



# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## NEWSLETTER

FALL 2017

### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



In this newsletter, you will learn about the latest updates to the Practice Act (Page 1) and upcoming plans to revise the Physical Therapy Board Rules (Page 2). Please note that the Practice Act changes became effective August 1, 2017, but the Board Rule changes will not be effective until the Rules revision process is complete with the state of Louisiana. We will keep licensees updated on the process, but Rule changes are expected to be effective in late 2018.

We expect to have more discussion related to changes to Rule in the coming months. Please review the proposed Rule revisions (Page 2) and contact the board staff if you have any questions or concerns.

Our hearts are heavy for all who are affected by Hurricane Harvey and other storms anticipated during this hurricane season. Licensee who are directly impacted by a natural disaster may qualify for continuing education exemption. See Page 2 of the newsletter for more information on how to submit for an exemption.

### RECENT CHANGES TO THE PRACTICE ACT

*Effective: August 1, 2017*

#### **Qualifications for License; Foreign Graduates (La. R.S. 37:2410)**

Updated language for licensing individuals who graduated from a non-CAPTE accredited program of study located outside the United States.

#### **Physical Therapist Assistant; Foreign Graduates (La. R.S. 37:2411.1)**

Allows for licensing procedures for individuals who graduate from a non-CAPTE accredited PTA program of study located outside of the United States.

#### **Physical Therapist Assistant; Military Training (La. R.S. 37:2411.2)**

Allows for licensing procedures for individuals who were trained through the military to work as a PTA in the military, but did not complete a CAPTE-accredited PTA program of study.

#### **Fees; Receipts and Disbursements (La. R.S. 37:2424.A.,D.)**

Establishes a maximum amount that the board can charge for review of a course or activity of continuing education.

*An updated version of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board Practice Act and Rules which reflects these changes can be downloaded from the Board website or by clicking [here](#).*

### CURRENT BOARD

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
Don Cassano, Jr., PT Chairman	Aug 2017
Kristina Lounsberry, PT Secretary/Treasurer	July 2018
Beth Austin, PT	July 2019
Patrick Cook, PT	Sept 2018
Julie Harris, PT	Dec 2019
Craig Prejean, PTA	Sept 2019

## RULES REVISION UPDATE:

**Rule changes are NOT effective yet.** The board must successfully complete the Rules Revision process with the state of Louisiana, which can take between 5—12 months once the Rule revisions are filed with the state. The board anticipates filing for a Rule revision by the end of the calendar year in 2017. At the Regular Scheduled board meeting held on June 20, 2017, the board members reviewed and voted on the following Rule changes. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the board office staff for discussion at the next board meeting.

### Definition of Patient Care Conference (Rule §123)

The proposed language would allow the Patient Care Conference to be conducted remotely.

*“Patient Care Conference—a meeting between a PTA who is providing patient care and the Supervising PT of Record to discuss the status of patients. This conference shall be conducted where the PT and PTA are both physically present at the same time and place or live verbal conversation using electronic communications.”*

### Documentation Standards: Patient Care Conference (Rule §341.A.6.)

The proposed language provides guidance related to documentation standards without duplicating language regarding the definition in Rule §123.

*“Patient care conference as defined in §123 shall be documented in the treatment record. The written record of the conference shall be signed and dated by the Supervising PT of Record and the physical therapist assistant prior to the next treatment date or within 7 days of the conference, whichever occurs first.”*

### PT Tech Supervision (Rule §335)

The proposed language clarifies that a PTA can use a PT Tech without the PT present in one case: to ensure the safety and welfare of a patient during ambulation, transfers, or functional activities.

*“To ensure the safety and welfare of a patient during ambulation, transfers, or functional activities, the PTA may utilize one or more physical therapy technicians for physical assistance when the physical therapist is not on premises.”*



### OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED:

The board is currently reviewing the Physical Therapy Practice Act and will discuss rule changes. If you have any suggestions of a rule change, please send an email to Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, at [charlotte@laptboard.org](mailto:charlotte@laptboard.org) with “Rule Change Request” in the subject line.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION EXEMPTIONS

Licensees who were affected by Tropical Storm Harvey or the 2016 August flood, and are unable to fulfill the continuing education requirements for the biennial reporting period should refer to Rule §198 for guidance. Be advised that exemption requests must be received at least 45 days prior to the end of the renewal period for which the exemption is sought. For detailed information on the procedure for submitting a request for continuing education exemption, visit [www.laptboard.org/ce-exemptions](http://www.laptboard.org/ce-exemptions).

### Interested in public service? Consider the Advisory Committee of the board!

Serving on a professional regulatory board can be a very rewarding experience.

The time commitment for Advisory Committee Members is attendance at a minimum of 2 board meetings per year in Lafayette, LA and participation in board activities as delegated by the board. Advisory Committee members are trained by the board in areas of continuing education course application review, license applicant interviews and monitoring visits of disciplined licensees.

*Interested individuals should send resumes to [charlotte@laptboard.org](mailto:charlotte@laptboard.org) no later than October 6th*

### ADVISORY

**Althea Jones, PT**  
New Orleans

**Christopher Franks, PT**  
Lake Charles

**Jason Douglas, PT**  
Larose

**Jeremy Dye, PT**  
Shreveport

**Joe Guthrie, PT**  
McComb, MS

**Nicholas Butler, PT**  
Monroe

**Robert Montenaro, PT**  
Baton Rouge

**Ryan Usner, PT**  
Harahan

## LICENSES NOT RENEWED

Notice of licensees who choose to not renew their Louisiana license is provided to the public. Non-renewal is not grounds for disciplinary action and should not be interpreted as such. Individuals who will not be renewing their license in Louisiana are to complete a [Notice of Non-Renewal of License form](#). Completing the form does not exempt individuals from public notification list in the newsletter. The following PTs and PTAs have not renewed their licenses to practice physical therapy in the state of Louisiana, which resulted in expiration of their license on April 30, 2017 (*Rule §179*).

Elizabeth Ann Ackermann, PT	Laura Dyan Dunnick, PT*	Elizabeth Ann Lanson, PT	Kristin Theresa Scotland, PT*
Gary Joseph Adams, PTA	Laura Stampley Ecker, PT	Lauren Michelle Lavo, PT	Meena Kumari Sharma, PTA*
Maria Angela Aguirre, PT*	Andrew Michael Ellard, PT*	Shane John Leonard, PTA*	Jesse Arthur Sherrod, PTA*
Claire Elizabeth Alesi Dean, PT	Amber English Grant, PTA*	Wanda Fae Lindgren, PTA	Amanda Kathleen Smith, PT*
Karen Mary Ammerman, PTA*	Alvin E. Fandrich, PT	Kevin Joseph Lohr, PT	Roderick Renaud Smith, PTA*
Jason Mark Anderson, PTA*	Carrie Ann Farmer, PT	Victoria Jane Magryta, PTA	Carlos Ray Snellgrove, PT
Jaclyn Annette Arpin, PT	Amanda Frances Farmer, PT	Samantha Maiden, PT	Sasha Sorensen, PTA*
Jenne Marie Assard, PT*	Mark John Gagnon, PT	Alexander Selle Marthinsen, PT	Matthew Thomas Steed, PT*
Christina Marie Avery, PT	Swapna Sharad Gandre, PT	Andrea Leigh Marthinsen, PT	Bruno Umberto Karl Steiner, PT
Stephen Edward Aycock, PTA	Monica H Gibson, PT	Mary Renee Matthews, PT	Andrew Louis Stout, PT*
Kara Eileen Azotea, PT*	Kate Helena Grigg, PT*	Kelly Ann Mauro, PT*	Jennifer Jo Struc, PTA*
Ryan Mattson Baker, PT	William Travis Hall, PTA*	Colleen Marie McBee, PT	Paulette Taku, PT
Oren Bar, PT	Leigh Lanus Hancock, PT	Ronald Lee Mennenga, PTA*	Keri Saint Thornton, PT
Genevieve Marie Barrett, PT	Mary Margaret Hebert, PT	Nathan Patrick Michel, PTA	Jahan Eslampour Threeths, PT*
Kelly Brook Bartley, PT	Marion Irene Heck, PT	Meghan Morgan Mieczkowski, PT*	Andrew Vinh Tran, PT*
Haley Meredith Bassett, PT	Laureen Marie Hermann, PTA	Brandon Gregg Moss, PTA*	Faustina Tran, PT
Naomi Grace Bauer, PT	Amy Elizabeth Hobbs, PT	James Garrigues Mullins, PTA	Jennifer Ann Watts, PT*
Phyllis Luckett Blackburn, PT	Sherron Kay Hollier, PT*	Sandra Gayle Mullins, PT	Molly Catherine Wegener, PT
Ashlee Michelle Blount, PT*	Bessie Jean Holloway, PT*	John Carroll Musso, PT	Elaine Meri Westlake, PT
Kayla Marie Boudreaux, PTA	Kathleen Mary Holloway, PTA	Tuyen Thanh Nguyen, PT*	Virginia Millette Wilson, PT
Leslie Gene Brady, PTA	Emily Marie Vickers Holt, PT*	Elizabeth O'Connor, PT	Jessica Noelle Yanta, PT
Clayton Hamilton Brakeville, PT	Brian Wayne Hopkins, PT	Ruel Gumera Oga, PT*	Joy Patricia Yao, PT
Victoria Lynn Brauner, PTA	John Walter Houston, PT	Heather Rae Perlis, PTA*	Marvalyn Young, PTA
Brandon Lee Brown, PTA*	Kayla Howard, PTA	Katherine Marie Poisel, PT*	Meghan Elizabeth Zayas, PT*
Amber Renee Buckel, PTA*	Jessica Michelle Howe, PT*	Kimberly Ann Rea, PTA*	Gregory Scott Zelden, PT
Jovirick Alfonso Buscar, PT	Kay Hummel, PT	Nancy Anne Redding, PT*	April Shivonne Zollicoffer, PTA
Michelle Kadish Butler, PT*	Valentini Imvriotis, PT	Joseph Resetich, PT	
Matthew Thomas Cameron, PT	Whitney Reagan Jackson, PT	Brandon Tyler Revelle, PTA	
Traci Rachelle Campbell, PTA	Gary Russell Johnson, PT*	Carmen Ann Robert Cellos, PTA	
Tzena Ramona Carpenter, PTA	Amanda Dawn Johnson, PT*	Margaret Robichaux, PT	
Ashley Mae Carrick, PTA	Michael Joseph Johnston, PT*	Julia Infante Rodriguez, PT	
Anthony J Celio, PT*	Kim Renee Keifrider, PT	Barbara D Roussel, PT*	
David Adam Chessen, PT	Jeremy Ray Kennedy, PT*	Brittany Mikaela Rush, PT	
Nancy Marie Churchill, PTA	Geoffrey Gaines Kergosien, PT	Carla Denise Russell, PTA*	
Carol Anne Coutant, PT	Jennifer Lynn Kieffer, PT	Marisol Russell, PTA	
Miljan Cukic, PTA	Rickey Don Killian, PT	Angel Rodrigo Mercado Sayo, Jr., PT	
Leslie John Daigle, PT	Malia L. King, PTA	Deborah Bernice Schilling, PT	
Alice Marie Davis, PT	Aimee Kathleen Kramer, PT*	Joshua Gregory Schmitt, PT*	
Dale D Donnelly, PTA*	Noah Golden LaBauve, PT	Meagan Alicia Schwenneker, PTA	

\* Licensees notified the board of non-renewal by submitting a [Notice of Non-Renewal Form](#).

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION

**Ronald Helwig, PT 04386, New Orleans, LA, Administrative Complaint 2017-I-009.** Respondent engaged in the exploitation of the physical therapy referral mechanism so that a referring practitioner received value in return for a patient referral. Respondent reprimand includes essay requirement, random monitoring visits, and additional CEUs to be completed within one year.

**Elizabeth Winkler-Schmit, PT 02566, New Orleans, LA, Administrative Complaint 2017-I-009.** Respondent engaged in the exploitation of the physical therapy referral mechanism so that a referring practitioner received value in return for a patient referral. Respondent reprimand includes essay requirement, random monitoring visits, and additional CEUs to be completed within one year.

**Lisa Taglauer, PTA A4642, New Orleans, LA, Administrative Complaint 2017-I-009.** Respondent engaged in the exploitation of the physical therapy referral mechanism so that a referring practitioner received value in return for a patient referral. Respondent reprimand includes essay requirement, random monitoring visits, and additional CEUs to be completed within one year.

**Andrew Stout, PT 09335R, Lake Charles, LA, Administrative Complaint No. 2017-I-010.** Respondent failed to timely renew. On June 6, 2017, he entered into an Informal Consent Order with the board which includes reporting requirements and reversal of charges for all treatments provided by licensee during the period he was not licensed.

**Rick Schenck, PTA A09359, Lafayette, LA, Administrative Complaint 2017-I-011.** Mr. Schenck treated patients as a physical therapist assistant in the home health setting prior to completing one year of supervised work experience as required by board rule. Respondent's license shall be on probation for a minimum of one year. Respondent shall cooperate with random monitoring visits by the board. Respondent shall complete an additional two hours of continuing education courses with an emphasis on ethics. Respondent shall submit an essay explaining how his conduct violated the physical therapy practice act and board rules.

**Garret Woods, PT 09375, Lafayette, LA, Administrative Complaint 2017-I-021.** Licensee failed to comply with the terms of his agreement with the board upon licensure. Respondent's license is suspended for a minimum period of six months. Respondent shall establish six consecutive months of sobriety prior to conclusion of suspension period. Respondent's license shall be on probation for a minimum period of five years. For as long as he holds a license, respondent shall not seek or accept work in a home health setting, shall provide a copy of his consent order to his employers, supervisors, and co-workers, and shall participate in random drug screens.

## RAP BACK PROGRAM

Effective: January 11, 2017

In efforts to maximize public protection, the board approved the decision to participate in the FBI Rap Back Program.

*“The Rap Back service allows authorized agencies to receive notification of activity on individuals who hold positions of trust (e.g. school teachers, daycare workers) or who are under criminal justice supervision or investigation, thus eliminating the need for repeated background checks on a person from the same applicant agency. Prior to the deployment of Rap Back, the national criminal history background check system provided a one-time*



*snapshot view of an individual’s criminal history status. With Rap Back, authorized agencies can receive on-going status notifications of any criminal history reported to the FBI after the initial processing and retention of criminal or civil transactions. By using fingerprint identification to identify*

*persons arrested and prosecuted for crimes, Rap Back provides a nationwide notice to both criminal justice and noncriminal justice authorities regarding subsequent actions.”*

<https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/fingerprints-and-other-biometrics/ngi>

### What does this mean for you?

Licensees should report arrests to the board as soon as possible and on your biannual license renewal. If arrests are intentionally not reported, and an arrest report is received through the Rap Back program, the board will take the necessary precautions for that licensee.

## CHAIRMAN’S REPORT



I have had the honor to serve as a board member in Louisiana for the past three years, and to serve as Chairman in 2017. Although my term expired in August 2017, I will continue to serve in my position until Governor John Bel Edwards appoints a replacement. During my tenure on the board, I have had the privilege of meeting individuals outside our profession, including state officials and national regulatory leaders, who view our licensees as highly professional and our profession as one that is focused on patient outcomes and safety. I did not realize how many lives we as a profession have touched until I became a board member and was provided the opportunity to interact with individuals who have shared their personal experiences and experiences of family members or friends who have a special place in their heart for their physical therapist. I am proud to be part of a profession that has literally change lives. It also made me a better board member because I know that unethical practitioners can do harm to individuals who otherwise could have the opportunity to have a success story.

Protecting the citizens of Louisiana is the priority of the board. During my time on the board, we have been actively involved with educating lawmakers on the importance of access to physical therapy for individuals who need physical therapy care, as well as procedures for licensure, particularly military-trained PTAs. In 2016, the board revised the Rules related to the continuing education requirements in 2016. This year the board will focus on clarifying Rules that are confusing and streamlining language in Rule, as well as updating outdated Rule language. I encourage you to get involved with the Rules revision process by reviewing Rules and notifying the board staff of recommendations that you have for improving Rule language. Engaging with the board is important and I encourage all licensees to get involved in any way you can. The staff at the board office works closely with the board and they are tremendously resourceful. I encourage you to reach out to the staff with questions or a concerns. Your message will be communicated to the board and addressed in a timely manner.

The board benefits by having your involvement. One thing that I learned is this: the benefit that the board may have received with my involvement was reciprocated exponentially. The knowledge that I gained by being involved is invaluable to my practice and I believe that I will be a better practitioner for my patients because of it. I encourage all licensees to get involved in any way you can.

Don Cassano, Jr., PT, MPT, DPT, OCS

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### PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED!

Do you have a picture related to physical therapy that you would like to share with others? We are currently looking for photographs to add to our website. They will be used for our home page news and must be high-quality pictures that were taken by the submitter and are not copyrighted. The size that is preferred is a width of 1,170 pixels and height of 492 pixels. You may submit your picture to [info@laptboard.org](mailto:info@laptboard.org) with "Photo Submission" in the subject line.



### Congratulations to Charlotte Martin for earning the Outstanding Service Award from FSBPT!

Mrs. Martin will be honored at the Awards Luncheon at the FSBPT 2017 Annual Meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo in November.

*"Live with intention. Walk to the edge. Listen hard. Practice wellness. Play with abandon. Laugh. Choose with no regret. Appreciate your friends. Continue to learn. Do what you love. Live as this is all there is."*

*--Mary Ann Radmacher*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### BOARD MEETINGS

**September**

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 4:00 pm

**October**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 4:00 pm

**November**

No Board Meeting in November

**December**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 4:00 pm

### JURISPRUDENCE SEMINARS

**Sunday, September 17, 2017**

**Baton Rouge**

1:00pm-3:00pm

Crowne Plaza, 4728 Constitution Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

*(In conjunction with the LPTA Fall Meeting)*

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**Mandeville**

6:00pm-8:00pm

Spitzfaden / Mandeville Community Center  
3090 East Causeway Approach  
Mandeville, LA 70448

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

**Monroe**

5:30pm-7:30pm

Ouachita Valley Branch Library  
601 McMilliam Road  
West Monroe, LA 71291

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