



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear PT Community,

I encourage you to visit our website, www.laptboard.org to keep up-to-date with the latest information related to the regulation of the profession of physical therapy. We have recently added a Board Statements page to the News & Events tab, which is a historical reference for board statements posted on a variety of topics in the profession. We also now have a presence on Facebook and Twitter to increase social media presence related to the PSA, as well as to push notifications to the public regarding upcoming board meetings and live Jurisprudence offerings. If you have not done so already, please "Like" our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter. You will begin receiving notifications directly to your profile as they come available. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our social media presence, please do not hesitate to email me at charlotte@laptboard.org.

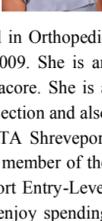
Charlotte Martin, MPA
Executive Director

CURRENT BOARD

Board Member	Term Expires
Don Cassano, Jr., PT, MPT, DPT, OCS Chairman	Aug 2017
Kristina Lounsberry, PT, ATC Secretary/Treasurer	July 2018
Patrick Cook, PT, MPT, OCS, FAAOMPT	Sept 2018
Beth Austin, PT, DPT	July 2019
Craig Prejean, PTA	Sept 2019
Julie Harris, PT, DPT, OCS	Dec 2019

NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Julie Harris was appointed to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board by Governor John Bel Edwards on December 27, 2016 for a three year term. Julie received her Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Health and Exercise Science in 2003 from Centenary College of Louisiana where she was awarded an athletic scholarship to participate in NCAA Division I Women's Basketball. She returned home to California where she earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree from Loma Linda University in June 2007. She completed her post-graduate orthopaedic residency program at Rancho Physical Therapy in 2009 with extensive training in manual therapy and orthopaedic evaluations. Julie is Board Certified in Orthopedic Physical Therapy (OCS) by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties since 2009. She is an APTA certified Clinical Instructor and also certified in Functional Dry Needling by Kineticore. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), including the Orthopaedic Section and also a member of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association (LPTA). She served as the LPTA Shreveport District Chair and on the Executive Committee from 2010-2016. Julie is currently a faculty member of the LSUHSC Orthopaedic Residency program and an adjunct faculty at the LSUHSC Shreveport Entry-Level DPT program. She resides in Shreveport, Louisiana with her husband, Chris where they enjoy spending quality time with their 4 year old daughter, Jaicee, and 7 month old son, Jaxon.



BOARD UPDATE

WALLET CARDS: Effective February 2017, the board will **no longer issue wallet cards** following renewals or initial licensure. License status may be verified on the board's website by using the search option on the Home page, or by logging in to your Dashboard.

MEDICATION REVIEW: Can a PT review medication? Learn about this and other board statements by visiting the [Board Statements Page](#) found at www.laptboard.org/boardstatements

NEW BOARD OFFICERS: Board members elected Don Cassano, Jr., MPT, DPT, OCS to serve as Chairman for 2017 and Kristina Lounsberry, PT, ATC to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for 2017.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2017

The 2017 Regular Legislative Session is scheduled to convene at noon on Monday, April 10, 2017 and will last no later than 6:00pm on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

The LPTB has prioritized the following initiatives for 2017:

1. Add language to the Practice Act regarding active state oversight and supervision of the board.
2. Add language to the Practice Act that will allow the board to license PTAs who do not complete a CAPTE accredited program. This includes foreign-trained PTAs and US military trained PTAs.
3. Update the foreign-trained license qualifications language to current standards.
4. Clean-up language in the fee schedule related to course sponsor fees (only).

CEU AUDIT PREPARATION

Ten (10) percent of licensees who renew between the dates of February 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017 will be randomly selected for the Continuing Education Audit. **All** licensees who renew from April 1—April 31, 2017 will be selected for the Continuing Education Audit. How can you best prepare for the audit? Here is a brief step-by-step guide on what to expect and what is expected of you.

Board Office CEU Audit Procedures

Step 1: On April 1, 2017 the board office staff runs a completely randomized list through an automated computer system to select 10% of licensees who have renewed their license in 2017. Official letters are mailed to licensees who are selected in the audit. The letter is sent to the licensee by regular mail. The board office staff uses the "Preferred Mailing Address" of the licensee on file.

Step 2: On May 1, 2017 the board office staff adds all licensees who renewed their license in the month of April 2017 to the CEU Audit List. Official letters are mailed to licensees who are have renewed their license in April. The letter is sent to the licensee by regular mail. The board office staff uses the "Preferred Mailing Address" of the licensee on file.

NOTE: To update your "preferred mailing address" log in on your Dashboard and view Current Contact Information. Next to "Addresses" select "Edit." Scroll down and identify either Work or Home as your preferred mailing address. Alternatively, you may contact the board office at 337-262-1043 to update this information.

CEU Audit Frequently Asked Questions

Why was I chosen for the CEU Audit?

All PT/PTAs licensed in Louisiana are mandated to complete biennial continuing education (CE), unless exempt pursuant to Rule §198. Prior to renewing a PT/PTA license, the PT/PTA should review their CE certificates to ensure they meet requirements of Rule §194. The annual CE Audit is how the board spot checks that LPTB CE requirements have been met.

How many times can a PT or PTA be selected for the CEU audit?

There is no limit to the number of times a licensee could be selected for the CEU audit. If a licensee has renewed his/her Louisiana license, he/she is eligible for audit selection. If a licensee has renewed his/her license in the month of April, he/she will be selected for the year in which he/she renewed in April and the following renewal cycle.

Why do licensees who renew in April have to participate in the CEU Audit?

If a licensee must renew in the month of April because they have not met the CEU requirements by March 31 of their renewal period, then they can report April coursework to prevent their license from lapsing. The period of completion for continuing education is actually from April 1st two years prior to a licensee's renewal period through March 31st of their renewal period. If a licensee renews in the month of April, the licensee must pay a \$400 renewal fee in April and will be selected for the CEU audit in the current year and in the next renewal period. This is to prevent licensees from "double-dipping" on courses completed in the month of April.

What is the deadline for my audit response packet to be physically received and date stamped at the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board office?

The complete CEU Audit response packet must arrive at the LPTB office with a date stamp no later than Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

What is the penalty for not submitting a complete audit response packet – OR – if my audit response packet does not physically arrive at the LPTB office on or before the May 31, 2017 deadline?

An audited licensee who is unable to provide valid documentation demonstrating compliance with the CEU Audit and/or failure to submit a complete audit response packet to LPTB before the May 31, 2017 deadline, will be considered non-compliant with the CE Audit and may face disciplinary action.

What address do I mail my audit response packet and how can I ensure it arrives at the LPTB before the Wednesday, May 31, 2017 deadline?

Mail the complete audit response packet to:

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board
104 Fairlane Drive
Lafayette, LA 70507

Due to the large volume of documents arriving during the audit, board staff will be unable to provide confirmation of receipt of your audit response packet—or—review documentation at the time of submission.

In order for the licensee to have confirmation regarding the date their CEU Audit response packet arrived at the LPTB office, the board recommends the licensee mail their CEU Audit response packet to LPTB using an overnight, 2nd day delivery service, or other certified mail that provides a tracking number. By doing so, he/she can monitor (directly with the shipper) when the package has been physically delivered to the LPTB office.

If the audited licensee prefers to hand-deliver their response packet, they are welcome to drop it off at the reception desk during LPTB regular office hours of Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Central Standard Time). The LPTB office is closed for most state and federal holidays.

IMPORTANT:

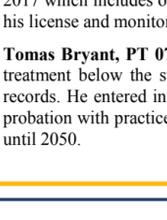
Determination of compliance (or non-compliance) with LPTB CE rules will be based on the first and initial audit response packet received at the LPTB office. Faxed and/or emailed documents will **not** be accepted. **Mail or hand-deliver audit documentation together in one (1) envelope ATTN: CEU Audit.**

How will I be notified of the outcome of my CEU Audit?

After the licensee's audit response packet has completed the review process and is determined to be compliant, notification will be sent to the licensee regarding their audit outcome to the email address on file with LPTB. If you are unsure of what direct/private email address LPTB has on file for you, write it clearly at the bottom of your Checklist Form.

If the licensee is found to be non-compliant with the CEU Audit, the licensee will receive a letter by regular mail and certified mail requesting additional documentation by a specified deadline.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Each January, officer elections are held by the board, pursuant to La R.S. 37:2404.A. and Rule §107E. This year, I was elected by my fellow board members to serve as Chairman for 2017. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity, while at the same time I am realizing how much of a commitment this is for me as a business owner and a practicing physical therapist. Prior to being appointed to the board by the Governor in 2014, I did not appreciate how much time and thought goes into each decision of the regulatory board. Individually and collectively, the board members are committed to this job of protecting the citizens of Louisiana. One of the most time-consuming duties is serving as an investigative board member for complaints submitted to the board. I have personally served on nearly a dozen disciplinary cases, as well as serving on the hearing panel of several administrative hearings. The role of the board member is to review documentation of treatment procedures and act as the subject matter expert during the investigation. The board member also serves as the gauge for what the board as a whole would do if they were involved in the investigation. It is an important role, one that advocates for the patient and provides justice for unethical treatment of patients if allegations are found to be violations of the LPTB Practice Act and Rules. Although we are an advocate for patients and here to serve the public, our board members always strive to maintain an unbiased perspective on complaints submitted to the board. This ensures the licensee has a fair and just opportunity to present the facts and be heard in a jury of their peers. The board has controls in place so that board members are careful not to act in their own interest or in the interest of the profession. These include contracting with external legal counsel, hiring an Executive Director whose background is not part of the profession and undergoing continuing education in the ethical and legal aspects of being a board member. The common thread in all discussions this year has been "are we being biased" in our investigative duty. In serving in this role, I will state that we do not stray away from our unbiased approach.

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

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Sacha Comeaux, PT 07048, Plaquemine, LA, Administrative Complaint No. 2016-I-014. Respondent failed to comply with the terms of her consent order (2016-I-002) related to substance abuse. She entered into a second consent order on January 11, 2017, which includes a minimum one year suspension, five year probation, evaluation, participation in the RPTP, restrictions on her license and monitoring.

Daniel Henning, PT 08872, Lake Charles, LA, Administrative Complaint No. 2016-I-029. Respondent failed to comply with the terms of his participation agreement related to the Confidential Recovering Physical Therapy Program. He entered into a consent order on February 15, 2017, which includes a minimum of 18 months of probation, participation in the RPTP, and monitoring.

Alexander Clay Cocks, PT 04820, Metairie, LA, Administrative Complaint No. 2016-I-016. Failure to fulfill the terms of consent order related to substance abuse. He entered into a consent order on March 22, 2017 which includes one year suspension and 5 years probation, participation in the RPTP and restrictions on his license and monitoring.

Tomas Bryant, PT 07511, Vernon, LA, Administrative Complaint No. 2016-I-018. Respondent provided treatment below the standard of care, failed to use sound professional judgement, falsely created medical records. He entered into a consent order on March 22, 2017 which includes 6 month suspension and 3 year probation with practice restrictions and monitoring. He is prohibited from working in the home health setting until 2050.

2017 JURISPRUDENCE CALENDAR

To register, email your name, license number, and desired Jurisprudence location to ceu@laptboard.org. Your certificate will be emailed to you following the completion of the seminar.

MONDAY, APRIL 10 - METAIRIE
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Quarter View Restaurant
613 Clearview Parkway, Metairie, LA 70001

THURSDAY, MAY 4 - SHREVEPORT
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Bossier Parish Community College
Building F; Room 203
6220 E Texas Street, Bossier City, LA 71111
[Click here to view campus map](#)

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 - HOUMA
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Terrebonne Parish Public Library- North Branch Location
4130 West Park Avenue, Gray, LA 70359

TUESDAY, JULY 25 - ALEXANDRIA
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Granberry Conference Center/Granberry Hall on LA College Campus
1140 College Drive, Pineville Louisiana 71359
[Click here to view campus map](#)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 - LAKE CHARLES
5:30pm-7:30pm
Lake Charles Central Library- DeBakey Meeting Room
301 W Claude Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - BATON ROUGE
1:00pm-3:00pm
Crown Plaza
4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
(In conjunction with the LPTA Fall Meeting)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - MANDEVILLE
6:00pm-8:00pm
Spitzfaden / Mandeville Community Center
3090 East Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70448

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - MONROE
5:30pm-7:30pm
Ouachita Valley Branch Library
601 McMilliam Road, West Monroe, LA 71291

2017 BOARD MEETINGS

2017 Dates*
April 19, May 24, June 21,
July 19, August 23,
September 20, October 18,
December 13

Board meetings begin at 4:00pm at the board office, unless specified otherwise.

For current information, visit the News & Events webpage at www.laptboard.org.

Board meetings are open to the public. Licensees are encouraged to attend.

Want to be a Board Member?

Step 1: Complete an [online application](#) through the Office of the Governor.

Step 2: Applications remain on file at the Governor's Office until a position becomes available (see [term expirations](#) of board members)

Step 3: The Governor notifies Boards & Commissions of who has been appointed to the board.

Step 4: The La Physical Therapy Board receives notification from Boards & Commissions of appointments.

Step 5: The Senate confirms board member appointments.

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