

**PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD
2012 ANNUAL REVIEW**

- Board Members in 2012 were: Michele Thorman, PT, (LaCrosse); Lori Dominiczak, PT, (Brown Deer); Mark Shropshire, PT, (Appleton); Jane Stroede, PTA (Wisconsin Dells). Shari Berry, PT (Tomah) replaced Mark Shropshire, who completed his term and resigned in November after Ms. Berry was appointed. The public member position is currently vacant. Officers in 2012 were Michele Thorman (Chair), Lori Dominiczak (Vice Chair) and Mark Shropshire (Secretary).
- Wisconsin Act 149 was signed into law in March 2010 which replaced the Physical Therapist Affiliated Credentialing Board (PTACB) with the independent Physical Therapy Examining Board (PTEB.) In October 2010 the PTEB initiated the process of replacing references to the outdated language, making additional clarifications and minor corrections in the PT Administrative Rules, Wis. Admin. Code Chapters PT 1-9. Following a public hearing and after incorporating valuable input from stakeholders, these changes were published and are now effective as of September 2012.
- The Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) is now known as the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS.) Recent website changes have been made. The website can be viewed at <http://dsps.wi.gov>
- A review is being conducted to evaluate the consistency of results obtained from the four foreign graduate education equivalency review programs used by the licensing division.
- The Board, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association (WPTA) Continuing Education Approval Task Force, reviewed the process by which continuing education courses are approved and audited by the WPTA.
- The Board recognized FSBPT's aPTitude (and its ProCert continuing education certification process) as an acceptable health-related and credentialing organization for purposes of Wis. Admin. Code sec PT9.04(2).
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Practice FAQs continued to be clarified and posted on the Department's website. The Board will continue to review its postings to ensure compliance with state statutes, rules and Executive Order 50, relating to Guidelines for the Promulgation of Administrative Rules.
- Representatives from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), Jeff Rosa (Regional Liaison) and Leslie Adrian (Director of Professional Standards), appeared before the Board in September and presented an overview of the FSBPT liaison role as well as a detailed comparison of Wisconsin state statutes and rules with the FSBPT Model Practice Act.

- The Board continued to work with state education programs and license applicants to assure timely licensing since the FSBPT initiated fixed date testing for both physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who apply to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).
- Lori Dominiczak (Delegate), Mark Shropshire (Alternate Delegate) and Tom Ryan (Board Administrator) attended the FSBPT annual meeting in September 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Tom Ryan, PTEB Board Administrator, was the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award from the FSBPT at their annual meeting in September 2012. Tom continues to be an active member of the Council of Board Administrators as its Chair and also serves on the Exam Administration and Education Committees for the FSBPT.
- The Board administered 9 PT oral exams.

<u>Licensing Activity</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>PTA</u>
Applications Received	355	141
Licenses Issued	319	127
Renewals	147	39

<u>Enforcement Activity</u>	<u>PT and PTA</u>
New complaints received	22
Number of Respondents in the 22 cases	22
Number of the 22 new cases opened	9
Total cases closed	8
Total closed at screening	0
Total closed after investigation	5
Total closed with formal action	3
Cases pending as of 1/13	6