



CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY & CONSENT FORM

NAME: Melinda Montoya, PT, DPT, PRPC

POSITION RUNNING FOR: Board Director and Delegate

CITY/TOWN OF RESIDENCE: Albuquerque, NM

APTA MEMBERSHIP (years): Member since 2011, however off and on, but about 7 years total

APTA New Mexico MEMBERSHIP (years): Member since 2011, however off and on, but about 7 years total

SECTION MEMBERSHIP(S): Oncology, Pelvic, Leadership and Innovation

EDUCATION: Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of New Mexico in 2014.

PREVIOUS BOARD EXPERIENCE: The Piñon Project Boars in Cortez, CO from 2019-2021. The Piñon Project is a non-profit organization that supports the community of Montezuma County with multiple programs that elevate lives of those who need the most assistance. APTA NM – current.

PERTINENT EXPERIENCE: Assistance with the Membership Committee in 2014. Current board experience with the Pinon Project, Operations Deputy for Northern Navajo Medical Center's Incident Command Team, responsible for staffing and staging our hospital, as well as responsible for reporting pertinent data regarding the COVID response. Currently, an APTA NM Board Member and Delegate; and make time to participate in the legislative committee as well as a 1st contact for legislative communication with the District 1 Congresswoman.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: (please provide some specific examples of projects that you'd like to participate in)

1. Legislative action. We, as therapists, have always made change on the individual level, but the key to change is through policy. We have worked on 4th Trimester Care at the state level. I would like to see Physical Therapists working at their highest level, or at least be provided with the support to.
2. Continuing Education Standards – elevating the education that we are getting post-grad to ensure consistency and evidence-based education being shared.
3. Improved access to clinical resources at least at the state level to help, through our website or mini-SIGs.
4. Improved distribution of rural health care providers or at least improved support to our rural health care providers.