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Final Physical Therapy Licensure Compact language posted

The Compact Drafting Team is happy to present the culmination of their hard work: the final version of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC). Several changes were made based on the input from the field review, including changing “Privilege to Practice” to “Compact Privilege.” The language is now ready for implementation in the 2016 legislative session. We hope that licensing boards will work with their State APTA chapter to implement the language that will help support access to physical therapy care.

For more information and to view the final language, please go to the [Physical Therapy Licensure Compact page](#).

Legislative briefing planned

The Council of State Governments in conjunction with FSBPT will be hosting a Legislative Briefing Meeting later this year which will be designed to educate key legislators about the PTLC. More information will be available at the annual meeting.

We are in the process of identifying the states that are interested in pursuing PTLC legislation in 2016 or later. We sent an email to Board chairs and administrators on September 21 asking if their state would be interested in pursuing this legislation. If you are a board chair or administrator and need a copy, email professionalstandards@fsbpt.org.

New education module developed for international PTs

The Federation contracted with Duke University to develop a course designed to provide foundational knowledge of the complexities and nuances of US-based physical therapy policy, practice and regulation that are critical to moving forward towards licensure and effective practice in the US.

This online course will be delivered three times per year. Registration begins in December 2015 for a late January/February 2016 start date. [The attached document](#) provides additional specifics on the course. Feel free to contact professionalstandards@fsbpt.org with any questions.



Our volunteers hard at work

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

PTA Item Bank Review Committee

PT & PTA Exam Development Committees

Continuing Competence Committee

Kathy Arney, Chair

Barbara Behrens

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Karen Holtgrefe

Jason Kaiser

Patti Jo Lane

Beth Sarfaty

Michele Thorman

Nancy Kirsch, board liaison

Spotlight on member resources: 2015 LIF report



Federation members can now view the 2015 Leadership Issues Forum Report in the Members Area under Meetings & Events.

The report covers the following 2015 LIF topics: Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; Continuing Competence; Coursework Tool; Dry Needling Competencies; Exam Licensure and Disciplinary Database; NPTE Eligibility; Public Awareness, Physical Therapy and Regulation; Minimum Data Set and a summary of recommendations.

2015 LIF Feedback

Board members and administrators from a majority of our jurisdictions attended the Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) in August to listen to in-depth reviews of current issues of importance to our physical therapy regulatory boards. Almost 80% responded to our request to critique the meeting.

The ratings and comments for the meeting were extremely positive – 98% rated the meeting as being “very effective” or “effective” in having met its intended objectives. All respondents (100%) rated four topics as very effective/effective. And the rest of the topics were rated very effective/effective by 92% of the attendees.

Next year’s meeting will be held July 30-31, 2016 in Alexandria, Virginia.

Continuing Competence Update

In response to an invitation, the FSBPT board liaison and continuing competence staff presented to the **Alaska Board of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy** at their September 24 meeting. The Alaska Board explored future implementation of aPTitude as a continuing competence (CC) system and the ProCert program that evaluates CC activities.

Not to be outdone by the 50th State, the new **Hawaii** Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM) was launched on September 22. Hawaii JAM joins the **New Jersey** and **New Hampshire** JAMs, which were launched earlier this year. Select the Jurisprudence Modules link on the FSBPT homepage for more information about JAMs.

Jurisdictions that have interest in any of the FSBPT’s continuing competence tools should contact CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org to request a presentation tailored to their needs (see <http://www.continuingcompetence.org> for more information). FSBPT funds the travel costs to attend jurisdiction meetings.

Irish Ministry of Health: Physiotherapist vs. Physical Therapist

Your board of directors sent a letter to the Irish Ministry of Health this month asking them to consider protecting the terms physiotherapist and physical therapists. This was in response to a request from the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists.

Interesting, in Ireland physiotherapists and physical therapists have two separate scopes of practice. As you probably know, most other nations use the two terms interchangeably for the same profession. The FSBPT board also requested that this issue be addressed as it will cause a great deal of confusion in the international arena.

Urgent: Task force volunteers needed

In early 2016, FSBPT will be creating three task forces to help us address some of our most critical public protection issues. We’re seeking educators and practitioners with expertise in a variety of topic areas and a variety of practice settings to help us think through these issues.

TOEFL Standard Setting: Tentatively scheduled for March 11-12, 2016, the committee will review the Test of English for Foreign Language speakers to determine if changes are recommended for FSBPT’s eligibility criteria. The committee will review documents relevant to PT practice, TOEFL items, and be

asked to use their own judgment and experiences to help determine whether the current standard is still valid. Professionals who are trained in a language other than English, or who work with professionals who were, are especially encouraged to apply.

PT & PTA Practice Analysis Task Forces: FSBPT needs qualified professionals to serve on a variety of groups to help guide the 2016 NPTE PT and PTA Practice Analysis. This effort forms the backbone of the NPTE Content Standards. Meetings will occur throughout 2016 and possibly into 2017. You may nominate yourself or another qualified professional for these task forces. Self nominations are both allowed and encouraged!

Please email your résumé or curriculum vitae to volunteer@fsbpt.org.

FSBPT hosts credentials review agency meeting

Four of the five physical therapy credentialing agencies met September 25th to discuss issues, share information and hear updates. FSBPT hosts this annual meeting for the agencies that are licensed to use FSBPT's Coursework Tool (CWT) to complete reviews of foreign applicants' physical therapy educational credentials.

Others attending included Jim Heider, FSBPT Board of Directors liaison and Mary Keehn, chair of the FSBPT Foreign Educated Standards Committee. Topics on the agenda included revising the Coursework Tool (CWT) licensing agreement, the development of CWT 6 in 2016, and reviewing the Physical Therapy Credentialing Agencies Standards as well as the CWT Interpretive Guidelines. The group continues to find significant value in the meeting.

2015 Annual Meeting

Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa, Orlando, Florida: October 15-17, 2015



Are you attending the annual meeting?

If the answer is yes, our next question is, "Have you registered?"

You might think, "Do they mean me? I'm a *****." Yes! We do!

Or, "I made my hotel and travel reservations, was there something else I was supposed to do?" Yes indeed, you need to register!

We want you to have a registration packet and name badge waiting for you in Orlando.

Register at <https://www.fsbpt.net/Event/>.

Annual Meeting Information

Be sure to view the agenda, delegate handbook and hotel information on the 2015 annual meeting page at <http://www.fsbpt.org/NewsEvents/Events/Meetings/2015AnnualMeeting.aspx>.

Washington D.C. may regulate personal trainers

On September 15, 2015, Eric Boehm wrote in Watchdog.org, “When Andrew Killion opened District Crossfit in 2010, he was training a few handfuls of people in a converted auto garage.

“Today, Killion oversees one of the largest Crossfit gyms in Washington, D.C., with six full-time employees — called “coaches” in the Crossfit lingo — who help more than 400 members sweat their way through daily workouts in a 10,000-square-foot warehouse near the booming Navy Yard waterfront. “Now he worries city officials will take it all away.

“Killion and other gym owners in the nation’s capital could soon be subject to the first set of occupational licensing laws targeting personal trainers. The Council of the District of Columbia empowered an obscure regulatory panel, the Board of Physical Therapy, to create the new rules, which are scheduled for a Sept. 22 vote.

“ ‘My fear is that because I don’t didn’t study kinesiology, or exercise science, or whatever, they’ll decide that I’m not capable of running this place, just because I don’t have a degree,’ Killion said. ‘The whole thing is a solution in search of a problem.’ ”

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Modern doctors’ house calls: Skype chat and fast diagnosis

On July 22, 2015, Abby Goodnough wrote in The New York Times, “One night, when her face turned puffy and painful from what she thought was a sinus infection, Jessica DeVisser briefly considered going to an urgent care clinic, but then decided to try something ‘kind of sci-fi.’

“She sat with her laptop on her living room couch, went online and requested a virtual consultation. She typed in her symptoms and credit card number, and within half an hour, a doctor appeared on her screen via Skype. He looked her over, asked some questions and agreed she had sinusitis. In minutes, Ms. DeVisser, a stay-at-home mother, had an antibiotics prescription called in to her pharmacy.”

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Google focuses on healthcare technologies

Google is partnering with a number of companies to develop and distribute new healthcare technologies.

On September 15, 2015, Douglas MacMillan wrote in the Wall Street Journal, “Insurance startup Oscar Health Insurance Corp. has a powerful new ally in its costly battle to win customers from entrenched insurance giants like UnitedHealth Group Inc. and Anthem Inc.

“Mario Schlosser, who co-founded Oscar in 2012, said part of his goal is to help fuel the adoption of new healthcare technologies developed by other companies. Google, whose Life Sciences arm is jointly developing a contact lens with pharmaceutical company Novartis AG that monitors glucose levels from

human tears, could eventually work with Oscar to help distribute these types of new medical products to patients, Mr. Schlosser said.

"[Oscar] gives customers free fitness-tracking devices and access to a free unlimited telemedicine service, which connects patients with a physician over the phone within in 10 minutes."

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Cheating in the News: Fraud Case Alleges \$50 Million in Bogus Claims for Student Substance Abuse Counseling

On September 2, 2015, The US Department of Justice reported that, "Eight people have been indicted for allegedly participating in a scheme that submitted more than \$50 million in fraudulent bills to a California state program for alcohol and drug treatment services for high school and middle school students that, in many instances, were not provided or were provided to students who did not have substance abuse problems."

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Board of Directors Report

Here is the motion from the September 2015 board of directors meeting.

To appoint Charlotte Martin to the Foreign Educated Standards committee with a term ending December 31, 2017.

Rationale: This fills a vacancy on the committee.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

Find out which member of the board of directors is liaison to your jurisdiction.

 Jurisdictions	Your Board Liaisons
Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah	Charles Brown

	
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont	Maggie Donohue 
Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee	Natalie Harms 
Alaska, California, Hawaii, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington	Jim Heider 
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Sign off: That's all the news today from the Strawberry Vanilla hydrangea banks of the Potomac, where the fish are faster, the fishing boats are longer, and the fishermen are still full of stories.

- William A. Hatherill, CEO