



Section on Pediatrics
American Physical Therapy Association

School-Based Physical Therapy Special Interest Group
February 2015 Newsletter

Greetings, School SIG Members!

At APTA's Combined Sections Meeting 2015, I will complete my second three-year term as chair of the School SIG, necessitating a change in leadership, according to Section policy. Also completing their second three-year terms are our vice chair, Tracy Stoner, PT, DPT, PCS, and our secretary, Betsy Crawford, PT, DPT. Many thanks to Tracy and Betsy for all your years of service to the SIG!

Our new officers will be:

- **Chair: Laurie Ray, PT, PhD**
- **Vice Chair: Sharon Antoszyk, PT, DPT, PCS**
- **Secretary: Brett King, PT, DPT**

Laurie is an Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, she serves as Consultant for School-Based Physical Therapy and Medicaid, as well as for Adapted Physical Education. As many of you know, she is a dynamic speaker, having provided outstanding presentations at local, regional, and national conferences, such as CSM, SoPAC, and Innovations in School-Based Physical Therapy Practice. Laurie is an exceptional resource for school-based PTs across the country, and I am confident that she will bring to this position the same expertise, energy, and dedication from which we have benefited for years.

Also rotating off their current positions are Region I representative, Brett King, PT, DPT, and Region VII representative, Athena Oden, PT. Thank you, Brett and Athena! Brett will assume the role of secretary, as shown above, and Athena will become our Liaison to the CSM Planning Committee. Our new Region I rep will be Dawn James, PT, DPT, PCS; Region I (Western) includes: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. **We are seeking a new Region VII rep**; Region VII (South Central) includes: Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. If you are interested in serving in this position, please email Laurie Ray, PT, PhD, at laurie_ray@med.unc.edu

The following is an update on School SIG activities of the past year.

The School SIG sponsored **Innovations in School-Based Physical Therapy Practice 2014**, which was held on Friday-Saturday, July 11-12, 2014, at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA. About 100 therapists attended from 23 states. The reviews demonstrated that participants found the conference extremely valuable. **Please see information below on Innovations in School-Based Physical Therapy Practice 2015.**

We completed the following documents, and they are posted on our website:

- **Performance Appraisal of School-Based Physical Therapists: The Link to Student Outcomes**
 - Chair: Amy Barr, PT, DPT
 - Co-authors: Sharon Antoszyk, PT, DPT, PCS, Amy Barr, PT, DPT, Sue Cecere, PT, MHS, Karen Greeley, PT, DScPT, Debbie Kiser, PT, MS, and Laurie Ray, PT, PhD.
 - Task Force Members: Sharon Antoszyk, PT, DPT, PCS; Sue Cecere, PT, MHS; Susan Effgen, PT, PhD, FAPTA; Karen Greeley, PT, DScPT; Debbie Kiser, PT, MS; Mary Jane Rapport, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA; Laurie Ray, PT, PhD; Deb Rose, PT, DPT, PCS
 - APTA Staff Members: Deborah Crandall, JD (Associate Director, Federal Payment Policy and Advocacy); Justin Elliott (Director, State Government Affairs); Monica Herr (Senior Congressional Affairs Specialist)
 - Members of this task force are developing an article based on the document, which will be submitted to the *Journal of Special Education Leadership*.
- **Practice Recommendations for the School-Based Physical Therapy: Evaluation of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder**
 - Chair: Liliane Savard, PT, DPT, PCS
 - Co-authors: Michelle Albrecht, PT, DPT, Lori Glumac, PT, DSc, PCS, Karen Greeley, PT, DScPT, Kathleen Murphy, PT, DPT, Bala Pillai, PT, DPT, MA, PCS
- **School-Based Physical Therapy: Conflicts Between Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Legal Requirements of State Practice Acts and Regulations**
 - Co-chairs: Peggy Belmont, PT, MEd, C/NDT; Yasser Salem, PT, PhD, NCS, PCS
 - Co-authors: Sue Cecere, PT, MHS; Lori Glumac, PT, DSc, PCS, C/NDT; Connie Hector, PT; Laurie Ray, PT, PhD; Andy Ruff, PT; Cathy Wright, PT, DPT
- **Transition Worksheet for Early-Intervention and School-Based Physical Therapy Providers** (developed collaboratively with the Early Intervention Special-Interest Group);
 - Chair: Denise Swensen, PT, DPT
 - Co-authors: Lisa Chiarello, PT, PhD, PCS, FAPTA (chair of EI-SIG); Marcia K. Kaminker, PT, DPT, MS, PCS (chair of School SIG); Tricia Catalino, PT, DSc, PCS; Valerie Clevenger, PT, MS, PCS; Melanie Haigood, PT, MS; Sue Cecere, PT, MHS; Tracy Stoner, PT, DPT, PCS; Cathy Talbett, PT

These documents have been completed by the School SIG and have been approved by SoP leadership; they are currently being formatted by APTA's Publishing Department:

- **Dosage Considerations: Recommending School-Based Physical Therapy Intervention Under IDEA and Appendix A: Dosage Considerations Chart**
 - Chair: Sharon Antoszyk, PT, DPT, PCS
 - Co-authors: Genia Devenport, PT, MS; Tanya Grabinski, PT, DPT, MHS, PCS; Dawn James, PT, DPT, PCS; Jeannine Moore, PT, DPT; Laura N. Phillips, PT, DPT

- **Physical Therapy for Educational Benefit**
 - Chair: Carlo Vialu, PT
 - Co-authors: Jessica Barreca, PT; Sue Cecere, PT, MHS; Catherine Knickerbocker, PT; Kim Lephart, PT, DPT, MBA, PCS; Irene McEwen, PT, PhD, FAPTA; Laurie Ray, PT, PhD; Andy Ruff, PT; Joanne Szabo, PT, DPT, MHA, PCS
 - Reviewed by the officers of the Hospital-Based Special Interest Group: Colleen Coulter, PT, DPT, PhD, PCS; Beth McKittrick-Bandy, PT, MBA, PCS; Susan Winning, PT

This document is undergoing final editing by the SoP Practice Committee:

- **Selected Assessment Tools for Evaluation of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder**
 - Chair: Liliane Savard, PT, DPT, PCS
 - Co-authors: Michelle Albrecht, PT, DPT; Lori Glumac, PT, DSc, PCS; Karen Greeley, PT, DScPT; Kathleen Murphy, PT, DPT; Bala Pillai, PT, DPT, MA, PCS

Access to *Physical & Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics* is now available to APTA members!

- Designed for pediatric professionals in physical and occupational therapy, the journal publishes clinical research and practical applications for working with children, case reports, and reviews of new measures. **NOTE:** Due to technical difficulties with accessing this online, please contact the PTNow Librarian for copies of articles from this journal. To do so, e-mail article titles to articlesearch@apta.org.
- This is great news! Several times over the past few years, we have requested access to this excellent journal on behalf of members of the School SIG. Each time we were told that it was prohibitively expensive, because it was not bundled with all the other electronic journals that are available to APTA members through PTNow ArticleSearch (formerly known as Open Door). APTA finally did approve the funding, although the journal's technical difficulties require us to request specific articles, as noted above.

I recently emailed to all SIG members the following document:

- **Workload Approach: A Paradigm Shift for Positive Impact on Student Outcomes**
 - Developed collaboratively with AOTA and ASHA
 - Co-authored by School SIG's Sue Cecere, PT, MHS, who also serves as Section vice president.

Free Webinars, which are now archived and available for online viewing:

- **Workload Approach: A Paradigm Shift for Positive Impact on Student Outcomes**
 - role of specialized instructional support personnel (related service providers)
 - January 22, 2015, from 1:00-2:30 pm EST
 - Hosted by the IDEA Partnership
 - Featuring School SIG's Sue Cecere, PT, MHS
 - Recorded webinar is now available for viewing through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UMfm5rSgeU>

- **Role of Related Service Providers in Transition Planning and Services**
 - Tuesday, January 27 from 3:00-4:30 pm EST
 - Hosted by the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center (NSTTAC)
 - Featuring School SIG's Laurie Ray, PT, PhD, and Toni Doty, PT, PhD, PCS
 - Recorded webinar and references are now available under Archived Webinars and Presentations at <http://nstattac.org>

Ongoing School SIG Subcommittees: developing resources to post on our website

- **Comparative Roles of School-Based Physical Therapy and Adapted Physical Education.**
 - Chair: Laurie Ray, PT, PhD
 - Members: Laurie Bainer, PT; Michele Catena, PT, DPT
 - Developing a resource to assist local education agencies (LEAs), parents, administrators, instructional staff, and related service providers to understand the roles of school-based physical therapists and adapted physical educators
 - Will describe how we are different and how we collaborate, bringing our unique expertise to improve student outcomes
 - Adapted physical education teachers will review document and offer input.
- **Inclusion**
 - Chair: Michele Wiley, PT, DPT, PCS
 - Members: Margaret Borkowski, PT; Alice Fox, PT; Tricia Keen, PT, DPT; Angie Zendron, PT, DPT
 - Composing a resource on the role of the school-based physical therapist in inclusive settings and strategies to promote inclusion in the classroom and community.
- **Intervention for Students with Autism**
 - Chair: Lori Glumac, PT, DSc, PCS
 - Members: Marycarol Baker, PT; Karen Greeley, PT, DScPT; Lisa Milkavich, PT, DPT; Bala Pillai, PT, DPT, MA, PCS; Liliane Savard, PT, DPT, PCS; Karen Tartick, PT, CSCS
 - Developing a case study on a preschool child with autism.
- **Intervention for Students with Progressive Neuromuscular Disorders**
 - Chair: Deb Rose, PT, DPT
 - Members: Carolyn Armstrong, PT, DPT, PCS; Lisa Barczyk, PT; Gretchen Bedeaux, PT; Dawn James, PT, DPT, PCS; Holly McElhinny, PT; Jeannine Moore, PT
 - Expects to complete a draft document by the end of the school year.
- **Learning Plan**
 - Chair: Kris George, PT, PhD, PCS
 - Members: Carolyn Hansen, PT; Amy McVickers PT, MEd, ATP; John Nathan, PT, DPT; Bala Pillai, PT, DPT, MA, PCS; Cathryn Rase, PT, DPT, MS; Deb Rose, PT, DPT, PCS; Janice Saucerman, PT; Melissa Scales, PT; Cathy Wright, PT, DPT
 - Created a resource list for each area identified in “Updated Competencies for Physical Therapists Working in Schools” (Effgen, Chiarello, & Milbourne, 2007),

- including books, journal articles, continuing-education courses, federal laws, and state guidelines for school-based practice, and promoting the value of mentorship.
- Currently being edited by SoP leadership.
- **Power Mobility.**
 - Chair: Tracy Stoner, PT, DPT, PCS
 - Member: Amy McVickers PT, MEd, ATP
 - Will welcome additional volunteers
 - Developing a resource for related service providers, teachers, and administrators, on power mobility for children from preschool through school age.

School SIG Members in the News

- Section vice president Sue Cecere, PT, MHS, is now serving as the Section's External Liaison to the National Coalition on Personnel Shortages in Special Education as well as the School SIG's Liaison to the IDEA Partnership. On December 5, 2014, Sue participated in a focus group organized by the National Education Association (NEA), which engaged special educators and related service providers with the Government Accounting Office to discuss paperwork burden in special education. It was the first time that NEA and its affiliate groups were able to engage the government in discussion on the increased burdens with the passing of NCLB and the reauthorization of IDEA. Sue is not sure where this will lead, but at least our voices were heard (and recorded!)
- In September 2014, in Niagara Falls, School SIG board member and incoming SIG chair, Laurie Ray, PT, PhD, represented APTA on a panel at the meeting of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME), which also included representatives from AOTA, National Association of School Nurses (NASN), and ASHA.

Future School-Based Continuing-Education Opportunities

- **APTA Combined Sections Meeting**
 - February 4-7, 2015; Indianapolis, IN
 - <http://www.apta.org/CSM/>
 - School SIG Business Meeting: Friday, February 6, 2015, 6:30 to 7:30 am
- **2015 NEXT Conference & Exposition**
 - June 3-6, 2015; National Harbor, MD
 - <http://www.apta.org/NEXT/>
- **Innovations in School-Based Physical Therapy Practice 2015**
 - Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, 2015
 - Capistrano Unified School District; San Juan Capistrano, CA.
 - Brochure and registration form will be posted soon on the SoP website
 - <https://pediatricapta.org/events/index.cfm?expanddiv=event775#n775>
- **Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference (SoPAC 2015)**
 - November 6-8, 2015, with preconference courses November 4-5
 - Pittsburgh, PA
 - <http://www.sopac.us/events/annual-conference/2015/index.cfm>
- **IV STEP 2016: Pediatrics & Neurology**
 - July 14-19, 2016; Columbus, OH

School SIG Membership

- We currently have 548 members, from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Military. The only states that are not represented are Arkansas and West Virginia.
- Please continue to encourage your colleagues to join, at no additional cost to Section members.
- Go the following link and click on “Join a Special Interest Group.”
<https://pediatricapta.org/special-interest-groups/>
- We continue to welcome your participation in SIG activities, as well as your questions, comments, and suggestions.

It has been a great honor to have served as chair of the School SIG for the past six years. I am continually amazed and inspired by the expertise and dedication of our members!

Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

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