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Feds charge 300 in nation's largest healthcare fraud bust

On June 22, 2016, Pete Williams posted on NBC News, "Federal authorities said Wednesday that roughly 300 people in more than half the states have been charged in the largest crackdown to date on health care fraud.

"Those arrested account for more than \$900 million in false billings to Medicare and Medicaid, according to the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services...

"Among those charged were a licensed occupational therapist and a licensed physical therapist."

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Diagnostic and Procedural Imaging in PT Practice

The APTA Orthopaedic Section's Imaging Special Interest Group (I-SIG) has published a white paper on imaging in PT practice. "Diagnostic and Procedural Imaging in Physical Therapist Practice" describes the history and current status of imaging in physical therapist practice and advocates for expanded imaging privileges for physical therapists to benefit the individual healthcare consumer and society.

Find the link to this white paper on the [FSBPT Regulatory Resources page](#).

CWT 6 posted

Beginning in 2017, US physical therapy programs will be graduating their first classes that have been taught under the new CAPTE accreditation standards. In order for non-CAPTE graduates to be determined to be substantially equivalent, a new Coursework Tool (CWT) has been developed to reflect these new standards. CWT 6 has undergone validity and reliability studies.

[View CWTs.](#)

Last chance to participate in LIF

The following states have not yet credentialed their Voting Delegates and Funded Administrators.

Alabama, Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Vermont

Voting Delegates, Board Administrators, committee chairs and candidates are starting to receive travel authorizations to the Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) in Alexandria, Virginia July 30-31, 2016.

Without credentialing being completed, your state board will miss the opportunity to send your Voting Delegate and Funded Administrator to LIF, where they will hear in depth many of the regulatory issues that will prepare them for the Federation's annual meeting.

Although the deadline was June 17, 2016, late submissions will be accepted if your board does not meet until after the deadline.

Administrators should contact communications@fsbpt.org for credentialing instructions. Once your Voting Delegate and Funded Administrator are credentialed, they will receive a travel authorization to LIF.



Our volunteers hard at work

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:
PT Exam Development Committee

Board Regulatory Training

We are still collecting evaluations from the June 2016 training, but wanted to share one staff's impression of what attendees thought of the training. Be sure to consider signing up for next year's training - it is open to all board members and administrators!

"Many attendees wanted to come and chat with me because they were so excited about what they had learned and what they would do when they got back to their jurisdictions. The energy level was tremendous!

"Here's what they had to say:

- 1) Loved getting to know other board members and how they do things.
- 2) Loved the content and format of the meeting.
- 3) Were amazed at the resources available to them."

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Coming Soon: 2016 PT and PTA Practice Analysis

FSBPT and our research partner, HumRRO, will be sending out invitations to respond to the PT and PTA practice analysis soon.

This important study will be used to revise the NPTE Content Outlines for 2018, among other important efforts that rely on a solid understanding of what PTs and PTAs must know and be able to do.

Please encourage your licensees to complete this important survey if they get an invitation!

ProCert & aPTitude

With its recent announcement, the *Idaho* Board became the 28th jurisdiction to accept continuing competence activities certified by ProCert. In addition to making this change, the board sent a letter to education providers to proactively let them know of the board's decision. The Idaho Board is also planning on advertising aPTitude to its licensees.

If your board is interested in sample communications for vendors and/or licensees, please contact the Federation at CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org.

Georgia JAM

On July 1, 2016 the new *Georgia* Jurisprudence Assessment Module (GA JAM) will go live. The GA JAM will be the fourth JAM launched since 2015. Later this year, the JAMs for *Oregon* and *Texas* will be implemented. If your board is interested in implementing a JAM, please let us know. We are currently identifying the 2017 development calendar.

oPTion

The Federation's online and on-demand self-assessment tool, oPTion, is currently confirmed for credit in 12 jurisdictions. Although the Federation believes that oPTion already meets the continuing competence requirements in many jurisdictions, we are asking member boards to confirm that licensees in their jurisdiction will receive credit for completion of oPTion. The Federation recommends that boards award 3 credits for completion. Visit www.fsbpt.org/oPTion to see a list of the boards that have confirmed credit. If you want to add your board to the list, please send an email to CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org.

Helping state boards collect workforce data

Increasingly, states are recognizing the value of health workforce monitoring systems that can give them access to relevant and timely information on the supply and distribution of health workers in their states.

This information is critical for the development of evidence-based policies and programs to meet current and future workforce needs.

The National Center for Health Workforce Analysis at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) developed a standard set of basic questions that can be used to collect data on the supply of health workers. Known as the Minimum Data Set (MDS), it consists of a small number of questions focused on key demographic, educational, and practice characteristics of health professionals, information that can be used to support effective health workforce planning.

A resource brief from the Health Workforce Technical Assistance Center is designed to help stakeholders interested in developing a state health workforce monitoring system to better understand the issues involved and to identify potential strategies to engage licensing bodies in collecting health workforce data.

[View resource brief](#) from the Health Workforce Technical Assistance Center.

[View FSBPT Minimum Data Set resources.](#)

CAC annual meeting information

Citizen Advocacy Center's annual meeting is devoted to the topic "Modernizing the Regulatory Framework for Telehealth." The meeting is being co-sponsored by CLEAR (Council on Licensure Enforcement & Regulation) and by some of the health licensing boards in Oregon.

The meeting will take place on Saturday afternoon, September 17, 2016, and on Sunday morning, September 18, 2016, in Portland, Oregon immediately following the conclusion of this year's CLEAR Annual Education Conference.

View [Preliminary Program Announcement, Agenda, and Meeting Registration Form.](#)

View [the program.](#)

Spotlight on member resources: Reentry Resources



FSBPT has developed an excellent resource for regulatory boards on the issue of PTs reentering the workforce after an extended period of time.

The intent of this resource is to:

- Outline and describe current definitions and requirements for reentry for PT providers in the United States
- Provide a review of models for reentry in other professions
- Provide an international perspective of reentry for health care professions
- Provide considerations for jurisdictions regarding current reentry requirements

[Read more and view resource.](#)

Cheating in the News: Foreign students seen cheating more than domestic ones

On June 5, 2016, Miriam Jordan and Douglas Belkin reported in the Wall Street Journal, “Public universities in the U.S. recorded 5.1 reports of alleged cheating for every 100 international students, versus one report per 100 domestic students, in a Wall Street Journal analysis.”




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Board of Directors Report

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

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

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

 <p>Jurisdictions</p>	<p>Your Board Liaisons</p>
<p>Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah</p>	<p>Charles Brown</p> 
<p>Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina</p>	<p>Tom Caldwell</p> 
<p>Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont</p>	<p>Maggie Donohue</p>

	
<p>Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee</p>	<p>Natalie Harms</p> 
<p>Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington</p>	<p>Jim Heider</p> 
<p>Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia</p>	<p>Nancy Kirsch</p> 
<p>Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming</p>	<p>David Relling</p> 



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Sign off:

That's all the news today from the rose covered 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