

## Physical Therapy Examining Board

### 2020 Annual Review

- **Board Members in 2020:** Shari Berry, PT (Tomah); Barbara Carter, PTA (Black River Falls); John Greany, PT (La Crosse); Todd McEldowney, Public Member (Rhineland); and Kathryn Zalewski, PT (Milwaukee).
- **Officers in 2020:** Shari Berry (Chair), John Greany (Vice Chair), and Kathryn Zalewski (Secretary).
- **2020 Liaison Appointments:**
  - Credentialing – Shari Berry, Kathryn Zalewski (Alternate – Barbara Carter)
  - Monitoring – Todd McEldowney (Alternate – John Greany)
  - Education and Exams – John Greany, Barbara Carter (Alternate – Kathryn Zalewski)
  - Legislative – Shari Berry (Alternate – Kathryn Zalewski)
  - Travel – Barbara Carter (Alternate – John Greany)
  - Administrative Rules – Shari Berry (Alternate – Kathryn Zalewski)
  - Website – John Greany (Alternate – Barbara Carter)
  - Professional Assistance Procedure – John Greany (Alternate – Todd McEldowney)
  - Screening Panel – Todd McEldowney, John Greany (Alternate – Kathryn Zalewski)
  - Licensure Compact – Kathryn Zalewski
- **PT Compact Implementation:**

Licensure Compact Language enacted in Wisconsin (2019 Wisconsin Act 100) on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 which included the addition of section 448.985 to Chapter 448 in the Medical Practice Act.

  - The board wrote and submitted rules related to licensure compact. Anticipate full promulgation of rules in 2021.
  - The Department actively worked all year on identifying and securing operational needs to issue and accept compact privileges. Anticipate full participation in 2021.
- **Administrative Rules:**
  - Language to clarify supervision of PT and PTA students enacted in Wisconsin (2019 Wisconsin Act 138) on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The result is amended **SECTION 1. 448.52 (1m) (c)** of the statutes to read:
    - **448.52 (1m) (c)** A physical therapy student or a physical therapist assistant student performing physical therapy procedures and related tasks, if doing so is within the scope of the student's education or training. The examining board may promulgate rules related to the supervision of students who perform physical therapy procedures and related tasks.
    - The board wrote and submitted rules related to supervision of students. Anticipate full promulgation of rules in 2021.
  - The board wrote and submitted rules related to PT Chapter 1, relating to Reciprocal Credentials for Service Members, Former Service Members, and Their Spouses. Anticipate full promulgation of rules in 2021.
- **WI Administrative Code Chapter 5 – PTA and Unlicensed Personnel:**
  - The board approved other forms of communication between PT and PTA to meet the requirements in PT 5.02(b). This will be reviewed at each meeting.

- **Conference and Training:**
  - Kathryn Zalewski (delegate), John Greany (alternate delegate), and Valerie Payne (Board Administrator) were unable to attend the virtual **2020 Leadership Issues Forum (LIF)** – July 18-19, 2020 as the FSBPT cancelled all in person meetings.
  - Barbara Carter and Valerie Payne were unable attended the **2020 Regulatory Training** for Members and Board Staff – June 19-20,2020 as the FSBPT cancelled all in person meetings.
  - Kathryn Zalewski (Delegate), John Greany (Alternate Delegate), and Valerie Payne (Board Administrator) attended the virtual presentation of the **2020 Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly** – October 22-24, 2020.

• <b><u>Licensing Activity</u></b>	<u>PT</u>	<u>PTA</u>
Applications Received	444	146
Licenses Issued	398	93
License Renewals	37	7

• <b><u>Covid Temp Permits</u></b>		
Emergency Order 16 temp permit totals:	85	12
Emergency Order 2 temp permit totals:	36	11

• **Enforcement Activity** PT and PTA

**Complaints received: 17**

Source of complaints received:

*Note:* A complaint may have more than one source.

- Consumer: 2
- Employer: 1
- Family: 1
- Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy: 3
- Government Agency – State of Wisconsin
- Department of Health Services: 2
- Office of Commissioner of Insurance: 3
- Inmate: 1
- Licensee: 1
- Newspaper: 1
- Self: 2

- Number of respondents involved: 18

- Number of cases opened for investigation: 4

*Note:* There are 4 complaints in the “Complaint Received” status (as of 01/21/2021) therefore they are not included in this answer.

**Total cases/respondents closed: 25**

*Note:* Cases/respondents closed in 2020 may have been received in previous years.

- Closed at screening: 18
- Closed after investigation: 3
- Closed with formal action: 4

**Cases pending as of January 2019: 6**