

**PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD  
2015 ANNUAL REVIEW**

- Board Members in 2015 were: Lori Dominiczak, PT (Brown Deer); Shari Berry, PT (Tomah); Sarah Olson, PTA (Readstown); John Greany, PT (La Crosse); and Thomas Murphy, Public Member (DePere). Officers in 2015 were Lori Dominiczak (Chair), Shari Berry (Vice Chair) and Sarah Olson (Secretary).

- 2015 Liaison Appointments:

Credentialing – Sarah Olson, Shari Berry (Alternate – Michele Thorman replaced by Lori Dominiczak September 10, 2015)

Monitoring – Thomas Murphy (Alternate – Sarah Olson)

Education and Exams – Michele Thorman (replaced by John Greany, September 10, 2015), Shari Berry (Alternate – Sarah Olson)

Legislative – Lori Dominiczak (Alternate – Shari Berry)

Travel – Lori Dominiczak (Alternate – Michele Thorman replaced by Shari Berry September 10, 2015)

Website – Shari Berry (Alternate – Sarah Olson)

Rules – Lori Dominiczak (Alternate – Shari Berry)

Professional Assistance Procedure – Thomas Murphy (Alternate – Sarah Olson)

Screening Panel – Sarah Olson, Thomas Murphy (Alternate – Michele Thorman replaced by John Greany September 10, 2015)

- The Board adopted rule changes to Wis. Admin. Code Chapters PT 1, 2, 3 and 8, related to the temporary reentry license on December 8, 2015.
- The Board continued to work with the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association (WPTA) Continuing Education Approval Task Force regarding details pertaining to its course approval process, and in particular, online courses, with a report from that task force provided September 10, 2015. The WPTA continues to consider a number of factors when approving continuing education programs including the learning environment, content, and coordination with learning objectives.
- The Board approved language to be posted on the Wisconsin page of aPTitude, a Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) online tool for therapists to record continuing education activities.
- The Office of Education and Examinations, with assistance from the Board, was charged with reviewing the critical questions from the oral examination question bank to ensure they were appropriate.
- The Office of Education and Examinations initiated an audit of Wisconsin licensees' compliance with Wis. Admin. Code Chapter PT 9 for the 2013-2015 biennial licensure period. The Board authorized Shari Berry and Sarah Olson to serve as liaisons for the 2013-2015 continuing education audit.

- The Board initiated discussions of possible law changes relating to the supervision of physical therapist assistants.
- The Board initiated discussions surrounding the practice of physical therapy via telehealth.
- The Department of Safety and Professional Services informed program directors of all PT and PTA educational programs in Wisconsin of the changes to the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) application and authorization to test procedures resulting from 2013 Wisconsin Act 114.
- The Board initiated discussions of temporary practice by physical therapists licensed in another jurisdiction, such as those providing physical therapy services for professional athletic teams, travelling performing arts groups or during disaster relief efforts.
- The Board welcomed Mark Lane and David Relling of FSBPT to the December 8, 2015 Board meeting. They presented information and invited discussion on the proposed Physical Therapy Licensing Compact along with other FSBPT initiatives.
- Sarah Olson (PTA Member) participated as a member of the FSBPT Membership Task Force in January 2015.
- Michele Thorman (PT Member) joined the FSBPT Continuing Competence Committee.
- Tom Ryan (Board Administrator) was elected to the FSBPT Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting, October 17, 2015.
- Thomas Murphy (Public Member) attended the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Board Member and Administrator Training, June 12-14, 2015, in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Lori Dominiczak (PT Member) and Tom Ryan (Board Administrator) attended the FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum, August 1-2, 2015, in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Lori Dominiczak (Delegate), John Greany (Alternate Delegate) and Tom Ryan (Board Administrator) attended the FSBPT Annual Meeting, October 15-17, 2015, in Orlando, Florida. Lori Dominiczak served on the FSBPT Delegate Assembly Minutes Review Committee at the 2015 FSBPT Annual Delegate Assembly.
- Lori Dominiczak (PT Member) represented the Board at a Public Hearing held by the Assembly Committee on Health, December 16, 2015, for a “red tape review” of Wis. Admin. Code Chapters PT 1-9 and Assembly Bill 549, Relating to the Authority of Physical Therapists to Order X-rays and Granting Rule-making Authority.

- The Board authorized Lori Dominiczak (PT Member) as a representative to the WPTA Spring Conference Issues Forum, April 14-15, 2016.
- The Board administered 1 PT oral exam.

<b><u>Licensing Activity</u></b>	<b><u>PT</u></b>	<b><u>PTA</u></b>
<b>Applications Received (approximate)</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Licenses Issued</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Renewals</b>	<b>5376</b>	<b>1900</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>8</b>
<b>Total cases/respondents closed</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total closed at screening</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Total closed after investigation</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total closed with formal action</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cases pending as of 2/15</b>	<b>2</b>