

Progressive Legal /Political Plan for the RIAPTA

Objectives

1. Revise Physical Therapy Practice Act to correspond to national standards and expectations, and improve the profession as it advances the quality of health care to the citizens of the state.
2. Develop a stronger and more evident presence at the legislative level, such that physical therapy has greater ongoing impact on the direction and configuration of health care delivery and financing in the state.
3. Protect and enhance the practice of physical therapy in the state involving interaction with insurers and other professions.
4. Develop a strong and effective 'grass roots' mechanism for political and legislative action by the membership, such that our lobbying, legislative, and legal actions assure protection of the profession, 'presence' at the state and national levels, and fine tuning to the directions of the Board and membership

Practical Outcomes

- 2007 – Introduce continuing education requirement into practice act/rules-regulations – draft in progress by lobbyist
 Enhance compliance of practice with national ethics, standards of practice, and guidelines for physical therapy practice
 Develop legal counsel and referencing for Chapter and PTPPG SIG
- 2008 – Enhance compliance of practice with national ethics, standards of practice, and guidelines for physical therapy practice
 Foster enforcement of rules and regulations through license board interactions
- 2009 – Complete modernization of practice act/rules-regulations, including the elimination of referral for profit

Implications

- I. Incorporate progressively more investment of attention and resources in legal and political action, working to secure a 50-60% increment per year over the next 3 years.

Year	Planned Funding	Following Year Increment Rate	Planned Increment	Nominal Contract
2006	7000	60%	4200	7000
2007	11200	60%	6720	12000
2008	17920	60%	10752	18000
2009	28672	-----	0	29000
2007-2009	+ 38000 over 3 years			

II. Legal Fund will be developed over the three year period through the incorporation of an aggressive financing plan to include:

1. Increment in membership in the Chapter and PTPPG
 - i. (dues revenue 7000/3 years, avg 2350/yr)*
2. Increment in Legal Fund raising by Chapter and PTPPG
 - i. (non-dues revenue 10000/3 years avg 3300/yr)
3. Continuing education fund development arising from approval of courses and Chapter sponsored programs
 - i. (non-dues revenue 21000/3 years, avg 7000/yr)

* requires a growth in the Chapter membership of $2400/80 = 30$ new members per year, which is preferred, or a dues increase of \$10-15 for all existing members