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## **Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy**

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### **USCIS Notice of Intent to Terminate (NOID)**

As reported in the FCCPT News Flash on September 9<sup>th</sup> and reviewed in the September 12<sup>th</sup> Webinar, USCIS has informed FCCPT via letter of August 19, 2016 entitled: "Notice of Intent to Deny and Notice of Intent to Terminate" (NOID) that FCCPT must immediately begin to comply with USCIS's determination to only grant immigration certification to non-US educated physical therapists that:

- hold a post bachelor degree and have a minimum of 202.1 credit hours and a minimum of 90 professional credits effective on or before December 31, 2016
- On or after January 1, 2017, only to those that hold a doctorate degree and have a minimum of 234 credit hours and a minimum of 90 professional credits.

In addition, at the request of USCIS

- FCCPT bylaws have been amended so as to no longer require FSBPT's Board approval. Instead, only a majority vote of the FCCPT Board of Directors is required.
- FSBPT Board of Directors will no longer appoint or remove FCCPT Board members. Instead, FCCPT Board will be self-perpetuating.

FCCPT has responded on September 20<sup>th</sup> of its compliance with USCIS's request and its willingness to comply with any additional conditions. FCCPT has respectfully requested that USCIS engage in a discussion of the assumptions underlying the agency's conclusions reflected in the NOID. CAPTE and the

American Physical Therapy Association have sent letters of opposition to the NOID (and in support of the CWT) to USCIS Director Leon Rodriquez. If you feel this is an important issue to you and your licensing board and only as appropriate, please contact your Federal Senators and Representatives; and consider writing a letter of opposition to USCIS Director Rodriquez.

### **Excellence in Regulation Award Goes to Kentucky**

This new annual award recognizes the jurisdiction that has made significant accomplishments towards increasing public protection for its consumers of physical therapy services. Kentucky's contributions included adopting telehealth regulation for physical therapy, spearheading efforts to pass anti-solicitation legislation designed to reduce fraudulent billing practices; supporting FSBPT's Continuing Competence Model through use of aPTitude, ProCert and oPTion; receiving a 5 star rating on the FSBPT Exam Licensure and Disciplinary Database participation three years in a row; by vigorously defending dry needling as within the scope of physical therapy, and unanimously voting to adopt the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Efforts are underway for passage of compact language in Kentucky's 2017 legislative session.

### **Outstanding Service Award winners**

Each year the board recognizes and honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Federation through their volunteer work during the past year.

- Morris Beato
- Connie Clarkston
- LaVonne Couch
- Cynthia Cruz Gomez
- Bob Frampton
- Andy Gustafson
- Janice Haas
- Jasmin Jimeno
- Kelly King
- Mollie Venglar
- Don Walsh



### **Our Volunteers Hard at Work**

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

- **Continuing Competence Committee**
  - Kathy Arney, Chair
  - Mary Addison Blackstone
  - Barbara Behrens
  - Linda Gustafson
  - Bo Hamil
  - Michele Thorman
  - Nancy Kirsch, Board Liaison
- **Coursework Tool Training (CWT 6) for Credentialers**
- **Credential Review Agencies Annual Meeting**

- **EDC-PTA Committee Meeting**
- **Item Writer Task Force**
- **PT/PTA Practice Analysis Task Force Meeting**

### **Practice Review Tools (PRTs) Retirement and oPTion**

FSBPT is notifying stakeholders that effective **November 30, 2016** the Practice Review Tools (PRTs) will be retired. Since the launch of the General Practice PRT in 2009 and the Orthopedic Practice PRT in 2010, the content for these assessment tools has become gradually outdated relative to the content outline of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). Moving forward FSBPT can more nimbly maintain and update oPTion's content which renders oPTion a more sustainable self-directed assessment tool into the future.

### **Coming Soon: CWT 6**

CWT 6 has been adopted and will go into effect **January 1, 2017**. It is based on the current accreditation criteria that is used by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) and has gone through an extensive validation process. Is your jurisdiction ready for the new? FSBPT will be sending out a survey in the near future to see if your jurisdiction has any special considerations with the implementation of the new tool.

### **PT Day of Service: October 15, 2016**

FSBPT has signed on as a Gold Sponsor of PT Day of Service. Become a part of [PT Day of Service](#) as we join together to better the world!

### **Florida Doctor Indicted for Role in \$13.8 million Medicare Fraud Scheme involving Physical Therapy**

The United States Department of Justice | Office of Public Affairs

“The medical director of a clinic in Orlando, Florida, was charged in a superseding indictment filed today for his alleged participation in a \$13.8 million health care fraud scheme involving claims for expensive prescription drugs and physical therapy.” [View rest of Department of Justice Release.](#)

### **Spotlight on member resources: Licensing Authorities Contact Page**



Do you need to contact a specific state board? Visit the [Licensing Authorities Contact page](#) on the FSBPT site to explore state board websites and connect with Board Administrators.

### **Cheating in the News: FBI raids home of ex-College Board official in probe of SAT leak**

By Renee Dudley and John Shiffman | Reuters

“Federal agents searched the home of a former employee-turned-outspoken critic of the College Board, the standardized testing giant, as part of an investigation into the breach of hundreds of questions from the SAT college entrance exam.” [View rest of article](#)

### **Board of Directors Report**

Here are the motions from the September board of directors meetings.

To approve the amendments to the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy Certificate of Incorporation as presented.

*Rationale:* As required by USCIS, the sections requiring the FSBPT Board of Directors to approve the FCCPT bylaws and appoint the FCCPT Board have been deleted from the Certificate of Incorporation.

*Fiscal Impact:* None.

To approve the amendments to the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy Bylaws as presented.

*Rationale:* As required by USCIS, the sections requiring the FSBPT Board of Directors to approve the FCCPT bylaws and appoint the FCCPT Board have been deleted from the Bylaws.

*Fiscal Impact:* None.

To approve the revised Coursework Tool 6 that requires 1050 clinical education hours.

*Rationale:* This more accurately reflects CAPTE's assumption of 35 clinical hours per week rather than the original assumption of 30 clinical hours per week.

*Fiscal Impact:* None.

To approve the members for 2016 Outstanding Service Awards.

- Morris Beato
- Connie Clarkston
- LaVonne Couch
- Cynthia Cruz Gomez
- Bob Frampton
- Andy Gustafson
- Janice Haas
- Jasmin Jimeno
- Kelly King
- Mollie Venglar
- Don Walsh

*Rationale:* Each year, the Federation awards those members whose individual work merits special recognition. Awards will be given at the Federation's Annual Meeting, and awardees need to be given advance notice so that they will be able to attend the Annual Meeting.

*Fiscal impact:* None

To approve Kentucky for 2016 Excellence in Regulation Award

*Rationale:* The Excellence in Regulation Award was created to recognize jurisdictions that have made significant accomplishments towards increasing public protection for its consumers of physical therapy services in a number of areas. Awards will be given at the Federation's Annual Meeting.

*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



Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia,  
Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina,  
Ohio, South Carolina

Tom Caldwell



Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New  
Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Maggie Donohue






Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky,  
Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee

Natalie Harms



Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Puerto  
Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington

Jim Heider

	
Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia	<p>Nancy Kirsch</p> 
Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming	<p>David Relling</p> 

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**Sign off:**

**That's all the news today from the sweet  
autumn clematis 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***