters of public record. Citations also remain on a licensee's file for five years and are then purged. By law, payment of a fine is considered satisfactory resolution of all violations contained in the citation. The citation serves as a reminder that the action, though minor, is still a violation of the law. These "reminders" can easily be avoided if licensees make sure these

changes are reported to the Physical Therapy Board of California within 30 days.

Reporting an address and/or name change can now be easily and conveniently done online at the Board's web site. The online name and/or address change application is quick and easy to complete. It only takes a few minutes to complete and click to submit. Save yourself from possible fines and the public disclosure of the citation. Please visit the Board's web site at www.ptbc.ca.gov, to report any address and/or name changes within 30 days of the change. While you may be great at the practice as a whole, forgetting address component in being licensed can cause you to appear otherwise.

PTBC activities

The following summarizes the PTBC activities for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. A fiscal year spans from July 1 through June 30.

Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Applications & Licensing Program	
Total Applications Received	1,833
PT	1,423
AT	410
Licenses Issued	1,398
PT	1,078
AT	318
EK	2
Total Licenses	30,855
Active	26,896
Inactive	1,332
Delinquent	2,627

Consumer Protection Program	
Complaints Received	1,816
Cases Referred to Attorney	
General	69
Formal Charges Filed	35
License Revocation	11
Surrender of License	3
Probation	16
Public Reprimands	5

Continuing Competency Program	
Physical Therapist Assistant Audits	148
Physical Therapist Audits	723
Percent of Licensees in Compliance	90%
Board Recognized CC Approving Agencies	127

Renew with ease!

by Korey Landry

Everyone enjoys benefits. Since the advent of the Internet almost anything that once required traveling away from home can now be done at home. The convenience that technology brings to our world today is unparalleled to any other age of human existence and the World Wide Web is the portal that allows us to transcend our time. The triple “w” express opens the gateway to a world of benefits; quick and easy are just a few. For this reason, in April of 2010 the Physical Therapy Board added an online license renewal feature to its web site. However, as of today less than 20 percent of California’s physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensee population use this feature. Life happens; obstacles are inevitable. Let your livelihood be the last thing to suffer from the rigamarole. Overcome the hassle of renewing your license and use the Board’s online renewal feature and stay valid.

IT’S AS EASY AS 1-2-3...

1. Continuing Competency Requirement Complete- Again, almost all components of this requirement can be completed through a series online, with the exception of Basic Life Support hours. This component must include a hands-on skills demonstration with a certified instructor. For a list of approved providers or for more information on continuing competency visit the Board’s web site at www.ptbc.ca.gov.
2. Submit your payment plenty of time before your license expires.
3. Answer renewal questions completely and accurately.

Don’t forget, your license isn’t considered valid unless, you’ve completed these steps before the date your license expires. In addition, if you submit an address change, you will have to wait at least 14 business days before submitting an online payment.

Competence perpetuates happiness, a quasi-limerick

by Korey Landry

*There once were some practicing PTs
Who were as happy as bumble bees
They lied about taking courses
Then came PTBC Enforcement
Now, looking like clowns with upside down frowns
They have to pay ugly citation fees!*

Don’t be one of them. All licensees, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, must complete continuing competency as a condition of renewal.

For more information on continuing competency please visit www.ptbc.ca.gov.

A call for e-mail addresses

ATTENTION PTS AND PTAS

The Physical Therapy Board of California is asking all PT and PTA licensees to join our mailing list and refer to the PTBC Web site for the latest Board news and publications!

Please visit www.ptbc.ca.gov and click the “Join Our Mailing List” link below Quick Hits to submit your e-mail address.



Disaster Healthcare Volunteers of California:

Let us know you're willing to help BEFORE the disaster happens

In the wake of disasters or public health emergencies with multiple casualties, many health professionals are eager and willing to volunteer their services. In these times of crisis, hospitals, clinics, temporary medical sites, or shelters are dependent upon the services of volunteer health professionals. However, there are major challenges to effectively utilizing volunteers' time and capabilities on short notice.

Hospitals, health departments, and other facilities must be able to verify basic licensing or credentialing information, including training, skills, competencies, and employment. Furthermore, the loss of telecommunications may prevent contact with sources that normally provide this information. For example, immediately after the attacks on September 11, 2001, tens of thousands of people traveled to Ground Zero in New York City to volunteer and provide medical assistance. In most cases, authorities were unable to verify their qualifications.

California has developed the Disaster Healthcare Volunteers (DHV) System to preregister, verify licensure and credentials, manage, and mobilize healthcare professional volunteers to help in responding to all types of disasters. DHV registrants represent more than 47 professional license types including physicians, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, dentists, mental health practitioners, and a range of clinical technicians. DHV system is connected to the various professional boards to verify current licensure status.

The DHV system is developed and is managed at the state level by the

California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) in partnership with the California Department of Public Health. The system serves all counties, response regions, or state health agencies as the means to register, search, and notify licensed health professionals within their jurisdiction who are willing to volunteer in an emergency. For example, it is used by local jurisdictions to register and mobilize 42 Medical Reserve Corps Units. MRC is a community-based network of volunteers who are organized and train together to assist public health efforts in times of disaster or special need, such as during a major communicable disease outbreak.

In addition to being a registry that notifies potential volunteers, DHV provides a robust "Mission Manager" platform which is used to deploy, schedule and provide real-time support for healthcare volunteers. Deployment is accomplished by searching the DHV database for volunteer health professionals that match the specific needs of a given emergency. Those volunteers found in the database search are notified via phone, e-mail, text message, or pager as indicated by the volunteer when they register—a 15 minute process.

In 2011, DHV was used in the deployment of healthcare volunteers for 151 medical and public health emergencies and 102 local exercises/drills. During the Influenza A H1N1 outbreak in 2009, nurses, physicians, and other healthcare volunteers provided hundreds of hours of volunteer service to their local health departments, including mass vaccination clinics.



Registering with DHV is not an obligation to serve. It is always at the individual's discretion. Volunteers are typically not compensated; however, some DHV registrants are also members of state or federal Disaster Medical Assistance Teams and may be compensated for their participation during a declared emergency. The program does not provide malpractice coverage. When deployed for a declared emergency, all volunteers will be registered as Disaster Service Workers (DSW) as set forth by California law. Under the DSW program, volunteers are given limited immunity from liability as well as worker's compensation coverage.

Funds for DHV are provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The DHV program is based upon national standards and a mandate set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to create a nationwide Internet-based program for the Emergency System for the Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP).

For more information about becoming a Disaster Healthcare Volunteer please go to www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov and register or contact the California Emergency Medical Services Authority at (916) 322-4336. DHV is managed by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority in partnership with the California Department of Public Health.

Thanks to subject matter experts

The Board was in dire need of subject matter experts for the development of the California Law Exam. A handful of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants came to our aide, volunteering their resources to help the Board create an apt exam. To those who volunteered, we thank you for your important contribution of time and energy! The volunteer services you provided to the Board, providing your knowledge and expertise has proved to be a tremendous help toward meeting our goals.

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How to become a member of the Board

If you are a physical therapist interested in becoming a member of the Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC), you can find an application on the Governor's Web site at www.gov.ca.gov. Select the red "appointments" tab at the top. Physical therapists on the Board must be appointed by the Governor.

Members of the public interested in serving on the Board as public members can also apply using the same Web site, or should contact their state Senator or Assembly member for instructions. For more information on Board membership, visit the Department of Consumer Affairs' Board Member Resource Center at www.dcaboardmembers.ca.gov.

2012 Board Calendar

November 6-8, 2012

Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Session

Department of Consumer Affairs, Sacramento, CA

The Board's meeting dates are subject to change. For location and meeting date information, visit the PTBC Web site at www.ptbc.ca.gov.



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News from the Board

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Carol Wallisch was appointed by the Senate Rules Committee on Sept. 9, 2011. Her term expires June 1, 2015.

As the Physical Therapy Board sets sail for destination excellence, we've picked up some precious cargo along the way. The first gem new to the Board is Carol Wallisch.

Ms. Wallisch retired from public service in 2008, having served as chief of staff for Senator Sheila Kuehl and consultant to Assemblymember Tom Bates. She also worked as a psychometrist in Humboldt State University's Testing Center and as a social worker for the elderly and disabled in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Ms. Wallisch received her bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, her master's degree in psychology from Humboldt State University, and her masters of public health in health policy and planning from the University of California, Berkeley.



From left to right: D. Chu, C. Wallisch, D. Alviso, S. Takii, M. Jewell, J. Turner.

EXCHANGING PLACES

While gift exchanging during any holiday can cause uncertain anticipation, there is one exchange you can be sure to expect. It is the annual election of officers for the Physical Therapy Board. At the November 2011 Board meeting, Debra Alviso, PT, DPT, was elected to serve as the Board's president and Martha Jewell Ph.D., PT, was elected as the vice president, for the 2012 calendar year.

While she may not be exchanging places, Rebecca Marco has assumed a new role. Prior to her new role, Ms. Marco served as the Interim Executive Officer; as of October, 2011 she became the official Executive Officer for the Board. Ms. Marco has been with the Board for more than 30 years and brings a wealth of historical knowledge, style, and grace to her new role.

In addition, Jim Turner, longstanding public member of the Physical Therapy Board was reappointed to his current position with the Board by Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez on October 18, 2011. Mr. Turner's term will end June 1, 2015.

SAYING GOODBYE

As of July 2011, Steven Hartzell retired from State service, hanging up his hat as Executive Officer of the Physical Therapy Board. His efforts while serving as the Board's Executive Officer for 22 years have been impactful in the regulation of the profession. We wish him the best for his future endeavors.

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January 2011

Watson, Daniel, PT 37502. Violation of B&P Code sections 493, 2261, 2661. DED: 01/14/11, Three months probation.

February 2011

Boiston, Clyde, PT 23165. Violation of B&P Code sections 2239, 2660(d), 2660(h), 2661. DED: 02/25/11, public reprimand.

Boisvert, Robert, AT 470. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 2239, 2660(d), 2660(h), 2661. DED: 02/07/11, license revoked.

Edmundson, Alan, PT 12281. Violation of B&P Code sections 2660(d), 2661. DED: 02/25/11, five years probation.

Jaennette, Michael, AT 6338. Violation of B&P Code sections 2660(d), 2660(k), 2660(m). DED: 02/25/11, license revoked.

Morales, Michelle, AT 9447. Violation of B&P Code sections 493, 2660(d), 2661. DED: 02/23/11, five years probation.

March 2011

Davidson, Lori, AT 2111. Violation of B&P Code sections 2660(d), 2660(f), 2661. DED: 03/23/11, five years probation.

Gordon, Perry, PT 33927. Violation of B&P Code sections 2660(i). DED: 03/29/11, five years probation.

Huerta, Ruben, AT 9455. Violation of B&P Code sections 475(a)(2), 480, 2660(d). Violation of CCR. 1399.20. DED: 03/04/11, three years probation.

O'Brien, J. Gray, PT 25009. Violation of B&P Code sections 2239, 2660(d), 490. DED: 03/16/11, three years probation.

Sluder, Ernest, PT 20795. Violation of B&P Code sections 2234, 2660(d), 2660(h), 2661. DED: 03/10/11, three years probation.

Wang, Mann-Sheue, PT 12325. Violation of B&P Code sections 2660(h), 2660(k). DED: 03/25/11, stipulated surrender of license.

April 2011

Dwyer, John, AT 2641. Violation of B&P Code sections 493, 2660(d), 2661. DED: 04/27/11, five years probation.

Harris, Austin, AT 8309. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 493, 2660(d), 2661. DED: 04/14/11, stipulated surrender of license.

Kim, Hana, PT 32231. Violation of B&P Code sections 2630, 2660(i), 2660(j). DED: 04/28/11, 30-day suspension, five years probation.

Mulder, Jamie, PT 27723. Violation of B&P Code sections 2239, 2660(d), 2660(h), 2661. DED: 09/01/11, stipulated revocation.

Porter, Alben, AT 1121. Violation of B&P Code sections 2234, 2660(d), 2660(h), 2660(k). DED: 04/14/11, stipulated surrender of license.

Wain, Pamela Belle, PT 23332. Violation of B&P Code sections 2620.7, 2660. DED: 04/29/11, four years probation.

May 2011

Basacker, Richard, AT 1235. Violation of B&P Code sections 480(a)(2), 480(a)(3), 480(c), 2236, 2660(b), 2660(d), 2660(l), 2661. DED: 05/04/11, 90-day suspension with specific terms and conditions.

Inserto, Florencia, AT 2838. Violation of B&P Code sections 2630, 2655, 2660(g). Violation of CCR sections 1398.44, 1399.85(5). DED: 05/05/11, public reprimand.

Levin, Deborah, PT 16990. Violation of B&P Code sections 2239, 2660(d), 2661. DED: 05/20/11, one-year probation or until successful discharge from diversion program plus one year, whichever is longer.

Mitchell, Gerald, PT 2294. Violation of B&P Code sections 141(a), 2660(h). DED: 05/26/11, public reprimand.

Puno, Dennis, PT 26331. Violation of B&P Code section 2660(k). DED: 05/04/11, public reprimand.

June 2011

Crosier, Barbara, AT 2226. Violation of B&P Code section 2630. DED: 06/13/11, public reprimand.

Garcia Jr., Romulo, AT 5168. Violation of B&P Code sections 2239(a), 2660(d), 2660(h), 2661. DED: 06/15/11, public reprimand.

Pazevic, Linda, PT 16698. Violation of B&P Code sections 2239, 2660(d), 2660(h). DED: 06/18/11, license revoked.

Wilson, David, PT 24579. Violation of B&P Code sections 2660(d). Violation of CCR: 1399.20. DED: 06/15/11, public reproof.

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July 2011

Christensen, Eric, AT 8504. Violation of B&P Code sections 2630. DED: 07/13/11, public reprimand.

Johnson, Jennifer, PT 17414. Violation of B&P Code sections 141(a), 2660(k). DED: 07/01/11, license revoked.

La Conte, Leenda, PT 29164. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 2239, 2239(a), 2660(d), 2660(h). DED: 07/25/11, four years probation.

Reynoso, Byron, PT 33535. Violation of B&P Code section 2660(j). DED: 07/11/11, public reprimand.

Szalonek, Kristopher, PT 36398. Violation of B&P Code sections 493, 2660(d), 2661. DED: 07/26/11, probation modified, two years.

August 2011

Cobos, Ryan, AT 9626. Violation of B&P Code sections 480, 2660(d), 2660.2, 2661. IPL Issued: 08/30/11, one year probation.

Farvili, Ali J., AT 5911. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 2661. DED: 08/22/11, five years probation.

Knight, Denise Ann, PT 26612. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 2660(d), 2660(h), 2661. DED: 07/25/11, public reproof.

La Conte, Leenda, PT 29164. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 2239, 2239(a), 2660(d), 2660(h). DED: 08/23/11, license suspended.

Nang, Meena, AT 9586. Violation of B&P Code sections 480, 2660(d). IPL Issued: 08/12/11, three years probation.

September 2011

Curran, Maeve, PT 20369. Violation of B&P Code sections 2239, 2660(d), 2660(e), 2660(h). DED: 09/07/11, five years probation.

Dallmeyer, David A., PT 6421. Violation of B&P Code sections 2660(h), 2660(i), 2660(j), 2660(k). Violation of CCR: 1398.44. DED: 09/07/11, five years probation.

Recasas, Jose C., PT 33153. Violation of B&P Code sections 2660(h), 2660(g), 2620.7. DED: 09/10/11, four years probation.

Sugi, Mia Hiroko, PT 32124. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 493, 2238, 2239, 2660(d), 2660(h), 2661. DED: 09/23/11, seven years probation.

October 2011

Bebout, Richard, PT 13939. Violation of B&P Code sections 2630, 2660(g), 2660(i). DED: 10/10/11, public reproof.

Gibson, Vaughn, PT 17123. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 493, 2239, 2660(d), 2660(h). DED: 10/21/11, four years probation.

Diaz, Brad Martin, AT 9653. Violation of B&P Code sections 480, 2660(d), 2661. IPL Issued: 10/04/11.

Kim, Kenneth, PT 38333. Violation of B&P Code sections 480, 2660(d), 2661. IPL Issued: 10/13/11.

November 2011

Hinojosa, Mario, PT 7940. Violation of B&P Code sections: 2234(c), 2620.7, 2630, 2660(g), 2660(i), 2660(j), 2660(k). Violation of CCR section 1399. DED: 11/03/11, five years probation.

December 2011

Cornwell, Warren, PT 23371. Violation of B&P Code sections 2239(a), 2660(e), 2660(f), 2660(g). DED: 12/30/11; probation beginning effective date of this decision and continued until successfully discharged from diversion program plus one year from discharge.

Inserra-Lecrone, Ravenwolf, AT 9712. Violation of B&P Code section 480, 2660(d), 2661. IPL issued 12/19/11, three years probation and license suspended until mentally fit to practice safely.

Hernandez, Jessica, PT 35314. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 493, 2239, 2660(d), 2660(e), 2660(f), 2660(h). DED: 12/08/11, license revoked.

Howard, Tina Marie, PT 28747. Violation of B&P Code sections 141(a), 2305, 2660(k). DED: 12/12/11, license revoked.

Pilcher, Victoria, PT 6586. Violation of B&P Code sections 141, 2660. DED: 12/12/11, license revoked.

Sweeney, Tara, PT 15816. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 493, 2238, 2239, 2660(d), 2660(h), 2661. DED: 12/21/11, public reproof.

January 2012

Reth, Jane, PT 14788. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 2660(d), 2661. Violation of CCR section 1399.20. DED: 01/17/12, license revoked.

February 2012

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March 2012

Harrison, Mitzi, PT 15363. Violation of B&P Code sections 2234, 2239(a), 2660(d), 2660(k). DED: 03/14/12, five years probation.

Klingbeil, Jonathan M., PT 5223. Violation of B&P Code sections 2660(d), 2239. DED: 03/18/12, license revoked.

Peters, Michael, PT 38871. Violation of B&P Code sections 480, 2660(d), 2661. IPL Issued 03/20/12, completion of the Board's drug and alcohol recovery monitoring program plus one year or three years, whichever is longer.

Tsuda, Aaron, AT 8827, ISO Issued 03/14/12.

April 2012

Suzuki, Margaret, PT 12009. Violation of B&P Code sections 498, 2660(h). Violation of CCR: 1399.91, 1399.92, 1399.93. DED: 04/22/12, license surrendered.

Taylor, Kenneth, AT 2208. Violation of B&P Code sections 490, 810(a)(2), 2260(k), 2261, 2660(d), 2661, 1399.20. DED: 04/05/12, license surrendered.

Vukic, Sinisa, PT 20614. Violation of B&P Code sections 498, 2660(b), 2660(h), 2660(k). Violation of CCR: 1399.91, 1399.92, 1399.93. DED: 04/19/12, public reapproval with 90 days suspension.

Yuen, Lawrence, AT 9333. Violation of B&P Code sections 493, 2660(d), 2661. DED: 04/24/12, three years probation.

GLOSSARY OF CODES

B&P 141(a)	Disciplinary Action Taken By Others	B&P 2620.7	Patient Record Documentation and Retention
B&P 480	Grounds For Denial of License	B&P 2621	Unlawful Practice of Medicine
B&P 480(a)(l)	Conviction of a Crime Substantially Related to Practice	B&P 2630	License Required—Exceptions
B&P 490	Conviction of a Crime—Substantial Relationship Required	B&P 2660	Unprofessional Conduct
B&P 493	Conviction of a Crime with Conclusive Evidence	B&P 2660(b)	Procuring License By Fraud
B&P 498	Licensure by Fraud	B&P 2660(d)	Conviction of a Criminal Offense
B&P 580	False Information on Affidavit	B&P 2660(f)	Habitual Intemperance
B&P 583	False Information on Affidavit	B&P 2660(g)	Drug Addiction
B&P 725	Excessive Prescribing and Treatment	B&P 2660(h)	Gross Negligence
B&P 726	Sexual Relations with Patients	B&P 2660(i)	Violating the Code
B&P 810	Violation/Insurance Requirement	B&P 2660(j)	Aiding and Abetting
B&P 820	Mental or Physical Illness	B&P 2660(k)	Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Activity
B&P 822	Action Taken Due to Licentiate's Ability to Practice Safely	B&P 2660(l)	Commit Fraud, Dishonest Activity - Physical Therapist
B&P 2052	Unlawful Practice of Medicine	B&P 2661	Conviction of a Crime
B&P 2234(b)	Unprofessional Conduct/Gross Negligence	CCR 1398.6	Filing of Addresses
B&P 2238	Violation of Drug Statutes	CCR 1398.44	Supervision of a Physical Therapist Assistant
B&P 2239	Unlawful Use of Prescribing	CCR 1399	Requirement for Use of Physical Therapy Aides
B&P 2261	False Statements on Documents	CCRH&S 113350	Possession of a Controlled Substance
B&P 2264	Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Activity	PC 261	Rape
B&P 2620	PT Not Authorized to Diagnose	PC 550	Fraudulent Insurance Claims

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