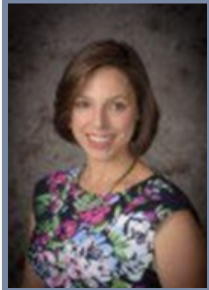




# NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2020



## Message from the Director

The COVID-19 pandemic is transitioning our practices. Telehealth is strongly encouraged by all healthcare professionals, when appropriate for patients, and has allowed patients to continue to receive much needed services. Interested in introducing telehealth into your practice? Check out the Telehealth FAQs (p. 3) for common questions and answers.

For patients treated in the clinic, owners and employers who have contact with the public are directed by the Governor to wear a face mask or covering. Our licensees and their patients are asking about the enforcement of facemasks by the board and social distancing directives. The board has added a COVID-19 resources page to our website, and advises all licensees to review the Governor's directives (p. 2). The board will follow normal procedure in responding to complaints if/when received, including reports of licensees who are not complying with the directives from the Governor.

Licensees also have questions about live course requirements for renewals moving forward, as social distancing continues to be encouraged and live course cancelations are occurring. The board members are discussing live CEU requirements in 2021 and beyond during board meetings, which are open to the public. Calendar dates for future board meetings are on page 10. When the board makes a decision regarding continuing education requirements, licensees will receive update by email and information will be posted on the board website. In the meantime, licensees may be interested in reviewing other board-approved activities to fulfill renewal requirements (p. 5).

If you have a question, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact information for staff members is included in this newsletter (p. 9) and on our website.

Charlotte Martin, M.P.A.  
*Executive Director*

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

| <u>Board Member</u>                         | <u>Term Expiration</u> |
|---|------------------------|
| Karl Kleinpeter, PT<br>Chairman             | Sept 2020              |
| Judith Halverson, PT<br>Secretary/Treasurer | Sept 2021              |
| Meredith Warner, M.D.                       | Jan 2021               |
| Kathryn Brittain, PT                        | Sept 2021              |
| Phillip Page, PT                            | Sept 2021              |

The board currently has 3 vacancies. If you are interested in serving on the board and would like to know more about the responsibilities and how to submit your name for consideration, please contact the board office.

# COVID-19

Concerned licensees and patients continue to seek guidance regarding the use of facemasks by employees at clinics and other physical therapy workplace settings. Regarding the use of facemasks, the Governor of Louisiana states that, "all businesses and organizations shall require that any owner or employee having interaction or contact with the public shall wear a mask or a face covering. Critical Infrastructure and Essential Businesses also provides the guidance, "all owners and employees at such businesses shall maintain moderate social distancing between themselves and members of the public and shall wear face coverings at all times if interacting with the public." (Proclamation 83 JBE 2020, Section 2: Phase 2 Order, Part C & Part F). The Proclamation is effective until Friday, July 25, 2020 at this time but may be extended longer or terminated sooner by Proclamation of the Governor.

Guidance for business owners and employees can be found in the Governor's Proclamations and Executive Orders, as well as the Louisiana Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and federal and state Open Safely websites.

Licensed healthcare professionals are expected to follow guidelines in infection control during this pandemic. The board will normal procedure in responding to complaints if/when received.

## LPTB *COVID-19* WEBPAGE

### **COVID-19 Resources on the LPTB Website**

A new webpage has been launched to provide easy access to the notices issued by the Governor's office and Louisiana Department of Health, as well as national and international resources regarding guidelines for infection control. COVID-19 resources and information for licensees can be accessed via the board's website on the COVID-19 page [here](#). Contact [info@laptboard.org](mailto:info@laptboard.org) to recommend adding resources.

# Telehealth FAQs

The threat posed to health care workers and patients from COVID-19 resulted in Louisiana Department of Health officials urging that services to be delivered by means of telehealth. Here are some frequently asked questions from La licensees as they transitioned to remote delivery of care along with the board response.

## **Can PTs and PTAs provide telehealth services to patients in Louisiana?**

Individuals who are licensed physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) in good standing in Louisiana may provide physical therapy via telehealth to a patient within the jurisdiction of Louisiana (LAC 46: LIV §319.B). PTs and PTAs who are Compact Privilege holders in the state of Louisiana may provide telehealth services to patients located in Louisiana (La R.S. 37:2425).

## **Can La licensed PTs and PTAs treat a patient who is not located in Louisiana?**

A Louisiana licensee providing telehealth services to a patient in a jurisdiction outside of Louisiana may be required to be licensed or registered in the jurisdiction in which the originating site is located. Check with the jurisdiction where the patient is located, you may need a license or privilege to practice in that state to treat the patient via telehealth.

## **What are the requirements when practicing telehealth?**

Louisiana licensed PTs and PTAs shall follow all requirements for standard of practice and documentation as provided in the Practice Act and board rules.

## **Can an evaluation and/or reevaluation be performed via telehealth?**

The PT is responsible for determining whether an evaluation (reevaluation) or intervention may be conducted via telehealth or must be conducted in an in-person setting.

## **Is there a different standard of care for telehealth services?**

The standard of care for telehealth services shall be at least equivalent to the standard of care for services delivered in-person.

## **What do I do if there is an emergency at the location of the patient during services?**

When providing telehealth services, a licensee shall have documented procedures in place to address remote medical or clinical emergencies at the patient's location. If an emergency occurs, follow the procedures that are documented and take any other necessary action to address the situation.

## **How do I bill for telehealth services?**

For information on reimbursement of telehealth services, licensees will need to contact the payment provider for the patient who is receiving telehealth services to best understand reimbursement rules for the services.

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

## Karl Kleinpeter, PT, Chairman of the Board

Since the Board's last newsletter, so much has changed. Together we're facing an unprecedented pandemic in the form of COVID-19. Louisiana was originally one of the hardest hit states in our country but we have seen great kindness and courage in spite of the very real public health threat to our communities.

As the state begins a slow but steady march towards reopening, we anticipate that we will continue to see change both in how the board office operates and how the practice of physical therapy continues. At this time, board meetings continue to be conducted remotely for the safety of all members, staff, and the public. Links to listen to the meetings live are always provided on the board website. If you have questions or concerns, we always encourage you to reach out to staff members in advance of these meetings so that your questions may be reviewed.

In response to the way COVID-19 has affected physical therapy practice, the board has also provided found [here](#). Licensees can use this information to guide their use of telehealth in their more telehealth resources, including an FAQ which can be accessed via the COVID-19 page on the website practice. The board encourages licensees to use their professional judgement in determining when it is appropriate to utilize telehealth with patients.

With the 2020 renewals now in the rearview mirror, we begin to look forward to the remainder of the year. We don't know yet what it will look like but the board remains ready to address concerns and changes as a result of COVID-19. We will continue with our outlined goals for the year because our public service does not come with a pause button.



## PT LICENSURE COMPACT

### Interested in working as a PT or PTA outside Louisiana?

PT and PTA licensees who meet all eligibility requirements can purchase a compact privilege in a Compact member state and, in most cases, start practicing physical therapy in the other state almost immediately. The PT Compact's online system makes the process of purchasing and renewing a compact privilege in other states simple and it is a great alternative to applying for licensure. For more information, visit [www.PTCompact.org](http://www.PTCompact.org)

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

The board members have been discussing live course requirements for licensees renewing in 2021 and beyond. When a decision has been made, licensees will receive an email with the most update information available.

## **Concerned about live course requirements in 2021?**

Licensees may participate in activities to earn CEU credit as an alternative to attending live seminars (Rule §195). Here are some alternative options:

### **Teaching an approved course or activity**

Receive 2 hours for every contact hour approved for the course or activity, not to exceed 10 hours. Credit is only given for the first time the course is presented during the renewal cycle.

### **American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties**

Ten hours of credit for an initial certification.

### **Post-Professional Clinical Residency or Fellowship**

One hour of credit for every two hours spent in a residency or fellowship.

One hour credit may be earned per 120 hours of mentorship during the renewal period for licensees serving as mentors to an individual who is in a residency or fellowship. A maximum of five hours credit.

### **Postgraduate Coursework**

Each semester hour resulting in a grade B or higher equals 10 contact hours.

### **Clinical Instructor**

One hour credit may be earned per 120 hours of clinical instruction during the renewal period. A maximum of five hours credit.

### **Serve in an elected position of a national or state PT organization**

Participation at in-person meetings (2 hours earned for every 1 hour attended), maximum 5 hours.

### **Other**

Publication of scientific papers, abstracts, textbook chapters and poster or platform presentations at conferences. Five hour credit maximum.

# GUIDANCE : CEU APPROVAL PROCESS

## Need to Apply for Course Approval?

Program content needs to contain evidence-based information (Rule §195)

### What is "evidence-based" information?

The board recognizes articles published in a peer-reviewed journal related to the field of physical therapy as evidence-based information and the strength of the evidence is considered when reviewing courses. Case studies, expert opinions, and editorials are not considered evidence without additional supporting research.

### How does this effect the course application?

Course sponsors and individuals who apply for course approval are required to submit 3 references of articles published in peer-reviewed journals related to the field of physical therapy published within the last 10 years as part of the application process.

### How do individuals obtain references to submit for course approval?

Individual course approval is only approved for the individual who applies for course approval. Licensees should be able to obtain a list of references that the course sponsor used when developing the course. At the time of registration, ask the course sponsor for this list to prevent delays in obtaining documentation for course approval.

For more information, visit the board website [here](#).

## RECENT BOARD ACTION

**José Garcia, PTA A09801, New Orleans, Administrative Complaint No. 2018-I-036.** Garcia was arrested on charge of indecent behavior with a juvenile and has denied said allegations. Criminal charges are pending until the criminal matters have been resolved, Garcia is indefinitely restricted to practice physical therapy with female patients under the age of eighteen. Before Garcia may apply to remove the restriction from his license, he must meet several conditions outlined in the Interim Consent Agreement and Board Order.

# 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 may 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 May 30, 2020 (LAC46:LIV179).

|                                |                                 |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Patricia H Adams, PT           | Austin James Cansdale, PTA      | Marissa Jane Fevelo, PT         |
| Brendon Andrew Aitken, PT      | Angelica Joyce Castaneda, PT    | Rebecca Leigh Fitzgerald, PT    |
| Lauren Denise Allen, PT        | Mary Katherine Casteix, PTA     | Kelly Ann Fratesi, PT           |
| Matthew Joseph Allen, PT       | Jasmine Christine Chabolla, PTA | Douglas John Friend, PT         |
| Sarah Jean Valley Allen, PT    | Nathan Ladd Chandler, PTA       | Ashley Dion Fulkerson, PT       |
| Sigrid NMI Allenstein, PT      | Sally Chavous, PTA              | Elaine Gerard Gaille, PT        |
| Vanessa Ileen Arredondo, PT    | Patrick Lawrence Childress, PT  | Paul Michael Gambino, PTA       |
| Charmaine Marie Bailey, PT     | Nolan John Christopher, PT      | Alexandra Leary Gatti, PT       |
| Gage Banks, PT                 | Christopher Charles Cimo, PT    | Margaret M Gaudet, PT           |
| Laura Marie Banks, PT          | Joseph Heath Clampit, PTA       | Justin Mark Giambelluca, PTA    |
| Brittany Michelle Barta, PTA   | Steven Troy Collins, PT         | Melanie Yvonne Gilbert, PT      |
| Kimberly Danielle Bates, PTA   | Allison Kate Cooke, PT          | Courtney Jordan Goble, PTA      |
| Margaret Danielle Bates, PT    | Joseph Vincent Copploe, PT      | Jennifer Eileen Golemi, PT      |
| Thomas Benso, PT               | Kristen Nicole Craft, PTA       | Austin Allen Good, PTA          |
| Nicole Lane Bente, PT          | Mary Annette Daffron, PTA       | Elizabeth Alexandra Gravley, PT |
| Karen Beyt, PT                 | Candace Michelle Daigle, PTA    | Chapin Landrey Guilante, PTA    |
| Susan Marie Blanchard, PT      | Arthur Evan Davies, PT          | Joe Clements Guthrie, PT        |
| Monic Deprey Boddy, PTA        | Karissa Lee Debenport, PT       | Brooke Nicole Halfmann, PT      |
| Marjorie Lois Bourgeois, PT    | Alexander Au Dien, PT           | Jennifer Marie Hall, PTA        |
| Hayley Condon Boyer, PT        | Rebecca Elizabeth Dininger, PT  | Zachary Wilburn Hammock, PTA    |
| Angela Kaye Bristo, PT         | Devlin Alexander Dizacomo, PT   | Chong Sup Han, PTA              |
| Leslie Ann Brochhausen, PTA    | Cori Liberty-Lynn Dullnig, PT   | Lori Elizabeth Hardin, PT       |
| Kayce Nicole Bullock, PTA      | Dillon Reese Dunbar, PT         | Gary Allen Harper, PTA          |
| Margaret Owen Burns, PT        | Marlee Mary Early, PT           | Melissa Shea Harville, PTA      |
| Chelsea Erin Miyata Bushby, PT | Kelly Lynn Egan, PT             | Rachel Marie Henderson, PT      |
| Richard Louis Cahanin, PT      | Bryan Federico, PT              | Daniel Lovejoy Henning, PT      |
| Anna Marie Cancienne, PT       |                                 | John Michael Henry, PT          |

# LICENSES NOT RENEWED

## CONTINUED

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Katarra Hinton, PTA  
Andrew Philip Hughes, PT  
Patrick Ross Hulan, PT  
Monica Ann Hutzler, PTA  
Stephanie E. Ingram, PTA  
Dannaca Nicole Ivory, PTA  
Janet Jacobsen, PT  
Stephanie Marie Jimenez, PT  
Nicholas Jochimsen, PTA  
Courtney Ashton Johnson, PTA  
Morgan Lee Johnson, PTA  
Miles Covington Juneau, PTA  
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Kristy Love Schneider, PT  
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### FILE A COMPLAINT ON THE BOARD

Individuals may file a complaint about board actions or procedures with one or more of the following:

1. LPTB, 2110 W. Pinhook Rd, Ste. 202; 337-262-1043; [info@laptboard.org](mailto:info@laptboard.org);
2. House & Gov Affairs; P.O. Box 94062, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-342-2403, [h&ga@legis.la.gov](mailto:h&ga@legis.la.gov)
3. Senate & Gov Affairs; P.O. Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-342-9845; [s&g@legis.la.gov](mailto:s&g@legis.la.gov)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### BOARD MEETINGS 2020 SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 1:30 PM

Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 1:30 PM

Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 1:30 PM

Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 1:30 PM

*Board Meeting time and dates are subject to change.  
Check our website for the most up-to-date information.  
[www.laptboard.org/Meetings](http://www.laptboard.org/Meetings)*

### LIVE JURISPRUDENCE 2020 SCHEDULE

To register for a Live Jurisprudence Seminar, email your name, license number, and desired Jurisprudence location to [ceu@laptboard.org](mailto:ceu@laptboard.org). Your certificate will be emailed to you following the completion of the seminar.

August 28 - LPTA Fall Symposium  
Baton Rouge

September 3, 2020  
Bossier City

*Jurisprudence dates and locations are  
subject to change. Check our website  
for the most up-to-date information.*

[Click here to view the 2020 Schedule](#)

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