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Serve on an FSBPT Committee!

Are you interested in serving on one of the committees below beginning January 1, 2025?

- Continuing Competence Committee
- Education Committee
- Ethics and Legislation Committee
- Finance Committee
- Resolutions Committee
- Sexual Misconduct and Boundaries Committee

[Learn more about these opportunities on our website.](#) To apply, log into the [FSBPT Portal](#) and complete the [volunteer application](#) (located under "Members Area > Get Involved"). Be sure to submit your application by November 6!

Don't see an opportunity that interests you but have ideas you'd like to share? [Contact us!](#)

The Slate for the 2024 Elections

The Nominating Committee has announced the slate for this year's elections, which will take place electronically on November 1. We will also hold a Candidate Forum during the Annual Education Meeting on the morning of Friday, November 1. If you would like to attend the forum virtually, [please register for the virtual sessions at the Annual Education Meeting.](#)

Please also get to know the candidates by reading the [Candidate Statements](#) and [watching a recording of the Candidate Forum](#) that took place in July. (Note, the recording is only available to members.)

We will announce the election results at the Annual Education Meeting.

Please join FSBPT in thanking the 2024 Nominating Committee Members, Ron Barredo (Chair), Robert Friberg, and Adrienne (Stacy) Price for their work this year.



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Nominating Committee Member



Kristina Lounsberry (LA)
Nominating Committee Member

Prescriptive Authority for Physical Therapists

The role of physical therapists is continually evolving, with a growing emphasis on their potential to contribute to patient care beyond traditional therapy. One significant area of interest is the expansion of prescriptive authority, which would empower physical therapists to prescribe medications within their scope of practice. This development has the potential to streamline patient care, improve access to treatment, and enhance patient outcomes.

Noblet et al. identified four categories of barriers and facilitators for non-medical prescribers in a study published in the *Journal of Physiotherapy* in 2017:

- **System Factors:** governmental, political, organizational, infrastructure, and formulary considerations
- **Education and Support Factors:** education, continuing professional development, medical mentorship, and support from medical staff and health administration
- **Personal and Professional Factors:** reducing waiting lists, improving access, enhancing job satisfaction, and managing risks
- **Financial Factors:** funding for time and education, infrastructure, logistics, staff, and insurance

In the United Kingdom and Australia, physiotherapists can demonstrate their proficiency and obtain a qualification that endorses their ability to prescribe medication. There are two categories of prescribers in the UK:

- **Independent non-medical prescriber:** They are authorized to prescribe medications based on a predetermined set, which is established through training and additional education.
- **Supplemental non-medical prescriber:** Their prescription set is determined by a physician or the hospital system they are affiliated with.

In contrast to the established models in the UK and Australia, the US is currently in the early stages of considering expanded prescriptive authority for physical therapists. Recognizing

the potential benefits of expanded prescriptive authority, the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) has established a Prescriptive Authority Task Force to explore the feasibility of expanding prescriptive authority within the physical therapy scope of practice. In April 2024, FSBPT engaged with a subset of the APTA Task Force to discuss possible regulatory implications. The APTA Task Force is expected to present a special report to the 2025 House of Delegates.

Model Practice Act Moment

We will focus on a different statute section from the Model Practice Act and its accompanying commentary each month.

Statute

Article 2: Board of Physical Therapy

2.01 Board of Physical Therapy

5. Have the authority to establish committees, advisory panels, and task forces to further the work of the board.

Commentary

The board may need specific topics researched or discussed in more detail than typical board meeting time allows. Committees, advisory panels, and task forces can perform the research and report back to assist the board in making decisions and acting.

Available Funding Opportunities

The FSBPT Board is committed to supporting its member jurisdictions in their mission to protect the public. Join the ranks of states, including Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, and the Virgin Islands, that have all taken a big step toward both administrative efficiency and protecting the public. They are currently leveraging FSBPT Grants to enhance the ELDD, improve compact privilege implementation, and collect workforce data.

Your state should be next! Learn more about our available grants to help jurisdictions with enhancing your participation in or communication with our Examination, Licensure, and Disciplinary Database (ELDD), improving compact privilege implementation, or collecting workforce data.

FSBPT offers grant funding to support its member jurisdictions in their mission to protect the public. If you are interested in receiving a grant, please send an email to [FSBPT's CEO, William A. Hatherill](#) summarizing what you would like to have funded and why it is important or how it can improve efficiencies for your board.

Upcoming Webinars

We are hosting multiple upcoming webinars within the FSBPT Portal, allowing you to easily access member resources, groups, and events all in one place! Be sure to register for these upcoming webinars:

This Could NEVER Happen to Me! Protecting Yourself and Preventing Sexual Misconduct

- November 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m. ET

December 2024 Regulatory Hour: Recent Rulings, Real Impact: Navigating the Regulatory Landscape

- December 18, 4:00 p.m. ET

To register, please log in to the [FSBPT Portal](#), select "Events," and click on the event you'd like to register for.

Send Us Additional Recipients

Do you know of any individuals or groups that would be interested in receiving our monthly *News Brief*? Or did someone forward this to you, and you'd like to be on our list?

Please send any referrals our way! Contact us via email at communications@fsbpt.org with information, ideas, or suggestions.

We appreciate your collaboration in our effort to further our mission to protect the public.



FSBPT Forum: You Are My Sunshine: FSBPT's Membership Survey Results

The 2023 membership survey, conducted by FSBPT, aimed to measure member satisfaction, assess the importance of services, and identify member needs to inform strategic direction. [This article](#) is based on a 2023 Annual Education Meeting presentation by Missy Anthony and Carl Fusco.



Spotlight on Member Resources: Mandatory Reporting Form Templates

FSBPT created two customizable mandatory reporting form templates to serve as "samples" for jurisdictions to review and modify as applicable to their own state laws and regulations. These templates can be used to create reporting forms in your jurisdiction or to serve as a guide for additional items you may wish to add to your current forms.

- [Template for Self Reporting](#): For individuals to report violations related to their own practice or behaviors
 - [Template for Mandatory Reporting of another Licensee](#): To report alleged violations of other health care providers
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Many Thanks to Our Volunteers

This month, we thank our generous volunteer members for their support of our mission.

- Ethics and Legislation Committee
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In the News

FSBPT provides the following links for your education and awareness but does not endorse the content.

"New CPA Paths Emerge as States Try to Stem Accountant Shortage," *The Wall Street Journal*, Mark Maurer, October 2, 2024

"National accounting groups unveil an alternative to controversial 150-hour requirement for state licenses, but their proposal is raising fresh concerns."

"Sensitive or Specific?" *Chicago Life Magazine*, Marc Ringel, September 23, 2024

"Too much or too little medical testing is bad for you. Too much leads to excess intervention, cost and worry. Too little means missing important diagnoses. Sensitivity and specificity are powerful statistical tools that help make such decisions."

"Meeting the Growing Demand for Age-Friendly Care: Health Care at the Crossroads," *The John A. Hartford Foundation*

"A groundbreaking survey released by Age Wave and The John A. Hartford Foundation reveals widespread dissatisfaction among older adults with the U.S. health care system."

"The Failing U.S. Health System," *The New England Journal of Medicine*, Blumenthal et al, October 9, 2024

"New data show that the United States continues to fall short when it comes to both protecting the health of individual people and promoting societal well-being."

"The growing disconnect between virtual health availability and consumer demand," *Deloitte Center for Health Solutions*, Dutta et al, October 16, 2024

"Deloitte research indicates that by ensuring virtual health offerings prioritize convenience and address consumer preferences, health systems could gain a competitive advantage."

"Using AI for good on Government's future frontiers," *Deloitte Insights*, October 16, 2024

"The AI for Good Summit tackled topics of regulation, inclusion, and bias, while laying out a strong case for why AI is integral to the UN's sustainable development goals."

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Did you know...?

FSBPT's Board of Directors wants members to know **staff is available to assist any jurisdiction with writing statutory or regulatory language**. When you are crafting new laws or regulations/rules, especially involving FSBPT products such as the NPTE or Coursework Tool, or controversial topics such as dry needling, **FSBPT is a resource to remember!**

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If you have questions, challenges, or ideas, we want to hear from you! (703) 299-3100

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Sign-off:

From the autumn royalty encore azalea-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*



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