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It’s all on the PTLC page!

Are you wondering what the status of the Physical Therapy Licensing Compact (PTLC) is in each state? Not sure how close we are to the “BIG TEN” states needed to bring the Compact into existence? Want to know who endorses the PTLC?

Find that information and more on our newly-revised PTLC page. We’ll continue to update the page as we receive new information, so check back often.

Oregon first state to sign on to Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC)

In case you missed last month’s news, here are more specifics.
Oregon has made physical therapy history by becoming the first state to join the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC), a system that aims to make it possible for PTs and PTAs to practice in multiple states through a single license and privilege.

The legislation, signed into law by Gov. Kate Brown, adopts standard language allowing Oregon to participate in a system in which a PT or PTA with a valid, unencumbered license in the participating home state may practice in any other participating state. Qualified PTs and PTAs would be able to choose any or all participating compact states to gain a Compact Privilege authorizing the PT or PTA to work legally, but would only need to maintain licensure in their "home" state.

The push for adoption of the PTLC among states is being led by FSBPT and APTA in partnership with the National Center for Interstate Compacts, working with state APTA chapters, state regulatory boards, and supporters of increased licensure portability. That effort officially launched earlier this year.

"The Federation is thrilled Oregon was the first state to enact the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact," said FSBPT President Maggie Donohue, PT. "This is a demonstration of how APTA, FSBPT, the Oregon Chapter, and the Oregon Physical Therapy Licensing Board can work together to benefit the healthcare consumer. We trust Oregon is the model for continued collaboration and advancement of patient access to physical therapy services."

Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) support

FSBPT appreciates the broad support received for the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. From consumer groups to policy organizations, the following have publicly endorsed the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

- The American Telemedicine Association
- Athletico Physical Therapy
- Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC)
- Cross Country Healthcare
- Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)
- HPA The Catalyst
- National Association for the Support of Long Term Care (NASL)

Read the letters of support.

New! Excellence in Regulation Award

The Excellence in Regulation Award recognizes jurisdictions that have made significant accomplishments towards increasing public protection for consumers of physical therapy services in a number of areas.

To nominate a jurisdiction, including your own, submit the Excellence in Regulation Award Nomination Form to communications@fsbpt.org by Friday, July 1, 2016.

A jurisdiction board must have made significant accomplishments towards increasing public protection in any of the following areas.
1. Rules were passed that substantially protect the public.
2. Legislation was passed that was based on the FSBPT Model Practice Act for Physical Therapy and the licensing authority was a key component in getting it passed.
3. The FSBPT Continuing Competence Model was adopted.
4. Maintained 5 stars in the Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) for three years in a row.
5. Increased the number of ELDD stars by three or more in one year.
6. First jurisdiction to adopt the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.
7. Engaged the public in a meaningful way or provided meaningful resources directed to the public.
8. Conducted research on a topic related to public protection.
9. Incorporated measures to increase the effectiveness and/or efficiency of the licensing board.

**Annual meeting credentialing opens**

The FSBPT annual meeting is November 3-5, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio.

Who will FSBPT fund to the 2016 annual meeting?
- Your Voting Delegate
- Your Primary Alternate Delegate
- Your Board Administrator (Board administrators can be voting and alternate delegates.)

Directions for credentialing delegates and administrators for the 2016 annual meeting have been emailed to the Council of Board Administrators. In addition, a short overview of the process has been emailed to board chairs. Administrators and board chairs, if you need a copy of those emails, contact communications@fsbpt.org.

**Deadline for credentialing - June 17, 2016**

It is imperative that administrators finish the credentialing process by June 17, 2016 to ensure that your representatives can attend LIF. Late submissions will be accepted if your board does not meet until after the deadline.

**LIF: Leadership Issues Forum – July 30-31, 2016**

The Voting Delegate and Board Administrator will automatically receive travel authorizations to the Leadership Issues Forum in Alexandria, Virginia.

**FSBPT regulatory training in June – there is still room**

FSBPT hosts annual training for all jurisdiction board members and administrators on physical therapy regulation. It receives **consistently exceptional reviews**! FSBPT funds your attendance. This year’s training is **June 24-26, 2016** in Alexandria, Virginia.
Topics - Regulatory law, terminology, board powers/responsibilities/roles, the regulation of physical therapy, delegation of authority, immunity – and a familiarization with FSBPT services.

To ensure a seat, register by **April 15, 2016** by emailing communications@fsbpt.org.

**FSBPT annual meeting topics due April 15, 2016**

Maybe you’ve got a topic that your board is wrestling with or you’ve seen a speaker cover a topic that is pertinent to healthcare regulation.

- Does your board have a project to present to your peers at the annual meeting?
- Do you have a unique approach to some aspect of the regulation of physical therapy within your state?
- Do you have some specific experience or expertise in a regulatory topic?

Send it on!

If your proposal is chosen, two presenters will be funded to attend the annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio November 3-5, 2016. Programs are limited to one-hour sessions.

**Due date: Friday, April 15, 2016**

Proposal submissions must contain the following:

1. Title
2. Course description
3. Course objectives
4. Tentative outline of time and content
5. Biographical information for each speaker, including degrees/credentials, institution, city, and state

Send proposals to communications@fsbpt.org.

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**Our volunteers hard at work**

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

EDC-PT Committee

*Jeanne Cook*
*Jade Bender-Burnett*
*Nicole Samuels*
*Manuel Domenech*
*Michele Layton*
**aPTitude Update**

Starting with its March 2016 renewal, **Oregon** joins the list of jurisdictions that allow licensees to utilize aPTitude to track their continuing competence activities. In the renewal application, if an Oregon licensee is using aPTitude, they don’t need to manually enter their continuing competence activities when using the online renewal system. In addition, if they are selected for the compliance audit, board staff will use the materials uploaded in aPTitude in lieu of the licensee sending in copies of the certificates of completion.

**Jurisprudence Assessment Modules**

Earlier this year, FSBPT started development of the Jurisprudence Assessment Modules (JAMs) for **Georgia** and **Oregon**. More recently, the **Texas** board voted to adopt a JAM to replace their current, board-developed jurisprudence tool. The Texas JAM will also include questions addressing ethics and professional responsibility, and will be required of all renewing licensees to meet the required to CCUs in ethics/professional responsibility. The Texas JAM item writing workshop will take place in April. The Georgia, Oregon, and Texas JAMs will all be launched later this year.

If your jurisdiction is interested in a JAM, please email competencestaff@fsbpt.org.

**Spotlight on member resources: Minimum Data Set**

We recently posted new resources to the Federation’s Minimum Data Set (MDS) webpage. The MDS is a project to create a PT database (MDS) that will substantially facilitate workforce planning in the nation.

Review the latest on the MDS by reading an article from the 2015 Federation Forum magazine. See what each state collects (or does not collect) on physical therapists’ demand/education/supply data by viewing the **State Health Workforce Inventory**.
Cheating in the News: ‘Cheating watches’ warning for exams

On March 3, 2016, Sean Coughlan reported in BBC News, “Teachers have complained about ‘cheating watches’ being sold online to give students an unfair advantage in exams.

“These digital watches include an ‘emergency button’ to quickly switch from hidden text to a clock face.

“The watches hold data or written information which can be read in exams.

Watches are advertised on Amazon with the claim that they are ‘specifically designed for cheating on exams.’”

Board of Directors Report

There were no motions from the March 2016 board of directors meeting.

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

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

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<td>Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee</td>
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<td>Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington</td>
<td>Jim Heider</td>
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<td>Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia</td>
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<td>Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming</td>
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<td>Susan Layton</td>
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(Call FSBPT unless otherwise noted after name.)
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<td>Anything else, including news to share with members</td>
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**Sign off:**

That’s all the news today from the warming redbud tree-lined 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