

KENTUCKY STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY NEWSLETTER BRIEF

WINTER 1994

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

In October, Governor Brereton C. Jones appointed physical therapist Pamela C. Howard of Pikeville to a three year term on the Kentucky State Board of Physical Therapy, replacing physical therapist Bill Harkins of Hopkinsville whose term expired.

A '78 graduate of the University of Kentucky, Pam is a lifelong resident of our state. Following graduation she worked at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville and for the last 10 yrs has been in private practice at the PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC, coming to her position on the board with 16 yrs of clinical experience. Pam is married and has 2 children, a 9 yr old son, Justin, and a 6 yr old daughter, Brandi.

The Board and staff welcome Ms Howard and extend their appreciation & thanks to Mr Harkins for his years of service during his second appointment to the board.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Deborah Tharp, P.T., CHAIRMAN	Paintsville
Tom. Pennington, P.T, SECRETARY	Bowling Green
James DeLapp, Public Member	Louisville
Georgia King, P.T. CHAIR-ELECT	Stanton
Pamela Howard, P.T.	Pikeville

NEW STAFF IN BOARD OFFICE

Sherry Delph joined the staff of the Board of Physical Therapy as Secretary on September 1st, replacing 3 1/2 year employee, secretary Kaye Hardin who resigned from the Board effective September 7th to "reenter" retirement.

Sherry transferred into our agency from the Board of Barbering, and previous to that, worked with the Board of Medical Licensure. Board members and the Executive Secretary are delighted to welcome Sherry who comes to us with 8+ years of experience in licensure issues. She has quickly adapted to the needs of our Board and is providing strong support during our transition to PCs from the dedicated WP System utilized by the Board since 1984. Sherry is a native of Louisville, is married, and has two adult daughters, an RN and an Audiologist.

HARRINGTON SURRENDERS KY P.T. LICENSE

Edith L. Harrington, a REHABWORKS employee from Herndon, VA has voluntarily surrendered her Kentucky Physical Therapist license, (P.T.-002475) in lieu of completing the required four hour HIV/AIDS education requirements of licensure. She had been granted her Kentucky license on 01/11/94.

BOURQUIN SURRENDERS KY P.T.A. CERTIFICATE

Marcus J. Bourquin, a REHABILITY, INC employee from Kansas has voluntarily surrendered his Kentucky Physical Therapist's Assistant certificate, (A-000797) in lieu of completing the required four hour HIV/AIDS education requirements of licensure. He had been certified in Kentucky 02/18/94.

ALERT CONCERNING MEDICAL RECORDS

During the 1994 Session of the Legislature, KRS 422.317 was enacted, and reads, "Upon a patient's written request, a hospital licensed under KRS Chapter 216B or a *health care provider* (emphasis added) shall provide, without charge to the patient, a copy of the patient's medical record. A copying fee, not to exceed one dollar (\$1) per page, may be charged by the health care provider for furnishing a second copy of the patient's medical record upon request either by the patient or the patient's attorney or the patient's authorized representative.

FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY ACTIVITIES/KSBPT

The Kentucky State Board of Physical Therapy's Board members and Executive Secretary play an active roll in the FSBPT. Former Board Member, and current Board Investigator Richard McDougall has continuously been elected as Treasurer of the Federation since it was founded in 1987. Board Chairman Deborah Tharp previously chaired the Membership & Legislative Committees and is currently a member, and Chair-elect of the Nominating Committee. She has also been active in the FSBPT since '87, even during the years *between* appointments to the Board. Tom Pennington has been appointed by the BOD to the Finance Committee, and Executive Secretary Nancy Brinly was recently appointed as first chairman of the Board Administrator Committee. She also serves on the Foreign Educated Committee, and previously served on the Ethics & Standards of Practice, Program, and Membership Committees. All states (jurisdictions), as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico belong to the FSBPT as "Member Boards". All Member Boards are *not* as active as Kentucky's!

LICENSE PROBATION EXTENDED

The license probation of Physical Therapist Elizabeth Douthitt of Jackson, Kentucky has been extended 12 months, until 11/14/96, due to violation of the terms of her Agreed Order.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KENTUCKY EXAMINEES

Persons sitting for the NPTE here performed well compared to National statistics as to pass/fail status. This is particularly commendable considering the fact that CRITERION REFERENCED vs the previously utilized -1.5 SD scoring is required in Kentucky.

<u>EXAM DATE</u>	<u>LIC TYPE</u>	<u># PERSONS</u>	<u>PASS RATE</u>
07/13/94	P.T.	26	92%
	P.T.A.	48	89.58%
11/09/94	P.T.	83	92.77%
	P.T.A.	8	100%

Welcome, & congratulations to new licensees!



CALENDAR OF BOARD RELATED
ACTIVITIES

January 1995	Mail License Renewal Notices
January 4, 1995	Filing deadline, March Exam
February 16-17, 1995	Board Meeting, Louisville
March 1, 1995	P.T. & P.T.A. Licensure Exam
March 4 - 7 1995	FSBPT Annual Meeting, Phoenix
March 31, 1995	License renewal DEADLINE
April 21, 1995	Board Meeting, Louisville

GUIDELINES FOR RENEWAL

1) The Board urges *EACH* person to check with the Administrator of your service to determine if any *INTERNAL POLICIES* mandate proof of renewal by 03/31; or if any *OUTSIDE* source such as JCAH or the Division of Licensure & Regulation in Frankfort will be doing a *site visit* to your facility or clinic shortly following the March 31st **LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE**. If so, to ensure that you will have your '95-'97 billfold license and wall certificate validation "in hand" by 04/01 you must have renewed by the end of February! Please do not call the office to ask for an exception.

2) Due to the severe constraints on Board staff time during the period during and immediately following the renewal period, verifications of renewal status absolutely will *not* be made.

3) To be eligible for license renewal, ALL individuals must have completed a HIV/AIDS EDUCATION course during the '93-'95 licensure biennium (01/93-12/94). If licensed prior to 01/93, you must have completed a course of at least two hrs. If you were licensed or issued a temporary permit in 1993 or 1994, you will have completed an approved course of 4 or more hours. **ONLY NEW LICENSEES ARE TO MAIL THE BOARD A COPY OF THE COURSE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE**. Immediately following renewal the board will conduct a random audit of all persons who have renewed. If audited, you will *then* be required to mail the board a copy of your certificate.

4) If you elect to not renew your license, please write the board advising of your decision.

The Board of Physical Therapy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or in the provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs & activities.

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