



## **NC Board of PT Examiners Report at the NCPTA Business Meeting**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**Asheville, NC**

**October 10, 2015**

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1. **Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to regulate the practice of physical therapy in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of North Carolina. The next meeting of NC Board of PT Examiners is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

2. **Appointments to the Board:**

The 2016 Ballots for appointments of one (1) physical therapist and one (1) physical therapist assistant were mailed in late July, 2015. On September 9, 2015, the ballots were counted at the NCPTA Headquarters and the candidates for appointment were forwarded to Governor Patrick McCrory on September 17, 2015 by C. David Edwards, DPT, NCPTA President. In addition to the aforementioned appointments, there is still an outstanding appointment (Public Member) for 2014.

The Board would like to thank Leslie Kesler, PT, for her service to the Board from 2005-2010 and 2013-2015, and also for serving as Board Chair in 2009, 2010, and 2015. The Board would also like to thank Eric Smith, PTA, for his service to the Board from 2000 – 2005 and 2013 – 2015, and also for serving as Secretary-Treasurer from 2001-2005. A special thanks to Gloria Lewis, Public Member, who served on the Board from 1996 – 2002 and from 2008 – present. Ms. Lewis has earned the distinction of being the longest serving member to ever sit on the Board.

3. **Online Renewal:** Licensees are required to renew their licenses **online**. Postcards will be mailed prior to November 1, 2015 informing licensees that the renewal period will be open online from November 1, 2015 until January 31, 2016 at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and that online renewals will require a major credit card. Licensees not wanting to use a credit card will be given the option to renew online, but pay by check or money order. *(The Board **strongly** recommends that licensees renew online by January 15, 2016 to ensure that it will be processed. The renewal cost is \$100.00.)*

4. **Continuing Competence – Fall 2015 Update**

**Updates to Continuing Competence Board rules:** There are no updates currently proposed for Continuing Competence rules. All NCBPTE rules are scheduled to undergo review by the NC Rules Review Commission in August of 2018.

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**Continuing Competence Audits:** Audits for the January 1, 2013 - January 31, 2015 reporting period are complete, including PT and PTA licensees. As a result of auditing for this reporting period, one (1) licensee was issued an Advisory letter, and one (1) licensee was issued a Warning.

**NCBPTE and NCPTA - Course and Provider approvals:**

Communications continue between NCBPTE and NCPTA staff and PDCC as needed related to NCPTA Approved Providers and Board's rules interpretations. NCPTA approved provider activity Attendance forms are regularly submitted to the Board office in compliance with Board's rules.

**5. Telehealth Task Force**

NCBPTE will convene a Task Force on Telehealth on September 30, 2015, whose purpose is to determine if actions are necessary to address physical therapy practice utilizing telecommunication technology. The Task Force members include Board staff, one Board member, one physical therapist academician, three NCPTA appointed members and one licensee member from the Veterans Administration with practice experience in telehealth. Kathy Arney, PT, will be serving as Facilitator for the Task Force.

6. **Newsletter:** The Newsletter will be posted on the Board's website in early November, 2015. The Newsletter will include an article by John M. Silverstein, Board Attorney, regarding the Supreme Court decision concerning the suit between the NC Dental Board and the FTC (Federal Trade Commission).
7. **NC Acupuncture Board Files Lawsuit:** In September 2015, the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board filed a lawsuit against the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. The Physical Therapy Board has retained the law firm of Ellis & Winters LLP to defend the Board in this case.
8. **Changes of Address:** As there is a rule that requires notification to the Board of address and name changes within **30 days**, please keep the Board apprised of current home and work addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses. License renewals will be mailed the first of November.
9. **Questions????**

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**10. Update regarding Investigations and Disciplinary Actions:**

**SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS FILED IN 2015 – YTD (SEPT 22, 2015)**

**YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS**

Total Cases Reported and Investigated:	36
Total advertising complaints:	05
Total “other” complaints:	27
Total failure to renew	02
Total cont comp complaints	02

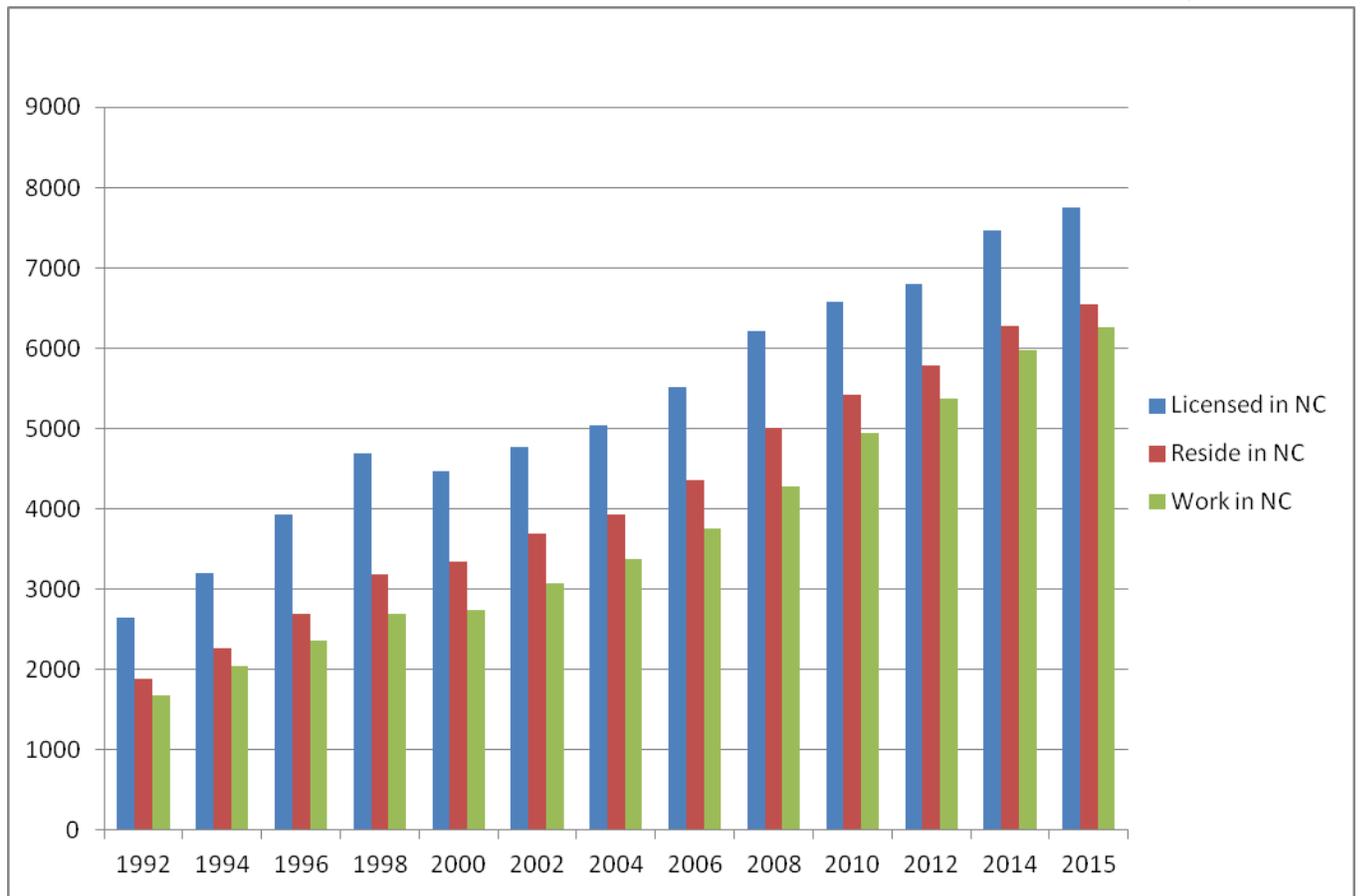
**SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS THAT WERE RESOLVED THROUGH SEPT 22, 2015**

Total Cases Dismissed:	15
Total Suspensions Issued:	01
Total Probations Issued:	00
Total Warnings Issued:	02
Total Surrender of Licenses:	00
Total Revoked	00
Total Renewals Denied	00
Total Advisory Letters written:	08 (including 2 letters for failure to renew by deadline)
Total Letters sent regarding advertising:	04
Completed audit, no action required	00
Other:	00
Cases still pending:	06

## Physical Therapist Statistics - Fall 2015

### September 2015

DATE (Oct)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	2654	1890	1682
1994	3207	2269	2046
1996	3933	2693	2365
1998	4688	3193	2702
2000	4477	3343	2738
2002	4767	3699	3083
2004	5044	3935	3384
2006	5524	4365	3757
2008	6215	5014	4278
2010	6574	5426	4953
2012	6807	5782	5371
2014	7461	6285	5974
2015	7755	6542	6266



## Physical Therapist Assistant Statistics - Fall 2015

### September 2015

DATE (Oct)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	942	786	713
1994	1251	1055	975
1996	1633	1342	1163
1998	1968	1627	1500
2000	2047	1770	1358
2002	2141	1880	1529
2004	2285	2016	1665
2006	2479	2184	1836
2008	2718	2399	2000
2010	2836	2521	2237
2012	3033	2695	2419
2014	3327	2959	2750
2015	3511	3106	2898

