

## NC Board of PT Examiners Report to the NCPTA Business Meeting

Forsyth Medical Center

Winston-Salem, NC

April 24, 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 10, 2010.
2. **Appointments to the Board:** The Governor appointed Debbie Ragan, PT, and Pearl Rhone, PTA, to their second 3-year terms, commencing on January 1, 2010. The Board re-elected Leslie Kesler, PT, as Chair, and Stu MacRoberts, PT, as Secretary-Treasurer.

On April 21, 2010, the Call for Nominations Letter \* was posted on the Board's web page seeking recommendations for one (1) physical therapist and one (1) medical doctor for appointments commencing on January 1, 2011. In addition, the Governor will be appointing a public member. Paul Garcia, MD, and Gloria Lewis, Public Member will be completing their first terms in office and are eligible for reappointment. Leslie Kesler, PT, will be completing her second term of office and is not eligible for reappointment. . \* *(The Call for Nominations Letter will **not** be mailed this year as it is posted on the Board's web site. Please spread the word among licensees.)*

3. **Fees:** The last time the Board enacted a Rules change to allow a fee increase was November 1, 2006; however, it chose not to implement the fee increase until March 1, 2007. Although the Board has incurred significant costs with the implementation of continuing competence in the last few years, it has not increased the fees. It has been able to maintain the current fees by increasing efficiencies, primarily through the use of technology. However, in an effort to maintain the fees at the current level for the next few years *(and also in an effort to be environmentally conscious)*, at its recent meeting the Board voted to implement additional cost saving measures in 2011 *(eg, discontinue printing the Directory of Licensees and Newsletter, require online renewals, reduce mailings and utilize posting of information on the Board's web site)*. By continuing to increase efficiencies and implementation of cost saving measures, the goal of the Board is to maintain the fees at the current level until 2014 or 2015.
4. **Continuing Competence:** The first 2-year Continuing Competence Reporting Period will end on December 31, 2010. Licensees who were licensed prior January 1, 2009 will be subject to random audits beginning in the first quarter of 2011. At its March Meeting, the Board adopted a motion that **all** Continuing Competence Reports must be entered online and the Board will no longer accept a paper version from licensees.
5. **Online Renewal Process:**  
Statistics of licensees who renewed online: a) 2007 - 10.7%, b) 2008 - 17.5%; c) 2009 – 25%. d) 2010 – 96%. At its March meeting, the Board adopted a motion to discontinue paper renewals and require all licensees to renew online *(except for licensees who have been disciplined)*. In addition, the Board will no longer mail License Renewal Cards & Wallet Cards, but will allow licensees to print their own renewal card when the renewal is completed.
6. **Directory of Licensees (Hard copy and CD ROM):** For licensees who requested a Directory, it should arrive in June and will include only the information approved by each licensee. At its March Meeting, the Board adopted a motion to discontinue printing the Directory of Licensees, beginning in 2011.

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7. **Newsletter:** At its March Meeting, the Board adopted a motion to discontinue mailing hard copies of the Newsletter after the next issue. The Newsletter will be available on the Board's webpage.
8. **Address Information:** Remember to keep Board apprised of current home and work addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses. A license renewal reminder card will be mailed the first of November.
9. Questions and Answers:

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

**Summary of Disciplinary Complaints**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Cases Reported and Investigated	56	47	47	47	50	54	54	50	59	54	47
Total advertising complaints	20	15	17	15	14	13	7	12	16	7	8
Total "other" complaints	20	22	20	25	25	34	31	23	30	32	29
Total failure to renew	16	10	10	05	11	13	16	15	15	15	10

**Summary of Complaints That Were Resolved**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Cases Dismissed	11	03	13	07	11	06	19	17	11	09	08
Total Licenses Surrendered	00	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	00	01	01
Total Renewals Denied							01	01	00	00	00
Total Suspensions Issued	02	04	05	02	02	01	01	00	04	05	03
Total Probations Issued	02	03	01	01	00 *	02	02	02	04	02	00
Total Warnings Issued	05	02	01	06	02	02	02	03	02	04	04
Total Reprimands Issued	15 ***	10 ***	00 **	00 **	00 **	00 **	00**	00**	00**	00**	00**
Total Letters of Concern written (Not considered "disciplinary action")	03	03						00**	00**	00**	00**
Total Letters of Caution written (Not considered "disciplinary action")	01	04	12	07	16	22	20	20	25	17	13
Total Letters sent re advertising	19	11	18	14	10	5	6	3	16	09	06
Chemical Dependency Program									01	01	02
Other	00	02	00	00	00	02	02	01	00	00	02
Cases still pending	01	05	00	03	08	21	00	08	03	02	09

(\* 1 is included with suspension)

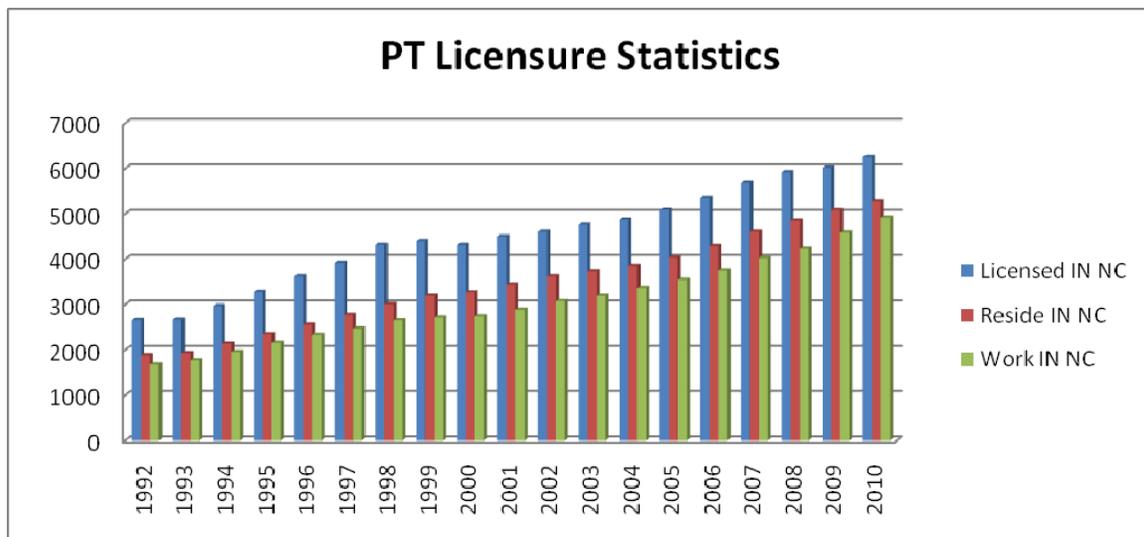
(\*\* Board basically stopped issuing Reprimands when the requirement changed that would require that reprimands to be "public" disciplinary action.)

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

## Physical Therapist Statistics – Spring, 2010 Report

April 2010

DATE (April)	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
2010	6254	5278	4917



## Physical Therapist Assistant Statistics – Spring, 2010 Report

April 2010

DATE (April)	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
2010	2692	2418	2223

