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A Message from Your Board Chairman

By Debra S. Turner, P.T.

This newsletter has several important areas we would like to share with the physical therapists and physical therapist's assistants in the State of Kentucky.

One topic I would like to highlight is the P.A.C.E. (Practitioners Alternative Care Effort) brochure that is enclosed with this newsletter. It discusses the purpose, objectives and role of the Impaired Practitioner Committee. Stephen Lacy, Board's public member, and Barbara Bruening, P.T., a former board member, have been instrumental in developing the foundation from which the committee will operate. Many thanks to both of them for their ideas, energy and time. The board believes this committee will be valuable to both the consumers of physical therapy and our therapists.

Another purpose of the newsletter is to keep the PT's and PTA's in the state current with any regulatory changes, answer questions and publish disciplinary actions. The board is planning a meeting later this year to review, update and make recommendations to revise some of our regulations. As always, we value the input from therapists. Please forward any of your recommendations or suggestions to our board administrator, Becky Hughes.

Board members and staff receive questions regarding our state statute and regulations. Some of the more frequently asked questions are posted in this publication as another service to you.

Disciplinary actions taken by the board are included in this newsletter. Many therapists do not realize that the board shall make public its final order in a disciplinary action under KRS 327.070(1)(a)-(e) and (g) by administrative regulations 201 KAR 22:052 § 5(2)(a). Furthermore, any and all disciplinary actions are a matter of public record after the board has approved the final action and are available with an open record request.

In many of our investigations, therapists reply to our questions with an answer similar to, "I didn't know our law said we had to do....." Please review our state statute and regulations and become familiar with them. If you do not have a copy, visit our web site at <http://pt.ky.gov> or call the board office and request a copy.

Finally, we have listed the names of any therapists who did not renew their license and have lapsed as of March 31, 2003. If your name is posted or you are working with any therapist whose name is printed, please contact the board office as soon as possible. They may be working on an expired license!

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read the information in this newsletter. Please don't hesitate to contact the board office or any one of our board members if you have any further questions.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Board member, Stefanie Lawhorn, P.T. on the birth of Katie, born April 9, 2003.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

October 2002 – May 2003

The following is a summary of disciplinary actions taken by the Board since the last Newsletter was published. It is intended as a summary for informational purposes only. All information is believed to be accurate. However, complete terms of each disciplinary action are contained in the Board's records. Monetary amounts paid to the Board generally represent the investigative costs and not the severity of the violation(s).



Jana Mason Brezendine, PT-000389

Date: 12/5/2002

Alleged Violations: KRS 327.070(2) and (7) (effective July 1984 to July 2000)

Final Action: Admits to violating KRS 327.070(10) (effective July 1984 to July 2000) for promoting for personal gain an unnecessary service.

Settlement Agreement: License suspended with conditions of reinstatement, pay the total sum of \$1,200.00 fine; conditions of reinstatement to include successful completion of the National Physical Therapy Examination, Jurisprudence Exam, payment of the total sum of \$4,000 to cover investigative costs, with probation, monitoring, and further costs upon reinstatement.

Susan Miller, PT-000260

Date: 12/5/2002

Alleged Violations: KRS 327.070(2), (7) and (9) (effective July 1984 to July 2000)

Final Action: Admits to violating KRS 327.070(2) and (7) (effective July 1984 to July 2000) for engaging in or permitting the performance of substandard care, and engaging in gross negligence or gross incompetence, and violating KRS 327.070(9) (effective July 1984 to July 2000) for failing to complete mandated documentation in violation of 201 KAR 22:053 § 6(2) and (4).

Settlement Agreement: License suspended with conditions of reinstatement, pay the total sum of \$1,000.00 fine; conditions of reinstatement to include successful completion of the National Physical Therapy Examination, Jurisprudence Exam, payment of the total sum of \$3,000 to cover investigative costs, with probation, monitoring, continuing education, and further costs upon reinstatement.

Debbie Kendall, PTA-00303

Date: 12/5/2002

Alleged Violations: KRS 327.070(2)(b) and (k)

Final Action: Admits to violating KRS 327.070(2)(k) by violating 201 KAR 22:053 § 4(8) for failing to discontinue physical therapy services when the reassessments were not done every 30 days by the licensed physical therapist as required by 201 KAR 22:053 § 3(h).

Settlement Agreement: 1 year probation with quarterly monitoring with payment of costs, pay the total sum of \$250.00 for administrative costs and \$325.00 for mediation costs, successfully complete the Jurisprudence Exam.

Guy Wallace, PT-002884

Date: 03/28/2002

Alleged Violations: KRS 327.070(2)(b) and (k)

Final Action: Admits to violating KRS 327.070(2)(k) by failing to obey an administrative regulation of the Board by violating 201 KAR 22:053 § 5(3)(h)(2) for failing to reassess two (2) minor patients every thirty (30) days following the initial evaluation or subsequent reassessment.

Settlement Agreement: 1 year Probation with quarterly monitoring with payment of costs, pay the total sum of \$500.00 fine and \$1,800.00 for administrative costs, successfully complete the Jurisprudence Exam.

Susan Lankford, PT-003375

Date: 03/28/2002

Alleged Violations: KRS 327.070(2)(b) and (k)

Final Action: Admits to violating KRS 327.070(2)(k) by violating 201 KAR 22:053 § 6(2) and (3) by not documenting progress notes and reassessments as mandated by regulation, and 201 KAR 22:053 § 5(1)(a), (b), (c) for failing to prepare a written plan for training and supervision of supportive personnel.

Settlement Agreement: 2 year Probation with quarterly monitoring with payment of costs, pay the total sum of \$500.00 fine and \$1,000.00 for investigative costs, completion of a six hour documentation course approved by the Board, and successfully complete the Jurisprudence Exam.

Francis John Kilbride, PT-004350

Date: 05/15/2003

Alleged Violations: KRS 327.050(1), KRS 214.615(1) and 201 KAR 22:020 § 1(3)

Final Order: License is Revoked by default pursuant to KRS 13B.080(6), violated KRS 327.050(1), KRS 214.615(1) and 201 KAR 22:020 § 1(3) by failing to provide the Board with proof within six months of his licensure that he completed an approved HIV/AIDS educational course.

**Cease and Desist Orders
October 2002 through May 2003**

The following is a list of violations of KRS 327.020(3) *“It shall be unlawful for any person, or for any business entity, its employees, agents, or representatives to use in connection with his or its name or business activity the words "physical therapy," "physical therapist," "physiotherapy," "physiotherapist," "registered physical therapist," the letters "P.T.," "L.P.T." or any other words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying directly or indirectly that physical therapy is provided or supplied or to bill for physical therapy unless such physical therapy is provided by or under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed and practicing in accordance with this chapter.”*

Lilliam Decastelli, The Light Touch, use of the term “physical therapy” in a Courier-Journal article.

John Baird, M.D., A Healing Art Clinic, use of the words “physical therapy” in an office announcement advertisement.

Bryant Bloss, M.D. and Mehmet S. Akaydin, Jr., M.D., Ohio Valley Medical Center, advertising physical therapy in the Yellow Pages.

???ARE YOU IN VIOLATION OF THE PT LAW???
CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Any changes in name and both home and physical therapy work addresses and phone numbers **must** be sent to the Board within 30 days of change according to **KRS 337.040(6)**.

Name _____ License # _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____ County _____
Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Primary Work Facility

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____ County _____
Phone (____) _____ Full/Part Time _____
PT Supervisor's Name _____ License # _____

Please mail or fax the above changes to our office.

Do you know how many renewals were sent out this biennial? 3,601
Kentucky now has 2198 active physical therapists and 1124 active physical therapist's assistants.

Do you know how many of those were returned because of change of address? 400
Think how much postage was wasted!

It is your obligation to notify the Board office of any change of address. Please keep this office informed.

LAPSED LICENSES: Our records show the following PT and PTA licenses/certificates lapsed March 31, 2003. Anyone continuing to practice physical therapy in Kentucky with a lapsed license is violating the Practice Act and is subject to penalties.

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

PT 004075	John D. Adamson , Jr.	PT 004073	Alicia Dawn Ferguson	PT 004107	Gentian S. Nuzzo
PT 002683	Sandra R. Albers	PT 004112	Rebecca Anne Ferrier	PT 004258	Emily S. Osborn
PT 003672	Mary Catherine Allan	PT 004383	Donald J. Frisz	PT 004052	Elizabeth Ann Paczynski
PT 002381	Stephanie T. Andrews	PT 000651	Esmeralda A. Gallagher	PT 003558	Christen Carol Pate
PT 003038	Stephanie M. Arey	PT 004172	Clayton Adam Gibbons	PT 003846	John Robert Pawlowski
PT 002170	Gilibeth Resano Asibal	PT 004082	Wendy Lou Gilton	PT 004369	Kelley B. Penrose
PT 003937	Amy Lynn Atkinson	PT 003205	Eric Alan Goebel	PT 002225	Cheri Dian Phillips
PT 003456	Heather Lee Atteberry	PT 004033	Anne Marie Gress	PT 001706	Valentin Pilea
PT 004278	Brent M. Bacher	PT 003482	Bryan C. Grissom	PT 003570	Amy Marie Piper
PT 004091	Edward M. Badillo	PT 004211	Christopher M. Guempel	PT 003885	Julie Ann Polseno-Ndiaye
PT 004093	Charmaine S. Badillo	PT 000777	Ellen Nance Hamilton	PT 004277	Michelle Louise Ponsler
PT 003365	Bryon Todd Ballantyne	PT 004282	Chad M. Hancock	PT 004239	Doris Fong Potts
PT 003643	Andrea Gayle Barnett	PT 003048	Roger Lynn Harris	PT 003675	Clarissa Anne Randolph
PT 004020	Leslie Robin Barrack	PT 004302	Sarah M. Harvieux	PT 003839	Daniel Wayne Rase
PT 002022	William M. Beck , II	PT 003328	Michael Joseph Haskins	PT 003295	David Philip Rhoads
PT 004101	Misty Dawn Behnken	PT 003211	Tonia Edwards Hatfield	PT 004200	Katie M. Rhodes
PT 003705	JoDee Kay Berg	PT 003153	Sean Michael Hayes	PT 004098	Roderick D. Rice
PT 001693	Laura Jean Bethel	PT 001981	Jeffrey D. Headdy	PT 003941	Craig David Rigney
PT 003043	Richard E. Blais , Jr.	PT 001727	Mark C. Healy	PT 003512	Jessica Marie Roddy
PT 003421	Margaret H. Blankenkemper	PT 003963	Melanie R. Heitz	PT 002994	James J. Rothbauer
PT 000166	Kay Blazoudakis	PT 004371	John G. Hensley	PT 003569	Thomas Mark Ruediger
PT 003699	Dwight Allan Boles	PT 001516	Nancy Y. Hess	PT 004296	Deborah A. Salz
PT 002924	Karen D. Bomar	PT 004293	Jayne Horton	PT 004286	Anne E. Schwartzing
PT 002487	Gina Bomediano	PT 002069	Leonora T. Huffman	PT 001028	Bruce C. Scott
PT 003546	Martyne Elizabeth Bonzo	PT 004102	Brooke Kriser Humble	PT 003677	Lori Jane Scott
PT 003894	Daniel Jacob Bosco	PT 002014	Amy G. Humphries	PT 002463	Kristin Lee Shearer
PT 003451	Heidi Mae Bovey	PT 003552	Suzanne Renee James	PT 001468	Sandra L. Shepard
PT 003450	Wendy Dale Bowen	PT 000875	James Greg Jennings	PT 001197	Carol Schaefer Shutt
PT 003868	Ann Marie Boyle	PT 003797	Judith Towne Jennings	PT 001940	L. Kelly Simms
PT 004378	Paul David Boys	PT 001539	Dana Patrick Jeter	PT 000665	Diane K. Smith
PT 004387	William Stephen Braden	PT 004342	Jim P. Johnson	PT 004126	Nichole D. Spake
PT 002817	Dianne Mary Brennan	PT 004361	Jason K. Johnson	PT 003625	Todd Michael Spitters
PT 002324	Janice M. Brightwell	PT 004259	Steven C. Jurjevich	PT 003143	Karlene Michelle St. Clair
PT 004363	Dayna A. Bryant	PT 000636	Mary Rose Kahmann	PT 001874	William Howard Staples
PT 002566	Bernadette F. Bugaoan	PT 000762	Ann Byrn Kaknes	PT 004094	Karen Anne Stephens
PT 003708	Kimberly McCoy Burch	PT 002116	Jennifer Woltermann Kamer	PT 000493	Kathleen N. Straus
PT 002889	Thomas Stephen Burnett	PT 004316	Marguerite S. Kasperczyk	PT 004122	Paul C. Thomas
PT 002135	Abby Lynn Busko	PT 003685	William Leon Kelley	PT 003516	Caroline Virginia Timoney
PT 004031	Mary Janel Carlson	PT 004350	Francis John Kilbride	PT 001443	Michelle Tucci
PT 003888	David Michael Carter	PT 004072	Tanya S. Kist	PT 004399	Michael G. Turkov
PT 004269	Kelly Ann Casey	PT 000437	Michael T. Klapheke	PT 002111	Gordon E. VanHoose
PT 004266	Lisa Chaundy	PT 003591	Kathy Nicole Klein	PT 003668	Stacy Hays Vaughn
PT 003704	Kathy Jayne Christensen	PT 004298	Scott A. Kleinschmidt	PT 003669	Brian Mason Vaughn
PT 003229	Karen Marie Coleman	PT 002379	Melissa L. Kontsis	PT 000763	Laurel A. Venable
PT 003960	Shawna Shockey Collier	PT 003891	Jennifer Anne Krawitt	PT 003581	Jessica Linn Victor
PT 004022	Tina Beckett Cope	PT 002440	David B. Lair	PT 002557	Arthur P. Villanueva
PT 002962	James Patrick Couch	PT 003152	Andrea Maria Lairson	PT 003830	Ginah Siton Vrooman
PT 003691	Lori Ann Cox	PT 004160	Chandelle Lanier	PT 002583	Richard Michael Walsh
PT 004168	Terry Lee Cox	PT 002503	Cornelia P. Lantrip	PT 004194	Kristi Wauligman
PT 003304	Krystan Ann Coyle	PT 003959	Karen Elaine Lawson	PT 003795	Georgia Finch Westbrook
PT 003231	Shelley Adams Cranfill	PT 003690	Cynthia Eleanor Lawson	PT 003401	Shannon Nicole White
PT 004054	Bradley James Cummings	PT 002828	Dina C. Lay	PT 003703	Darin Michael White
PT 003943	Krista Michelle Darbro	PT 003475	Su-jin Lee	PT 004179	Shari L. Wilkins
PT 003076	Kathrine Ann Davis	PT 003528	Cynthia St. Arnaud Liggett	PT 003736	John Scott Wood , Jr.
PT 003389	Lisa Ann DeFinis	PT 004294	Laura Rose Listerman	PT 003974	Michelle Anne Young
PT 003776	Mame Leigh DeHaven	PT 003983	Kimberly Anne Lund	PT 004039	Nichole Louise Zikmund
PT 003487	Stephanie Taylor Delk	PT 004048	Jennifer Evans Lutz	PT 002886	Jason Craig Zullo
PT 003588	Bridget A. Dial	PT 003913	Cameron Kelly Lynch		
PT 004156	Joan A. Domengeaux	PT 000183	Julia Lynch		
PT 004183	W. Kevin Dorsey	PT 003695	Lendel A. Maniquiz		
PT 003828	Mitchell Wayne Douglas	PT 004059	Nicole Marie Marcucci		
PT 003892	Brandi Leigh Doyle	PT 003600	Rebecca Diane McCarty		
PT 003877	Jennifer Ann Dubbert	PT 003799	Carolyn Jeanne McDowell		
PT 002966	Joseph James Dudley	PT 004045	Jason Jacob Mehler		
PT 004390	Jennifer M. Dunbar	PT 003303	Sejal Sameer Mehta		
PT 001506	Jennifer Edwards	PT 002086	Richard H. Milburn , Jr.		
PT 003751	William Edmund Egan	PT 001755	Debra A. Miller		
PT 001579	Mary Beth Evan	PT 004017	Amy Kristen Mischnick		
PT 003971	Maureen Duffy Eve	PT 004204	JulieAnn Buchino Mottern		
PT 003636	Sherry Lynn Fadel	PT 002651	Karen Ann Mulder		
PT 003973	Ann Dee Feehan	PT 003825	Jose Mario A. Niere		

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PTA A01549	Amy Lynn Davis	PTA A01370	Gina Ann Lewis	PTA A00821	Anna Marie Skaggs
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WEBSITE

Please note our website has changed to <http://pt.ky.gov>. It will soon be upgraded to comply with the new standards that the state of Kentucky has established. All state government offices and department websites will follow the same format. This will enhance the accessibility from different agencies within state government. It will also be compliant with ADA accessibility

Our Home Page has information on:

- Board Opinions
- Verification of licensure
- Application & Forms
- Past newsletters
- Filing a Complaint
- Laws and Regulations
- Board meeting dates.
- Links to organizations such as KPTA and APTA

We are proud of our efforts and will continue to develop and improve the website to meet the demands of the licensees and the consumers to better serve you. We encourage feedback to assist us with this mission. Write to: kybpt@mail.state.ky.us.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We are printing a few of the more frequently asked questions the board office receives. The following may be of interest to you:

Q. Can a physical therapist's assistant work under the supervision of a Chiropractor?

A. 201 KAR 22:101 § 1 defines "*A physical therapist's assistant shall be a skilled health care worker who performs physical therapy and related duties as assigned by the physical therapist. (1) This work shall be carried out only under the supervision and direction of the therapist to whom the employee is responsible.*" Also, 201 KAR 22:053 Section 4 states, "*Provide services only under the supervision and direction of a physical therapist.*" Therefore, it would be a violation of the Practice Act for a physical therapist's assistant to work under the supervision of a Chiropractor and hold himself out to the public as a PTA or as providing physical therapy services of any type.

Q. Does a PT have the legal authority to supervise restorative aides in a home health setting or skilled nursing home?

A. No. Supervision of restorative aides is the responsibility of the nursing department. A physical therapist may develop an exercise program and discharge the patient to the care of the nursing department.

Q. If a PTA is working a rotating weekend shift in a hospital, does a PT need to be on-site while the PTA is administering care?

A. No, but the PT must be available by telecommunications at all times. The PTA must also follow an established plan of care developed by the supervising PT responsible for the patient.

Q. May a PTA revise goals that have been established by the PT?

A. No. Only PT's may develop or revise goals and a plan of care. A PTA may report goal achievement and document changes that have occurred.

Q. What is a written plan for the training and supervision of supportive personnel?

A. A written plan is not an employment form. It is a clinical checklist of competencies that detail the type of care supportive personnel is capable of performing without compromising a patient's plan of care. As stated in 201 KAR 22:053 §5: It shall include:

- (a) A list of clinical competencies of each supportive personnel;
- (b) The method for monitoring and supervising care provided by supportive personnel.
- (c) The date and signature of the supervisor and supportive personnel governed by the plan.

Q. Is wound debridement within the scope of practice?

A. A therapist may do any and all aspects of wound care, up to and including sharp debridement as long as they maintain competency in wound care. If a physical therapist is not competent in wound care, they should seek to further their education and training so they will be competent or should simply refer such patients to other therapists. Providing substandard care, committing gross incompetence, and refusing to refer patients to others when the treatment or service is beyond the scope of practice of that individual physical therapist are offenses for which the Board may take disciplinary action under KRS Chapter 327. See KRS 327.070(2) and 201 KAR 22:053 (3)(2).

Q. What is a therapist's ethical responsibility if a patient has reached their highest functional level and progress is not occurring, but the physician continues recommending additional treatment?

A. Physical therapists in the State of Kentucky do not need a physician referral to treat a patient. However, if a physician continues to refer a patient who is not making progress, the PT should not use the physician referral as the rationale to avoid discharging. According to KRS 327.070 (2)(1), "*Promoting for personal gain an unnecessary device, treatment, procedure, or service, ...*," is a violation of our statute. It is a therapists ethical duty to discharge the patient and to discuss it with the physician and patient.

Reminder: KRS 327.025 requires a licensee or any person to report all suspected violations of statutes or administrative rule to the Board. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action.