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KENTUCKY STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY NEWSLETTER

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GOVERNOR BRERETON C JONES MAKES BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Our Governor has reappointed Public Member James R. DeLapp of Louisville and previous board member Deborah B. Tharp, PT of Paintsville to terms as members of the Board of Physical Therapy. Each appointment is effective until 04/30/95. Deb replaces six yr member Walter Kim Cleary of Corbin, also an Eastern Kentucky physical therapist. Kim, a member of the board since '86 was Board Chairman twice, completed the National Certified Investigator Training course, and accepted the role of investigator as well as serving as a licensee probation monitor for the board many times. The board truly appreciates the ethical, dedicated manner in which Kim attended to board business, often on a daily basis, and is fully aware of the personal and practice sacrifices this entailed. Your standards are hard to replicate, Kim.

Deborah Bryant Tharp was 1st appointed as a board member in '83, serving 7 years. During that period in which she too was twice board chairman, Kentucky achieved direct access through the rewriting of board regulations, the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy became a reality with strong support from Kentucky, and the Standards of Practice were totally revised and rewritten in regulatory form. Deb chaired the committee of PTs & PIAs who prepared the 1st Standards draft over a period of two years, and led the board through the yearlong efforts of final writing. She continued to be dedicated to the Federation after leaving the board in '90, and comes back serving on the FSBPT Board of Directors as Legislative Committee Chairman.

A native of Louisville, Deb graduated from the University of KY in '76 and began her career in Louisville at the Norton-Children's Hospitals where her services were particularly distinguished through development of their comprehensive High Risk Infant program. In '79, Deb and husband "Buz" moved to Paintsville where she and Linda Omer, PT opened a private practice, "Physical Therapy Services". Today, in addition to services at their clinic and Highlands Regional Medical Center/Prestonsburg, she is a consultant to several coal mining industries, schools, and other health clinics. She was instrumental in helping shape Kentucky's favorable "Worker's Compensation" regulations relative to physical therapy services. A gifted clinician, Deb is a clinical educator for both PT and PTA programs, and has special interests in Industrial Ergonomics, pediatrics, orthopedics, musculoskeletal injuries and hands. As she gave birth to two sons during her 1st 7 yrs on the board, her equally energetic family occupies her time outside of professional commitments. Peer recognition of Deb's many achievements and professional dedication was demonstrated in 1990 when the KPIA bestowed their "Outstanding Physical Therapy Service Award" upon her. We concur.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD

During the previous 12 months, complaints have been lodged against 8 PTs, 1 PTA, 1 osteopath, and 1 OT Student alleging various violations of KRS 327 and board regulations. Of those cases, 2 disciplinary actions have been entered into with licensees, 3 cases concerning licensees were closed without disciplinary action, the cases concerning nonlicensed individuals have been resolved, and 4 cases concerning licensees remain open.

In addition, complaints were lodged by the board against 22 PTs and PTAs who requested a six month waiver from meeting the HIV/AIDS education requirements to be licensed, but failed to complete and/or submit evidence of completion of an approved course during the six month period. All but 3 of those individuals have now taken and submitted evidence of completing an approved HIV/AIDS course. Hearing dates will be set for the remaining persons.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS ENTERED INTO WITH LICENSEES

1) MARGARET ANN GEDDE, PT.....LOUISVILLE, KY

Alleged violations:

- Failure to provide treatment to Nursing Home patients for whom she documented treatment.
- Failure to be "available and accessible" to a physical therapist's assistant during the working hours of the assistant.

Action taken: Agreed Order entered into which resulted in:

- Two years of monitored PROBATION, beginning 08/14/92, during which time she must:
 - Enroll in and satisfactorily complete AHC 322, "Ethics & Law Allied Health", at the University of Louisville;
 - Complete an approved documentation course;
 - Sit for and obtain a passing grade on a Jurisprudence Examination;
 - Provide a copy of the Agreed Order to all of her employers; and
 - Pay for the costs of monitoring her practice during the probationary period.

2) PAULA ANN FIELDS, PTA.....SCIOTOVILLE, OH

Alleged violations:

- Failure to visit home health patients for whom she prepared documentation of treatment, including documentation for billing purposes.
- Failure to complete the required HIV/AIDS education requirements of licensure within the permitted six months.

Action taken: Agreed Order entered into which resulted in:

- SUSPENSION of her KY physical therapist's assistant certificate for 12 months beginning 11/20/92; during which time she is to:
 - Complete an approved course concerning HIV/AIDS.
 - Following suspension, monitored PROBATION of Kentucky practice for a period of 12 months during which time she must:
 - Pay for the costs of monitoring her practice during the probationary period;
 - Sit for and obtain a passing grade on a Jurisprudence examination;
 - Complete an approved course on ethics in physical therapy or a similar course and
 - Provide a copy of the Agreed Order to all employers.

ALERT!! NEW METHOD OF HAVING NPTE/ASI SCORES SENT TO ANOTHER STATE EFFECTIVE 01/01/93

As previously reported, beginning in 1993 the licensure examination (NPTE) will again be supplied to licensure boards by the Professional Examination Service (PES). The PES will also be responsible for maintenance and reporting of all (NPTE) examination scores, regardless of which exam company (ASI or PES) provided the examination. All of the ASI/NPTE examination results are to have been transferred to the Interstate Reporting Service of the PES by January 1, 1993. Therefore, beginning in January, all persons who require transfer of their examination scores to another state are to make that request ONLY to the Interstate Reporting Service of the PES. Prior to that date, persons who took ASI's NPTE (11/89 - 11/92) are to continue to use the Professional Reporting Service of ASI. Particular attention to the cutover date should be made by persons who just sat for the November 5th examination. Persons who sat for the ASI/NPTE exam should supply both their Social Security Number as well as the examination ID number when requesting a score transfer after 01/01. ID numbers are found on KY examinees's personal score report mailed with their initial license. Also, remember that either score transfer service requires approximately THREE WEEKS to send a score report to another licensure board once they have received your written score transfer request and cashiers or certified check or money order. Interstate Reporting Service "expediency" fees will be addressed below.

SCORE TRANSFER FEES INCREASE JANUARY 1st

To help alleviate possible confusion and delays for our licensees, this agency received permission from the Professional Examination Service to duplicate the new/January Interstate Reporting Service form to distribute as a part of this Newsletter for your use beginning in January. Note that the "First time use" fee for this service remains \$20.00 but score transfer fees increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 on 01/01. Persons who have previously used ASI's reporting service (PRS) WILL need to pay the Interstate Reporting Service's "1st time use" fee in addition to the score transfer fee.

The following services to expedite score transfers are available from the Interstate Reporting Service for persons who find a possible 3 week turnaround does not meet their endorsement application needs:

- 1) If you pay an additional \$18.00, the IRS will use "overnight mail" to send your scores once they are ready for transfer; and
- 2) For an additional \$10.00, the IRS will also FAX your scores to the licensure board prior to mailing them. You must furnish the agency's FAX number to the service.

**BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULED
OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

November 20, 1992.....Board Meeting, Louisville	March 31, 1993.....RENEWAL DEADLINE
January 1993.....Mail License Renewal Notices	Friday, April 16, 1993.....Board Meeting, Louisville
January 18, 1993.....Filing Deadline, March Exam	June 7, 1993.....Filing Deadline, July Exam
January 30 - February 3, 1993.....FSBPT Annual Meeting San Antonio, TX	Friday, June 18, 1993.....Board Meeting, Louisville
February 19, 1992.....Board Meeting, Louisville	Wednesday, July 21, 1993.....PT & PTA Licensure Exam
March 3, 1993.....PT/PTA Examination, Louisville	Friday, August 20, 1993.....Board Meeting, Louisville

Note: Board meeting dates are subject to change. Call 502/595-4687 to confirm date if you plan to attend.

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO FOREIGN
EDUCATED CHANGE

The Board received approval of changes to 201 KAR 22:070 pertaining to the Foreign Educated physical therapist. These expand the types of facilities in which a FEPT candidate can receive his/her yr of supervised practice and increase the requirements to be a supervisor.

Previously, the FEPT candidate could only be supervised in an acute-care facility which had a clinical education agreement with an APTA accredited Program in PT; but may or may not have "taken students". Presently, the supervised practice can take place in any facility which actively serves as a clinical education site for physical therapist students enrolled in an APTA accredited Program in Physical Therapy. To qualify as a supervisor for the FEPT candidate, a PT must have acted as the clinical supervisor to a US educated PT student within the previous three years.

In 1992 to date alone, the board has mailed out 96 licensure packets pertaining to the FEPT, 99% to recruiters. If you are contacted by a recruiter who wishes to place a FEPT in your facility, please make particular note of those changes stated above, and understand that even to qualify as an ENDORSEMENT candidate that the FEPT must have met the same supervised practice requirements in another state or he will be required to work under supervision and be clinically assessed in Kentucky to be licensed.

It was determined by LRC that the board can not grant a waiver from meeting a requirement as stringent as Kentuckys for endorsement candidates.

You have probably read about the controversy over low grades of some foreign educated graduates. States whose statutes require a foreign graduates to have passed the licensure exam & hold a valid license in their country of education have not had to struggle with this problem. LRC legal staff advised this agency that KY can not make this requirement without a statutory change. Until that can be achieved, we are looking at other means to control this problem.

THIS BIENNIUM TO DATE, AND AWAITING THE
RESULTS OF THE 11/92 examinations...

	<u>04/91</u>	<u>11/91</u>	<u>11/92</u>
PTs LICENSED	1,037	1,188	1,382
PTs WHO LIVE IN KY		841	954
UK GRADS LICENSED	361		* 463
UL GRADS LICENSED	86		* 139
FOREIGN EDUCATED PTs	49	57	61

	<u>04/91</u>	<u>11/91</u>	<u>11/92</u>
PTAs CERTIFIED	354	440	538
PTAs WHO LIVE IN KY		324	384
JCC GRADS CERTIFIED	152	168	185
SCC GRADS CERTIFIED		66	80
PCC GRADS CERTIFIED		30	45

* = includes '92 grads working with a temporary permit, but not '92 grads examined but not yet working.

NOTE: In the '91-'93 biennium (since 4/91) 4 KY PTAs completed licensure requirements as a PT, and an additional 4 PTAs just graduated from PT school & sat for the 11/92 PT exam.

HOW DO KENTUCKY EXAM CANDIDATES PERFORM?

11/91 Examination

KY PT CANDIDATES: 80/Pass rate: 98.77%
KY PTA CANDIDATES: 4/Pass rate: 100 %

03/92 Examination

KY 'PT CANDIDATES: 6/Pass rate: 100%

07/92 Examination

KY PT CANDIDATES: 11/Pass rate: 100%
KY PTA CANDIDATES: 66/Pass rate: 98.44%

NEW DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

An updated, (11/92) Alphabetic Directory has been prepared listing all KY licensed PTs and PTAs, replacing the very out of date, 01/92 issue. The next will be compiled 05/93, post license renewal.

To purchase a new directory, send a check payable to the "KY State Treasurer" in the amount of \$15.00 to the board office. The fee change was necessary due to increases in direct costs to provide this issue which is 275 pps long.