

## **PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD 2013 ANNUAL REVIEW**

- Board Members in 2013 were: Michele Thorman, PT (LaCrosse); Lori Dominiczak, PT (Brown Deer); Shari Berry, PT (Tomah), Jane Stroede, PTA (Wisconsin Dells), and Thomas Murphy, Public Member (DePere). Officers in 2013 were Michele Thorman (Chair), Lori Dominiczak (Vice Chair) and Shari Berry (Secretary).
- In October 2010 the Physical Therapy Examining Board (PTEB) initiated the process of replacing references to outdated language, updating, and clarifying its rules. Following a public hearing that included input from stakeholders, changes to Wis. Admin. Code Chapters PT 7 and PT 8 were adopted in September 2013.
- A review of current rules affecting small businesses was conducted in accordance with 2012 Wisconsin Executive Order 61 in order to identify any existing rules that hinder small business job creation and small business growth. Rules related to the supervision of licensed and unlicensed personnel were identified as potential hardships to conducting business. The Board began to discuss how to best address these concerns and appointed a member to present the issue and solicit comments from attendees at the Spring 2014 Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association (WPTA) Conference Issues Forum.
- The Board reviewed all position statements in accordance with 2011 Executive Order 50 and made changes to ensure compliance with state statutes and rules.
- The Board received a report from the WPTA Continuing Education Approval Task Force that included results from its CE course approval audits and details pertaining to its course approval process.
- The Board initiated a review of the oral examination question bank to ensure it remains consistent with current practice standards for the competent provision of physical therapy services.
- The Office of Education and Examinations was charged with requesting information from each of the four Board-approved equivalency evaluation organizations to review them for approval status.
- The Board approved a process allowing student PTs and PTAs in their final clinical internships who have completed their didactic education but have not yet graduated, to apply and sit for National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and National Physical Therapy Assistant Examination (NPTAE) testing. Thirty-nine physical therapy students from 5 Wisconsin university programs and 3 programs from out of state opted for pre-graduation testing in 2013, with a 97% passing rate. Three students from 2 Wisconsin physical therapist assistant programs used this option in 2013, with a 100% passing rate.
- The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) created a model for Supervised Clinical Practice as a requirement for licensure of Foreign Educated Physical

Therapists. A Board member was appointed to provide an overview of the model at the Spring 2014 WPTA Conference Issues Forum.

- Michele Thorman (Delegate), Shari Berry (Alternate Delegate) and Tom Ryan (Board Administrator) attended the FSBPT Annual Meeting in October 2013 in San Antonio, Texas.
- Members of the PTEB provided input to a survey regarding a possible merger of the Department of Safety and Professional Services and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).
- The Board engaged in discussions and heard arguments from stakeholders with different views about whether trigger point dry needling (TPN) is within the scope of physical therapy practice. Representatives of the acupuncturist community presented arguments that TPN is not within the physical therapy scope of practice, FSBPT resources were consulted, and the experience of PT's currently using TPN in practice was considered.
- The Board administered 5 PT oral exams and 2 PTA oral exams.

<b><u>Licensing Activity</u></b>	<b><u>PT</u></b>	<b><u>PTA</u></b>
<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>Licenses Issued</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Renewals</b>	<b>5040</b>	<b>1710</b>

<b><u>Enforcement Activity</u></b>	<b><u>PT and PTA</u></b>
<b>New complaints received</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Number of Respondents involved</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Number of cases opened</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total cases/respondents closed</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total closed at screening</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total closed after investigation</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total closed with formal action</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cases pending as of 2/14</b>	<b>8</b>