

NC Board of PT Examiners Report to the NCPTA Business Meeting

Guilford Technical Community College

Jamestown, NC

March 28, 2009 – (CORRECTION made to # 2 – April 14, 2010)

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1. **Purpose of the Board:** Reminder that 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 NC Board of PT Examiners Meeting is scheduled on June 18, 2009.
2. **Appointments to the Board:** The Governor appointed Stu MacRoberts, PT, to a second 3-year term, commencing on January 1, 2009. In addition, the Governor appointed Patricia Hodson, PT, and Judy Edwards, PTA to the Board for three year terms of office. For 2009, the Board elected Leslie Kesler, PT, as Chair, and Stu MacRoberts, PT, as Secretary-Treasurer.

In May, 2009, the Call for Nominations letter will be sent seeking recommendations for one (1) physical therapist and one ~~one (1) medical doctor for appointments commencing on January 1, 2010. In addition, the Governor will be appointing a public member. Leslie Kesler, PT, will be completing her second term of office and is not eligible for reappointment. Paul Garcia, MD, and Gloria Lewis, Public Member will be completing their first terms in office and are eligible for reappointment.~~ **Correction as follows:** one physical therapist assistant commencing on January 1, 2010. Deborah Ragan, PT, and Pearl Rhone, PTA, will be completing their first terms on the Board and are eligible for reappointment for a second term.

3. **Continuing Competence:** The proposed rules for continuing competence have been adopted by the Rules Review Commission and became effective on January 1, 2009. To publicize and explain the new rules, the Board, in conjunction with AHECs, presented seven 2-hour educational programs across the state. The last program was video-conferenced to eight other sites from the mountains to the coast. Over 1,000 licensees attended the programs. Kathy O. Arney, PT, Continuing Competence Consultant is assisting the Board with developing the processes to implement the rules. In addition, Ms. Arney has personally responded to approximately 300 telephone calls and email questions from licensees. Information regarding the rules changes is available on the Board's web page. (www.ncptboard.org). A special edition of the Board Newsletter, which is scheduled for distribution in late summer, will be dedicated to continuing competence.
4. **Online Renewal Process:**
Statistics of licensees who renewed online: a) 2007 - 10.7%, b) 2008 - 17.5%; c) 2009 – 25%. The Board adopted a motion at its recent Board meeting to develop a process that will encourage a large majority of licensees to use the online renewal process.
5. **Directory of Licensees (Hard copy and CD ROM):** For licensees who requested Directories, they should arrive in June and include only that information approved by each licensee.
6. **Address Information:** Remember to keep Board apprised of current home and work addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses. License renewals will be mailed the first of November.
7. Questions and Answers:

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8. Update regarding Investigations and Disciplinary Actions:

Summary of Disciplinary Complaints

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Cases Reported and Investigated	56	47	47	47	50	54	54	50	59	54
Total advertising complaints	20	15	17	15	14	13	7	12	16	7
Total "other" complaints	20	22	20	25	25	34	31	23	30	32
Total failure to renew	16	10	10	05	11	13	16	15	15	15

Summary of Complaints That Were Resolved

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Cases Dismissed	11	03	13	07	11	06	19	17	11	09
Total Licenses Surrendered	00	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	00	01
Total Renewals Denied							01	01	00	00
Total Suspensions Issued	02	04	05	02	02	01	01	00	04	05
Total Probations Issued	02	03	01	01	00 *	02	02	02	04	02
Total Warnings Issued	05	02	01	06	02	02	02	03	02	04
Total Reprimands Issued	15 ***	10 ***	00 **							
Total Letters of Concern written (<i>Not considered "disciplinary action"</i>)	03	03						00 **	00 **	00 **
Total Letters of Caution written (<i>Not considered "disciplinary action"</i>)	01	04	12	07	16	22	20	20	25	17
Total Letters sent re advertising	19	11	18	14	10	5	6	3	16	09
Chemical Dependency Program									01	01
Other	00	02	00	00	00	02	02	01	00	00
Cases still pending	01	05	00	03	08	21	00	08	03	02

(* 1 is included with suspension)

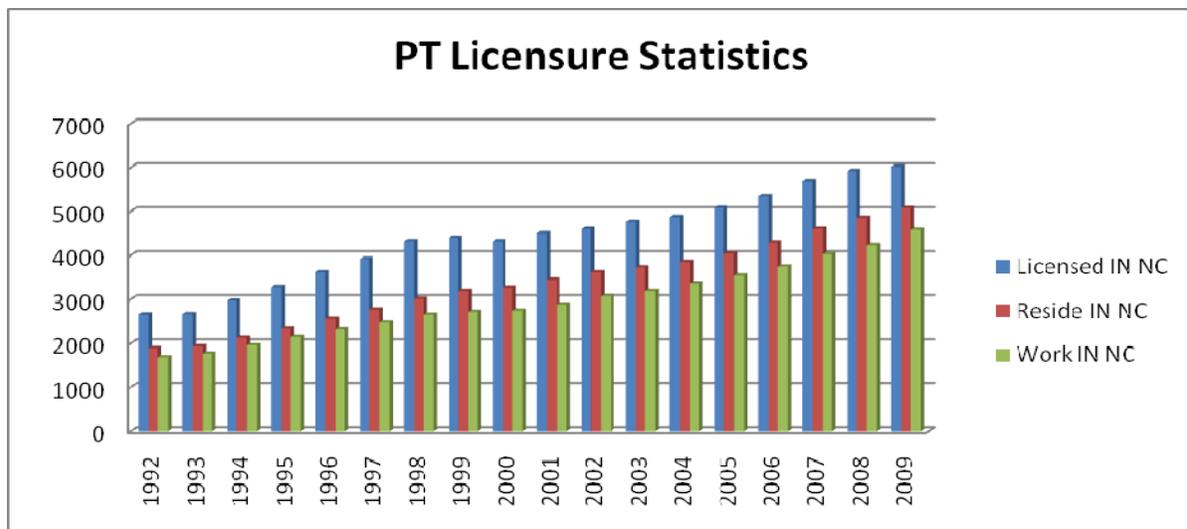
(** Board basically stopped issuing Reprimands when the requirement changed that would require that reprimands to be "public" disciplinary action.)

(***) Overwhelming majority of Reprimands were issued for Failure to Renew. At that time, Reprimands were not considered disciplinary action.)

Physical Therapist Statistics – Spring 2009

March 2009

DATE (March)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	2654	1890	1682
1993	2662	1934	1770
1994	2971	2131	1957
1995	3281	2350	2151
1996	3619	2556	2333
1997	3924	2771	2471
1998	4322	3009	2649
1999	4403	3191	2716
2000	4320	3268	2742
2001	4503	3447	2887
2002	4601	3619	3074
2003	4762	3729	3192
2004	4874	3855	3368
2005	5081	4037	3541
2006	5353	4294	3479
2007	5680	4603	4026
2008	5921	4855	4234
2009	6022	5076	4582



Physical Therapist Assistant Statistics – 2009 Spring

March 2009

DATE (March)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	942	786	713
1993	987	840	777
1994	1136	960	896
1995	1302	1101	1021
1996	3619	1232	1150
1997	1476	1399	1256
1998	1674	1548	1360
1999	1835	1640	1350
2000	1929	1686	1358
2001	2037	1786	1458
2002	2082	1841	1553
2003	2136	1907	1594
2004	2192	1944	1658
2005	2279	2016	1755
2006	2386	2111	1830
2007	2489	2208	1915
2008	2590	2298	1979
2009	2622	2372	2112

