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A Word from the Chair

Changes in Licensure 2011 Summit

In July, I had the privilege of being invited and subsequently participating in the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) 2011 Summit National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) in Dallas, TX. It focused upon the direction of the NPTE as it continues to assist in public protection through ensuring entry-level competence for physical therapy practitioners.

As was reported in the last newsletter due to egregious breaches in the security of the physical therapist exam, the FSBPT is offering fixed testing dates only 3 more times in 2011 as opposed to test availability daily for the past 15 years. To put the issue in perspective one must realize that the breaches jeopardized exam validity and the reasonable assurance that successful test takers were safe and effective practitioners thus putting the entire licensure process at risk. In addition, the time and effort of volunteers in developing items for the test and the monetary cost attributed to lost items was enormous almost 5.5 million dollars. Physical therapy is not alone in seeking solutions to the issue of exam breaches, many other health professions are now considering moves to fixed date testing to address security issues and provide valid measures of entry-level competence.

At the 2011 Summit around representatives from the communities of interest including students, PT and PTA practitioners, educators, employers, exam committee members, APTA representatives, FSBPT staff and state regulators discussed the issues surrounding the maintenance of examination validity in a changing practice/education/assessment environment and present/future security risks. Initially participants considered such topics as the historical context of security issues and management, differences in US and non-US education, types of assessment measurements, experiences of other health-care licensure agencies, competence domains for safe/effective practice, stakeholder implications for fixed date testing and future possibilities.

Important findings and consensus occurred

related to the following issues:

- ◆ “Consistent, timely and frequent communication about future courses of action” with accompanying rationale which gives stakeholders time to prepare for change.
 - ◆ “The FSBPT offers four scheduled fixed test dates with immediate score reporting versus five test dates with delayed score reporting beginning in 2013 and into the future.”
 - ◆ “Change the administration of the NPTE for PTAs to fixed-date testing for the same reasons that the NPTE for PTs was changed.”
- Some other issues which will need additional in depth consideration and discussion include:
- ◆ “Standardization in testing prerequisites and criteria among the member organizations (state boards)”
 - ◆ “Exploring other means of assessment and domains of competence”
 - ◆ “Collaboration between interested organizations”

All in all, the “Summit” was an extremely well planned event, the background material available prior to the meeting was very helpful and attendees from all constituencies were able to articulate their positions in a supportive atmosphere. The thoughtful deliberations resulted in recommendation which should set the stage for licensure examination activities well into the future.

Neva F. Greenwald, PT

H A P P Y
Holidays

Important Reminders

- ◆ All licensees must take two-hours of board-approved programs in ethics/professional responsibility as part of their total CE requirement each licensure period.
- ◆ Address changes must be submitted on the change of address form located on the Board's website no later than thirty (30) days after such change is effective. The Board may assess a licensee a fee of \$25.00 for failure to notify the Board of address change.
- ◆ You should always verify that a course is approved on the Board's website if you plan to submit it for continuing education credit.
- ◆ Failing to report to the Board any unprofessional, incompetent or illegal acts that appear to be in violation of this law or any rules established by the Board is a violation for which a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant may be disciplined.
- ◆ Requests to change names on licensure files must be accompanied by a certified legal document which attests the change (marriage license, etc.)
- ◆ The Board and its staff cannot answer questions about Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement requirements or codes. You will need to contact the Medicare/Medicaid office.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Death:

The Board is saddened to report the death of Dr. Edwin Searcy this past June. Dr. Searcy was appointed to the initial Board by Governor Musgrove for a two-year term on December 23, 2002. Even though his term had expired without a new appointment to the Board, he graciously continued to serve until his resignation on September 19, 2006 due to family obligations. Dr. Searcy's commitment to health care, his insight and problem solving abilities were valuable assets to the operations of the fledgling Board.

Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

FSBPT Fixed-Date Licensure Testing Schedule

The Federation State Boards of Physical Therapy ceased continuous testing for PTs in 2011 and has determined to cease continuous testing for PTAs starting in 2012. FSBPT plans on maintaining fixed-date testing indefinitely for both the PT and PTA examinations. The PT and PTA National Physical Therapy Exams will host four tests only starting in 2013.

Here is a list of the schedule for the administration of the PT National Physical Therapy Exams (NPTE) in 2012.

- ◆ January 30, 2012
- ◆ March 29, 2012
- ◆ July 2, 2012
- ◆ July 31, 2012
- ◆ October 23, 2012

Here is a list of the schedule for the administration of the PTA National Physical Therapy Exams (NPTE) in 2012.

- ◆ April 26, 2012
- ◆ July 17, 2012
- ◆ October 30, 2012

Did you know?

- ◆ There are 1632 physical therapists and 877 physical therapist assistants with active Mississippi licenses.
- ◆ The next scheduled Board meeting is December 1, 2011. This meeting is open to the public.
- ◆ A physical therapist assistant is permitted to perform soft tissue mobilization but not joint mobilization.
- ◆ Everyone physical therapy practitioner should download the current Regulations Governing Licensure for Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistants. These Rules have been recently reformatted/reordered / rearranged and with added references for the legal sources of each rule to comply with the Secretary of State's office's Administrative Procedure Act Rules. There are only significant editorial changes in the context of the Rules.
- ◆ Physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensure applicants are now required to sit for the FSBPT exam on a fixed-date testing schedule. There are approximately four dates annually. This scheduling method will remain in effect indefinitely.
- ◆ OASIS medication reconciliation is outside the scope of practice for a physical therapist. See Board's statement on the OASIS Medical Drug Regimen Review in this newsletter and posted on the Board's website.

New Licensees

The Board is pleased to welcome 154 new licensees to the physical therapy community in Mississippi. These licensees are either new graduates who have passed the NPTE and received their permanent licenses, or practitioners who were previously licensed in other states and have either moved to Mississippi or who live in other states but are practicing in Mississippi. To the new graduates, we offer our congratulations on both graduation and on passing the NPTE. This is a note worthy accomplishment. To the physical therapy practitioners who were licensed in other states, welcome to Mississippi!!

New Graduates Licensed as of May 1, 2011

Physical Therapists:

Abraham, Jasen S.
Abrams, Hunter R.
Adair, Emily D.
Barker, Bethany A.
Barney, Kathryn E.
Bass, Jonathan G.
Britt, Christopher A.
Britt, Courtney R.
Bruce, Amy E.
Bullen, Noland A.
Cagle, Nicholas A.
Cauthen, Holly M.
Cole, Amy C.
Compton, Sarah S.
Cooley, Rachel I.
Cooper, Patricia D.
Crow, Kristen H.
Crowson, Mary M.
Dowdle, Katherine W.
Eddy, Kimberly R.
Elmore, Stephenie L.
Farris, Jennifer R.
Farris, Steven C.
Green, Amy N.
Green, Samantha A.
Hand, Kathryn N.
Hartley, Sarah E.
Harrington, Hal M.
Houston, Jaclyn R.
Huling, Marcus R.
Lee, Kimberly L.
Lewis, Virginia B.
McGowin, Amanda M.

Meyer, Allison M.
Montgomery, Edwin
Morse, Kathleen M.
Murray, Michael J.
Pettit, Jessica B.
Price, Jessica P.
Pritchard, Lauren C.
Rigby, Erin M.
Riley, Cameron W.
Ryals, Andrew K.
Short, Elizabeth A.
Simpson, Robert R.
Taylor, Megan M.
Thomas, Brittany L.
Vydra, Darrell G.
Walker, Carolyn H.
Walker, Robert C.
Walters, Julian R.
Walters, Julian R.
Weaver, Sarah G.
White, Elizabeth B.
Wood, Erin A.
Yates, Catherine F.
Young, Nakinna M.

Physical Therapist Assistants:

Agee, Tameca L.
Ashley, Lauren N.
Beasley, Jacob M.
Beaugez, Holly H.
Brooker, Amanda S.
Chatham, Skyla D.
Crosby, Alexis A.

Davis, Phillip H.
Dyess, Rebecca L.
Eldridge, Richard T.
Elmore, Alison M.
Ferguson III, Frank A.
Fisher, Jessica S.
Forrester, Abby F.
Gill, Barbara L.
Hannaford, Bridget R.
Hughes, April D.
Irby, Kelsey S.
Jackson, Courtney L.
Jones, Loren R.
Jordan, Natalie D.
Kramer, Brian P.
Latza, Sarah E.
Lee, Anthony C.
Lee, Elizabeth N.
Lewis, Maurice R.
Lynn, Jeremy S.
McCown, Cory A.
Newell, Cameron T.
Pace, Susanna M.
Penn, Belinda D.
Perry, Julie N.
Pique, Ryan M.
Pollard, Benjamin S.
Purvis, Jessica L.
Pylant, Lacey V.
Remus, Joseph C.
Rigney, Jacob R.
Rose, Jessica S.
Shoemaker, Benjie L.
Smylie, Heath H.

Staten, Vanessa D.
Stewart, DeJuana W.
Stovall, Gregory S.
Strief, Jeremy S.
Turnipseed, Mindi L.
Uribe, Kristin N.
Vandevere, Natalie R.
Vaughn, Jessica N.

Walker, Brandie L.
Waters, Anna S.
White, Corey T.
White, Dawn D.
Whitlock, Morgan L.
Whitmire, Brandon A.
Willingham, Matthew E.
Young, Kristin J.

Physical Therapy Practitioners from other states or reinstatement of license since the Spring 2011 newsletter.

Physical Therapists:

Belisle, Gwendolyn D.
Belisle, Raymond A.
Bertolino, Dodie A.
Bradford, Whitney R.
Burgess, Patricia T.
Colburn, Marlene E.
Davis, Samuel C.
Dockery, Jon M.
Doza, Jenny L.
Fournet, Erin M.
Green, Tyler R.
Greer, David J.
Harrington, Sarah C.
Houston, Marcus R.
Kirk, Misty M.
Lancaster, Kimberly R.
Liess, Andrea H.
Litton, Sara L.
Moser, Jennifer R.
Pecoraro, Jonathan P.
Santiago, Christina T.

Sexton, Mary V.
Smith, Edward L.
Stephens, Cynthia D.
Vital, Citadel C.
Walker, Tracy R.
Williams, Taaka U.
Wimberly III, Michael R.

Physical Therapist Assistants:

Alvey, Sara M.
Arotin, Tabitha A.
Bush, Kylie R.
Camilleri, Colleen J.
Champion, Shane A.
Holder, Stacy L.
Hoxie, Carrie A.
Myce, Emily N.
Ponder, Isabel
Stafford, Natosha L.
Stewart, Susan G.

A T T E N T I O N !

Look what's available on our website at www.msbpt.state.ms.us.

Please visit the website frequently for updated information.

You can find:

- ◆ Verification of License – check to see if someone is licensed
- ◆ Practice Act and Rules and Regulations
- ◆ Continuing Education – approved courses are available for review
- ◆ Current Board members
- ◆ Links to APTA, MPTA, FSBPT and more
- ◆ How to file a complaint
- ◆ Scheduled Board meetings
- ◆ List of current disciplinary actions
- ◆ Information on how to get a course approved
- ◆ Application packet
- ◆ Licensure renewal information
- ◆ Name/Address change forms and many more

Non-Renewed licenses for persons whose surnames begin with A-L or whose license expires in even-numbered years (2011).

The following licensees did not renew their licenses and cannot practice physical therapy in the State of Mississippi as of July 1, 2011. Some licenses may have been reinstated since this newsletter went to press. Check the license verification at www.msbtpt.state.ms.us for any updates.

Physical Therapists:		Physical Therapist Assistants:	
Hearn, Stephen A.	PT3900	Carver, Clayton B.	PTA3972
Adams, Lauren M.	PT4489	Clark, Jennifer C.	PTA4813
Anderson, TraceyAnn P.	PT4378	Collins, Cecily L.	PTA4269
Barefoot, Joetta F.	PT1778	Crane, Kimberly M.	PTA4668
Bradley, Brian W.	PT4471	Curles, Amber D.	PTA4468
Bradley, Nicole H.	PT4472	Dobbins, Linda C.	PTA4430
Brannan, Craig M.	PT4629	Ford, Andrea B.	PTA1727
Carmichael, Mark C.	PT0876	Franklin, Lyndsey J.	PTA4235
Cathey, Carlos D.	PT3331	Geter, Melissa S.	PTA4313
Cedor, Eric W.	PT4127	Gordon, Lauren A.	PTA4712
Centenera, Raquel T.	PT4325	Hahn, Carol E.	PTA1647
Chappell, Kristin L.	PT4441	Henderson, Cornelius T.	PTA3890
Chisholm, Emily S.	PT2335	Hill, Lynn M.	PTA3703
Claassen, Marzelle	PT1649	Holmes, Bette J.	PTA2068
Cokash, Daniel N.	PT4415	Howard, Linda C.	PTA1328
Corrigan, Sarah E.	PT4639	Hurst, Kym R.	PTA4111
Durley, Jennifer M.	PT3716	Ishee, Marci K.	PTA2456
Field, David B.	PT0959	Jackson, Jeanice T.	PTA4660
Finton, James	PT4622	Klepcha, Ihar	PTA4454
Formby, Carrie G.	PT4681	Landis, Timothy J.	PTA4302
Fula, Walter T.	PT3624	Leech, Jordan L.	PTA4255
Gregory, Mary B.	PT4223	Liles, Wesley M.	PTA4637
Hamilton, Joshua	PT4482	Lirette, Dion D.	PTA4161
Harpel, Leslie D.	PT0248	Lucas, Shelie F.	PTA3469
Haverkamp, Joe D.	PT4835	Miller, Tiffany K.	PTA4694
Haverkamp, Kristen E.	PT4834	Vaughan, Jamie L.	PTA4540

A Note from the Licensing Investigator

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement from the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy, effective September 30, 2011. While I will miss the many new friends that I have made in the physical therapy community, I am looking forward to the next phase of my life and spending my "golden years" catching up with family and old friends.

I am very grateful to the Board for giving me the opportunity to serve the State of Mississippi. The Board that I have worked with over the past 6 years has been comprised of a very talented and dedicated group of professionals who have set the welfare of the citizens of our state as a high priority.

Special thanks to Neva Greenwald, Board Chair, and Stephanie Boyette, Board Administrator, with whom I have worked so

closely. Neva goes above and beyond in her service to the Board, with no compensation, and is one of the most dedicated individuals that I have ever known. Stephanie is the best "boss" ever and administers the business of the Board with unwavering honesty and integrity. Gloria Green, Board Attorney, keeps us all out of trouble.

And to the physical therapy community, you are members of a profession that is rapidly becoming one of the most important in the medical field. This state is fortunate to have the quality of physical therapy care that is offered by its many talented licensees in the field. Please, always practice with integrity and the highest moral standards.

Shirley Givens

Board Statement

OASIS Medical Drug Regimen Review

The Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy (Board) has received several inquiries regarding the Medication section of the Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS –C) used by Home Health Agencies serving the Medicare and Medicaid populations. Under federal regulations, 42 C.F.R. Section 484.55, the Medication section consists of a drug regimen review.

The drug regimen review involves a “review of all medications the patient is currently using in order to identify any potential adverse effects and drug reactions, including ineffective drug therapy, significant side effects, significant drug interactions, duplicate drug therapy, and noncompliance with drug therapy.” The drug regimen review also requires that the patient and caregiver receive education on high risk education and reporting problems that may occur.

It is the opinion of the Board that the drug regimen review is generally outside of the scope of practice of the physical therapist. However, the physical therapist may complete the drug regimen review and education items of OASIS-C if the agency for which he or she is working has established policies and procedures allowing the physical therapist to work collaboratively with other appropriate practitioners in order to complete the Medication

section of OASIS – C. Such procedures must include protocols requiring supervisory review and control over the Medication portion of the OASIS-C and supervisory documentation of the drug regimen review performed on each patient.

With the above described procedures in place, the physical therapist is authorized to carry out the following tasks in completing the Medication section of OASIS – C:

- Gather information on all medications used by the patient.
- Document the medication information and report the information to a designated agency drug regimen reviewer.
- Document the receipt of findings from the drug regimen reviewer and record on the OASIS assessment the action(s), if any, taken to address issues identified by the agency drug regimen reviewer.

The Board would remind physical therapists that, in completing the assessment under OASIS-C, the physical therapist must not only act within the scope of practice but also must be competent to provide a service. Competency means that the service is also within the scope of the physical therapist’s abilities and expertise.

Random Audits

The Board is authorized by state statute to enter and make inspections of any place where physical therapy is practiced. Accordingly, the Board through its agents has begun random inspections and audits. During the second and third quarter of 2011, the following licensees were cited by the Board:

- Shelly Nicole Tuttle, PTA:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate and/or license identification card.
- Wayne P. Jimenez, PT:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate and/or license identification card.
- James J. Garner, PT:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate seal.
- Bae B. Waller, PT:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate.
- Kathryn K. Bonner, PT:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate.
- Michael Q. Hedrick, PTA:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate.
- David Ron Freeman, PT:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate.
- Tammy E. Davenport, PT:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate.
- Amanda A. Harrell, PTA:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate.
- Theresa G. Holman, PTA:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate.
- Saranya Williams, PTA:
Failing to display a current licensure certificate.

If licensees cannot locate their current licensure certificate and/or licensure identification card, they may want to purchase the documents from the Board’s office. A second inspection for licensees who are not in compliance may be required in the near future.

The Board is authorized to impose a monetary sanction of not less than \$100.00 or not more than \$500.00 for the first violation.

One situation that the Board’s inspectors have encountered frequently is that numerous licensees are under the impression that the ID card is the license. The license certificate that displays the current license expiration year seal is the license. Regulations require that the certificate with the current license expiration year seal affixed, or a copy thereof, be prominently displayed in a place that is accessible to the public at all sites at which a licensee practices. The license ID card must be carried on the person of the licensee or be readily available to be presented if asked to do so.

The Board expresses its thanks for the courteous cooperation received by its inspectors at the majority of the sites visited. The Board is also pleased that several sites seemed to be in full compliance with physical therapy laws and regulations. Keep up the good work.

Change of Home Address, Worksite or Name

It is the responsibility of licensees to provide the Board with written notification of address changes (home or work) no later than 30 days after such change is effective according to Section 3-8. For a name change, a notarized copy of the legal document must accompany the request. Failure to keep your address or name change current will result in a \$25.00 fee for the cost of resending any correspondence or materials.

NAME

LICENSE #

OLD NAME

OLD ADDRESS (City, State, Zip)

COUNTY

NEW ADDRESS (City, State, Zip)

COUNTY

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PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

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PRIMARY EMPLOYER

ADDRESS (City, State, Zip)

PHONE NUMBER

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