



# KENTUCKY STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY NEWSLETTER

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## NEW BOARD MEMBER

On August 9, 2000, Governor Paul E. Patton appointed Debra S. Turner, PT, to the board. Debra is a 1990 graduate of the University of Kentucky. She is the Director of Rehabilitation services for Dry Ridge Physical Therapy, an affiliate of American Rehabilitation Group. Her work experience includes outpatient clinics, home health, and long term care facilities.

Active in her community, Debra is the current treasurer of the Grant Co. Chamber of Commerce and a member of Williamstown Baptist Church where she plays handbells. She is a ten year member of the Kentucky Physical Therapy Association and has been chair of the education committee and a member of the nominating and socioeconomic committees. In 1995, she was the recipient of the KPTA Richard V. McDougall Fledgling Award.

She currently lives in Williamstown, married to Matthew Turner, a Williamstown High School mathematics teacher, and has two sons, Drew, age 2, and Chase, 3 months.

Debra's term expires August 2, 2004.

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## Items of interest on our WEB site are:

Statutes  
Regulations  
Board Declaratory Rulings  
Verification of Licensure  
History of the Board  
Board Members and Staff

## CALENDAR OF BOARD RELATED ACTIVITIES

January 1, 2001	Renewal Forms Mailed
January 1, 2001	Tom Pennington, PT, Board Term Ends
January 11, 2001	Board Meeting
March 15, 2001	Board Meeting
<b>March 31, 2001</b>	<b>License Renewal Ends</b>
April 20-23, 2001	FSBPT 2001 Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ
April 30, 2001	Sandra Payne, PT, 1st Board Term Ends
April 30, 2001	Bettye Lovorn, Public Member, Board Term Ends
May 17, 2001	Board Meeting
July 12, 2001	Board Meeting
September 7-9, 2001	FSBPT 2001 Educational Meeting, Baltimore, MD
September 13, 2001	Board Meeting
November 8, 2001	Board Meeting
December 3, 2001	Joan Dalton, PT, Board Term Ends

Board meetings are held in Louisville at the Board Office, dates subject to change. Please call the Board in advance at (502) 327-8497 if you plan to attend.

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# May 2000 to November 2000 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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.

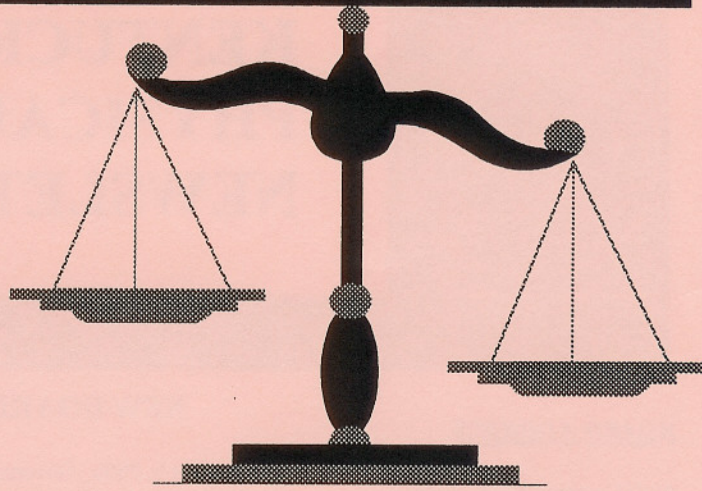
Persons with violations listed which are Administrative Regulations have first violated KRS 327.070 (9) (effective July 16, 1996 thru July 14, 2000).

**Keith Hausman**  
Louisville, KY

**PT - 001043**  
**Date: 07/13/00**

**Alleged Violations:** 201 KAR 22:053 §§ 3 and 6

**Final Action:** Settlement Agreement: 90 day license suspension; 2 yr. monitored probation; 6 hours of documentation courses, successful passing of the jurisprudence exam, administrative costs of \$2,000; monitoring costs not to exceed \$400/visit for 2 yrs; final action modified to replace documentation courses with supervised physical therapy evaluations by a licensed physical therapist appointed by the Board.



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## Assessments and Reassessments by Sandra Payne

Often times as physical therapy practitioners, we hear rules over and over and become complacent with their meaning and/or rationalize their intent. Assessments and reassessments are two areas that should not be overlooked. When reviewing various regulations that specifically govern the practice of physical therapy, such as 201 KAR 22:053 Section 3(1)(a) (b)(c), we read that we are to "evaluate each patient prior to any treatment, upon receipt of a patient from another P.T. service, facility, or agency and when requested by a referring professional".

With the advent of telehealth and technology, the board interprets this regulatory requirement to mean that "evaluations" are hands on, live with the patient, and in person. The board further interprets that mere review of records does not meet criteria for an "evaluation" under the intent of this law nor, for example, does merely viewing a video tape of a patient's performance. All evaluations must be hands on and documented in the patient's physical therapy record per Section 6 (1) (a through j).

201 KAR 22:053 Section 5 (3)(f)(g)(h)(i)

states we are to "reassess inpatients every 14 days, school system or ICF facility defined by 902 KAR 20:086 every 90 days, and all other patients every 30 days or 20 visits (whichever comes first), or when the medical condition changes." What happens if the mandated reassessment is not performed? The Board interprets this regulatory requirement to mean that no further therapy will be provided unless the reassessment is completed in the appropriate time frame. Thus, a certified physical therapist's assistant working on the patient must notify the supervising physical therapist and the supporting agency that reassessment is due and that no further therapy will be provided until the proper reassessment has been done in accordance with 201 KAR 22:053 Section 6 (3).

Therapists working with a patient not using a PTA may incorporate the reassessment into the regular progress note but it must be labeled "reassessment" and must further comply with Section 6 (3).

Where physical therapy services are being provided to a child in the same facility within the school system and the treating physical therapist of record is changing,

the Board provides this interpretation of how to meet these regulatory requirements. A reevaluation is not required to be performed again for 90 days from the previous assessment under the above-cited regulation. Treatment may continue for 90 days from the date of the initial evaluation provided, as allowed by the regulation, only if the patient's medical condition has not "changed."

Treatment after 90 days with no reassessment by a P.T. is a violation of the practice act. The Board recommends that a prudent therapist make a hands on reassessment to determine the current goals and treatment plan are appropriate and provide direction, communication, and goals to the attending PTA in cases where the PTA is carrying out the regular physical therapy on the patient.

The Board advises that all practitioners read and become familiar with the regulations, and write to the Board if any questions arise. It is easier to inquire about an issue ahead of time than to take a questionable action that may later be found to be in violation of the Practice Act.