

**Candidate Name:** Elizabeth “Betsy” Cyr

**Nomination Position:** Peds SIG Chair

**Degrees Earned & Certifications:** BSPT, MSPT, DPT, DHSc / PT, PCS, Certificate of Advanced Practice in Pediatric PT

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Clinical/Research/Teaching:**

- 18 years of clinical practice primarily in pediatric PT settings
- Assistant Clinical Professor at UNE for 3 years with an additional 6 years as adjunct faculty
- Research agenda related to participation in physical recreational activities for children with developmental disabilities

**Current Employment:** Assistant Clinical Professor at UNE; co-owner Up & Away Therapies, LLC

**Professional Contributions:**

- APTA Pediatrics, Clinical Practice Guideline Reviewer
- Manuscript reviewer for Physical & Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics journal
- Volunteer with Maine Adaptive, Special Olympics, and iCan Shine

**Professional Awards:**

- Distinguished Clinical Faculty Award, UNE, 2019
- Alpha Eta National Honor Society Inductee, Drexel University, 2023

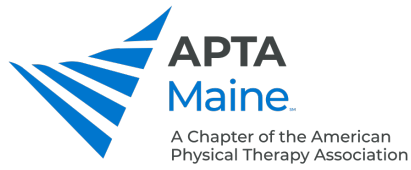
**APTA Service History:**

- Initiated Maine APTA Peds SIG and served as chair for the past 2 years.
- Maine state advocacy liaison for the APTA Pediatrics for 6 years.
- APTA Pediatrics Knowledge Broker Network faculty for 4 years.

**Please explain how your experience and expertise could be utilized in the nomination position applied for to further the objectives of the Chapter:**

As the current chair, I have helped to create the bylaws of the pediatric SIG and collaborated with our board to work on a variety of continuing education and advocacy efforts over the past two years. I would like to continue in this role to build on our efforts so far and support our community of pediatric PTs. I have served as the Maine State advocacy liaison for the APTA Pediatrics. My state and national connections have been a resource for helping to run this board and support the needs of the therapists and families who receive our services in Maine.

**Explain your perceptions regarding the direction the Chapter should take in the future and how your goals for the nominated position will affect this change:**



## **Maine Chapter, APTA Call for Nominations**

As the chapter works to increase membership and alignment with the soon to be required CEUs through our licensing board, I believe the SIG's goals will assist in these efforts. Our SIG hopes to continue to meet the needs of pediatric therapists in the state, collaborate with other SIGs and professional organizations to build our capacity as providers, and advocate for needed changes, all which will help build membership. Our SIG has been offering continuing education opportunities through webinars, journal clubs, resource sharing, and networking with professions that serve the pediatric community. These opportunities can be developed to meet the future CEU requirements in the state.

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