

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

The Hilton Inn in Greenville

Raleigh, NC

April 25, 2008

Ben F. Massey, Jr., PT, MA Executive Director

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 19, 2008.
2. **Appointments to the Board for 2008:** In May, 2008, the Call for Nominations letter will be sent seeking recommendations for two (2) physical therapists and one (1) physical therapist assistant for appointments for January 1, 2009. Paula Schrum, PT, will be completing her second term in office and is not eligible for reappointment. Stu MacRoberts, PT and JoDell King, PTA are completing their first terms in office and are eligible for reappointment. Additionally, in 2008, the Governor will be appointing a new Public Member as Avil Holmes completed her second consecutive term in December, 2007. For 2008, the Board re-elected Paula B. Schrum, PT, as Chair, and JoDell King, PTA, as Secretary-Treasurer.
3. **Proposed Changes to Board's Rules to Address Continuing Competence:** A new section to the rules will be considered by the Board at its meeting scheduled on June 19, 2008 to address the requirements of continuing competence for licensure renewal. The proposed rules will be presented to the Rules Review Commission in the Fall, 2008 for its approval. In July, 2008, the proposed rules will be posted on the Board's web page and will be printed in the **NC Register**. There will be Public Hearing on August 28, 2008 at the Board meeting. There will be a Comment Period in August and September, 2008. Forums explaining the continuing education requirements will be conducted in Winter / Spring, 2009 and a preview will be presented at the NCPTA Fall Chapter Meeting). Additionally, information regarding the new requirements will be posted on the Board's web page and the Board will mail a Special Issue of the Newsletter devoted to continuing competence. Lastly, the Board is pleased to announce that Kathy O. Arney, PT, will be assisting the Board as a consultant to help develop the processes for implementation of the rules.
4. The projected date for implementation of the rules is January 1, 2009. Information regarding the rules changes is available on the Board's web page. ([www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org)).
5. **Online Renewal for 2007.**
  - PTs renewed - 5,739 (total)
  - PT's renewed online - 1,010 = 17.5%
  - PT's dropped - 400
  - PTAs renewed - 2,678 (total)
  - PTA renewed online - 463 = 17.3%
  - PTAs dropped - 158
6. **NCPTA Task Force on Modernization of the NC PT Practice Act:** Debbie Ragan, PT, Board Member, and Ben F. Massey, Jr., PT, Executive Director represented the Board on the NPTA Task Force on Modernization of the Practice Act.
7. **Directory of Licensees:** The Directory should arrive in June and includes only that information approved by each licensee.
8. **Board Newsletter:** The next Newsletter should arrive in July. Please read your Newsletter, discuss it at staff meetings, and file it for future reference.

9. **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.
10. Questions and Answers:
11. Update regarding Investigations and Disciplinary Actions:

### Summary of Disciplinary Complaints

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

### Summary of Complaints That Were Resolved

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

(\* 1 is included with suspension)

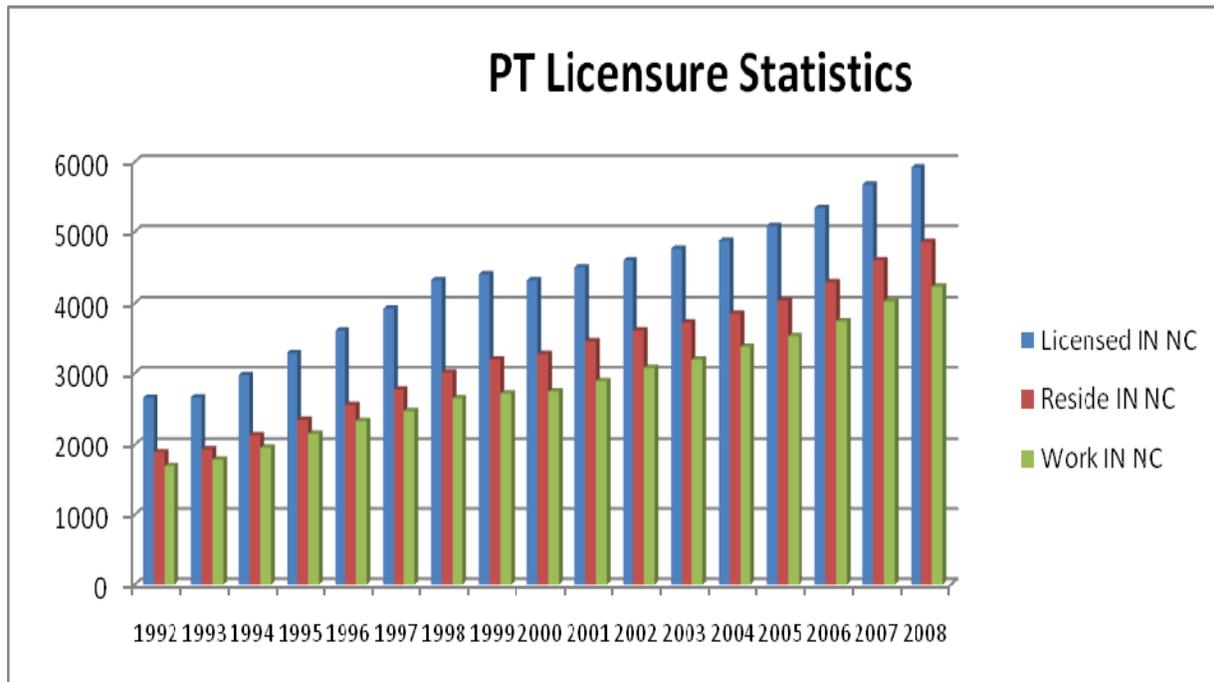
(\*\* Board basically stopped issuing Reprimands when the requirement changed that would require that reprimands to be "public" disciplinary action.)

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

## Physical Therapist Statistics – Spring 2008

### April 2008

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	3749
2007	5680	4603	4026
2008	5921	4855	4234



# Physical Therapist Assistant Statistics – Spring 2008

## April 2008

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	1476	1232	1150
1997	1674	1399	1256
1998	1835	1548	1360
1999	1929	1640	1350
2000	1937	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

