

**Health Care Professionals and Personnel  
Involved in the Delivery of Physical  
Therapy Task Force Member  
Biographical Information**

**Name:** Laurence “Larry” Benz

**Credentials:** PT, DPT, ECS, OCS

**State/Territory:** Kentucky, Indiana, Texas

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:** PT Development LLC

**Years in practice:** 25

**Practice settings over course of career:**

- 1 US Army including medical centers, medical hospitals (all settings), Troop Medical Clinics
- 2 Acute Care Hospitals-skilled nursing, home health, inpatient, outpatient
- 3 Private Practice
- 4 Industrial Medicine
- 5 Sports Medicine
- 6 Clinical Electrophysiology

**Positions held over course of career:**

- 1 Staff PT
- 2 PT Clinical Education Coordinator
- 3 Clinic Director, owner
- 4 Business Development (contracting)
- 5 Assistant Professor
- 6 Consultant

**Service activities:**

- 1 APTA Advisory Panel on Practice
- 2 APTA Guide Parts 3 and 4
- 3 American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (6 years)
- 4 ABPTS Specialty Council-Section on Clinical Electrophysiology
- 5 Founder, Jacmel Rehabilitation Southeast, Haiti

**Fun fact:** Live in Louisville, KY home of horses, bourbon, and fried chicken

**Name:** James Buenaventura

**Credentials:** PT, DPT, CGFI

**State/Territory:** California

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:**

- 1.) President/Owner - In Motion Physical Therapy and Rehab, Inc (Harbor City, CA)
- 2.) Teaching Assistant - California State University, Long Beach (Long Beach, CA)
- 3.) Home Health Physical Therapist - Blue Water Physical Therapy (Torrance, CA)

**Years in practice:** 2.5

**Practice settings over course of career:**

- 1.) Outpatient Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
- 2.) Home Health

**Positions held over course of career:**

- 1.) Staff Physical Therapist
- 2.) Lead Physical Therapist
- 3.) Business Manager
- 4.) Billing Manager
- 5.) President/Owner

**Service activities:**

- 1.) Nominating Committee, CPTA Long Beach/South Bay District (2010-present)
- 2.) Member, California Physical Therapy Association (2006-present)
- 3.) Member, American Physical Therapy Association (2006-present)

**Fun fact:** Lives in San Pedro, CA - the largest port on the West Coast and one of, if not, the busiest port in the country

**Name:** Susan M. Chalcraft

**Credentials:** PT, MS

**State/Territory:** Washington State

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:** Critical Access Hospital Setting (Out patient, Acute Care, Pediatrics, Public Schools) Providence Mount Carmel Hospital

**Years in practice:** 29

**Practice settings over course of career:** Acute Care, Hospital-Based Out Patient, Public Schools, Consultant/Pediatric Private practice (owner), In-patient Rehabilitation, Private Practice (employee), Critical Access Hospital

**Positions held over course of career:** Staff physical therapist; lead physical therapist; Service Area Supervisor; CCCE; Practice owner; consultant

**Service activities:** PTWA Legislative Committee member (1987-present); Delegate (multiple years—most recent 2007-2011); PTWA legislative Committee Chair (1999-2005); PTWA Vice President (2005-2007) PTWA President (2007-2011); member of PTWA Public school guidelines task force; Direct Access Task Force and Referral for Profit Committee.

Member of Get Fit Colville Leadership team and Extreme Health Makeover team.

Board of Directors: All Aboard Academy (Birth to Three program)

**Fun fact:** I play clarinet and was 3 term president of the Highline Community Band (Seattle Washington).

**Name:** Anthony Delitto

**Credentials:** PT, Ph.D, FAPTA

**State/Territory:** Pennsylvania

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:** I hold key positions within an Academic Medical Center that is part of an integrated health care delivery system, which includes the University of Pittsburgh and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and UPMC Health Plan

**Years in practice:** 31

**Practice settings over course of career:** I have maintained an active practice throughout my career employed in an academic medical center setting. My practice occurs within either comprehensive rehabilitation facilities or certified rehab agencies.

**Positions held over course of career:** Past: Staff PT, Clinical Coordinator of Clinical Education, various academic ranks and secondary appointments in other departments  
Present: Professor and Chair, Department of PT, SHRS, University of Pittsburgh  
Associate Dean for Research, SHRS, University of Pittsburgh  
VP Education and Research, Centers for Rehab Services, UPMC  
Musculoskeletal Subcommittee and consultant, UPMC Health Plan

**Service activities:** I have served the APTA in the education arenas (various task forces developing the new version of CPI, CAPTE Central Panel Member), research (officer in the Section on Research, including 2-term President), Advisory Panels for Education and Research, Journal activities (past editorial board member, presently serving on steering committee). I have been a delegate for the PA chapter and the Research Section.

**Fun fact:** I am an active member of the Mt. Lebanon Cycling and Caffeine Club (aka “mostly old men in tight pants) and a proud charter member of BGA (Bad Golfers Association)

**Name:** Tom DiAngelis

**Credentials:** PT, DPT

**State/Territory:** Ohio (current, see below)

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:**

- 1) Private Practice Owner with one Partner since 1989
- 2) Consultant for division a company that offers EMR; I am working with them on developing cash based, turnkey programs for PT's to offer sports performance, injury prevention and weight management programs.

**Years in practice:** 30

**Practice settings over course of career:**

- 1) Staff PT in an acute care, orthopaedic hospital
- 2) Assistant Director of an outpatient orthopaedic/sports medicine facility
- 3) Director of PT in an acute care hospital; later was the Director of all Rehabilitation Services.
- 4) Consultant to a SNF
- 5) Current PP owner.

**Positions held over course of career:**

Noted above in practice settings.

**Service activities:**

- 1) President Private Practice Section, 2008-present
- 2) Director Private Practice Section , 2005-2007
- 3) Vice President Private Practice Section, 2007-2008
- 4) Trustee APTA PT-PAC, 2002-2007 (chair, 2003-2004)
- 5) Member APTA Government Affairs Committee, 2008-2011
- 6) Member Task Force on Product Endorsement and Evaluation, 2/2008-9/2008
- 7) Member APTA Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, 2011-

**Fun fact:** Will be moving from Cincinnati, OH to Tacoma, WA the end of this year!

**Name:** Dianne V. Jewell

**Credentials:** PT, DPT, PhD, CCS, FAACVPR

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:**

- 1) Consultant (self-employed);
- 2) Adjunct Faculty Member – Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA and University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center, Memphis, TN.
- 3) Physical Therapy Clinical and Case Management Consultant – Cross Over Health Center, Richmond, VA

**Years in practice:** 23

**Practice settings over course of career:**

- 1) Acute care hospital– intensive care, step down and stable care services
- 2) Inpatient rehabilitation hospital services
- 3) Day rehabilitation services
- 4) Hospital-based outpatient services (orthopedic, neurologic)
- 5) Aquatic physical therapy services
- 6) Skilled nursing facility services

**Positions held over course of career:**

- 1) Staff PT
- 2) Senior PT Team Leader
- 3) Transplant Rehabilitation Coordinator
- 4) Competency Development and Assessment Coordinator
- 5) PT Clinical Education Coordinator
- 6) Director of Quality Management
- 7) Assistant Professor
- 8) Consultant

**Service activities:**

- 1) Director, APTA Board of Directors (2007 – present)
- 2) Director, Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hospital Board of Directors (2009 – present)
- 3) Member and Chair, APTA Committee on Clinical Residency and Fellowship Credentialing (2003-2007)
- 4) Member and Chair, APTA Committee on Chapters and Sections (2003-2005)
- 5) President, Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Section – APTA (2001 – 2007)

**Fun fact:** Lives in Caroline County, VA – birthplace of the legendary race horse Secretariat

**Name:** Jennifer Lesko

**Credentials:** PT, MS

**State/Territory:** Washington

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:**

Director of Physical Therapy – Therapeutic Associates Inc Queen Anne Physical Therapy

**Years in practice:** 12

**Practice settings over course of career:**

- 1) Outpatient Orthopedic
- 2) Skilled nursing facilities

**Positions held over course of career:**

- 1) Staff PT
- 2) Director of physical therapy

**Service activities:**

- 1) Washington State Chief Delegate; PTWA Board of Directors(2009- present)
- 2) Member PTWA Legislative Committee (2004- present)
- 3) Vice President PTWA Board of Directors ( 2007-2010)
- 4) PTWA delegate (2007-2009)
- 5) Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustee (2006)
- 6) PTWA Federal Legislative Liaison (2005-2007)

**Fun fact:** 2<sup>nd</sup> generation born and raised in Alaska.



**Name:** John C. McGee

**Credentials:** PT, PhD, MBA, OCS, ATC

**State/Territory:** Maryland License, Stationed in Texas

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:** U.S. Air Force

1. Director of Science and Technology, 59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing (MDW), San Antonio, TX
2. Director of Air Force Physical and Occupational Therapy Research, San Antonio, TX
3. Senior Physical Therapist, 59<sup>th</sup> MDW, San Antonio, TX

**Years in practice:** 13

**Practice settings over course of career:**

1. Athletic Trainer for various high school, collegiate and professional sports teams (NBA, and Women's Pro Beach Volleyball) – Prior to Physical Therapy School
2. Private Outpatient Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy Clinic/ Aquatic Center – Prior to Physical Therapy School
3. Large Air Force Medical Center – ½ outpatient facility (orthopedic, neurology, lymphedema) , and ½ acute care (ICU, med surg, general medical)
4. Small Air Force Medical Group Physical Therapy Clinic – Outpatient Orthopedic
5. U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Physical Therapy Clinic – Direct Access Orthopedic
6. Home Health

**Positions held over course of career:**

1. Certified Athletic Trainer
2. Staff Physical Therapist
3. Physical Therapy Element Leader
4. Adjunct Faculty Member
5. Undergraduate Instructor / Director of Cadet Research
6. Physical Therapy Center Coordinator for Clinical Education
7. Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) PhD Scholarship Recipient
8. Senior Physical Therapist
9. Senior Research Officer, Joint Combat Casualty Research Team
10. Director of Air Force Physical and Occupational Therapy Research
11. Director of Science and Technology

**Service activities:**

1. APTA Section Member; Orthopedic, Sport's, Education, Research, and Federal Government Sections – 1995 - present
2. Grant Reviewer, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) – 2008
3. Musculoskeletal Screening Instructor for U.S. Army 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group (18 Delta Medics and Host Nationals), Herat Province, Afghanistan – 2010 – 2011

**Fun fact:** Grew up on Maryland's Eastern Shore; can trace ancestry back to Captain John Smith's 1607 voyage to America

**Name:** Rebecca (Becky) S. McKnight

**Credentials:** PT, MS

**State/Territory:** Missouri

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:**  
Educational Consultant (self-employed)

**Years in practice:** 19 years

**Practice settings over course of career:**

- 1) Regional Acute Care Hospital
  - a. Neurologic Intensive Care Unit
  - b. Neonate Intensive Care Unit
  - c. Step Down Units
  - d. Stable Care Units
- 2) Inpatient Subacute Rehab Unit
- 3) Rural Hospital
  - a. Acute Care (intensive care, step down & stable care)
  - b. Skilled Nursing
  - c. Outpatient
- 4) Home Health
- 5) Physical Therapist Assistant Education
- 6) Physical Therapist Education

**Positions held over course of career:**

- 1) Staff PT
- 2) Neuro Unit Team Leader
- 3) Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education
- 4) Program Director PTA Program
- 5) Adjunct Faculty PT Program
- 6) Consultant

**Service activities:**

- 1) Chair Physical Therapist Assistant Educators SIG of the Education Section (2007 - 2011)
- 2) Director Missouri Physical Therapy Association (2005 - 2008)
- 3) American Physical Therapy Association's Task force to revise the Normative Model of Physical Therapist Assistant Education

- 4) Consultant Group on the development of an Educational Leadership Institute for the APTA.
- 5) PT Advisory Board; SLACK, Inc.

**Fun fact:** Has six kids. At one time her home was overflowing with, six kids (5 teens and a new baby), 3 dogs, 3 cats, 11 mice, a hedgehog, a ferret and a chinchilla.

**Name:** Blair J. Packard

**Credentials:**

BS in Zoology (Pre-med), Brigham Young University, 1973

MS in Physical Therapy, Duke University, 1976

**State/Territory:** Arizona

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:** co-owner, East Valley Physical Therapy & Aquatic Rehabilitation

**Years in practice:** 35

**Practice settings over course of career:** 2 years in large county general hospital; 33 years in therapist owned private practices – 12 years in large corporate private practice involving private clinics, hospital contracting and extended care, and 21 years in own orthopedic private practice.

**Positions held over course of career:**

Staff therapist – Maricopa County General Hospital

Staff therapist to partner and co-owner – Affiliated Physical Therapists, Phoenix, Arizona

Co-owner and clinician, East Valley Physical Therapy & Aquatic Rehabilitation, Mesa, AZ

**Service activities:**

- Previous professional service includes Arizona Chapter president (1983-84), Private Practice Section Board of Directors (1984-86), APTA Board of Directors (1991-94), FSBPT Model Practice Act Task Force chair (1994-97), FSBPT President (1999-2004). Service awards: APTA Lucy Blair Service Award (1998), APTA Charles Harker Service Award (2001); FSBPT McDougal Service Award (2010).
- Co-founder and currently on Board of Directors of a non-profit organization, Care for Life, engaged in sustainable development work in Mozambique, Africa (see [www.careforlife.org](http://www.careforlife.org)).
- Served two missions for the LDS Church in Mozambique – International Measles Eradication Campaign (2005); LDS mission president, Mozambique and Angola, 2006 to 2009 where we lived full-time for 3 years.

**Fun fact:** With spare time I enjoy off-road/4-wheeling in my Jeep Wrangler, especially in the high desert country of Arizona, canyon lands of Southern Utah, or high mountains of Colorado. It's even better when I can get one of our 25 grandchildren to go along.

**Name:** Robert Worden

**Credentials:** B.S. Ed, MS, CAGS, MBA, PTA, Adv. Prof. Musculoskeletal, ATC

**State/Territory:** New Hampshire

**Current Professional Practice / Employer:**

- 1). Pinnacle Physical Therapy-Administrator/Partner
- 2). Pinnacle Rehabilitation Network Partner
- 3). Physician Healthcare Practice Consultant
- 4). Adjunct Faculty Hesser College/ PTA/CI

**Years in practice:** 30

**Practice settings over course of career**

- 1) High School Teacher/ Athletic Training
- 2) University Sports medicine
- 3) Corporate Outpatient Sports PT
- 4) Private Practice Outpatient Sports PT
- 5) CORF services

**Positions held over course of career:**

- 1) High School Athletic Trainer/ Physical Educator
- 2). Director of Athletic Training University Level
- 3). Adjunct faculty University Athletic Training
- 4) Staff PTA/ Marketing CORF facility
- 5). PT Center Manager Corporate Outpatient PT
- 6.) Administrator Outpatient Orthopedic Sports PT Corporate
- 7) Regional Clinical Coordinator National Rehabilitation Company
- 8) Private Practice Administrator/Partner/PTA Clinician
- 9) Partners Counsel Rehabilitation Network

**Service activities:**

PTA Caucus (2010-present)  
PTA Communications Task Force (2011)  
NH PTA Caucus Representative (2010 to present)  
PTA SIG Liaison (2010- Present)  
Chairperson NH Chapter State Legislation 2010-Present)  
Hesser College PTA Advisory Board (15 Years)

**Fun fact:** Discharged from counseling after another Red Sox disappointment secondary to high co-pay.