

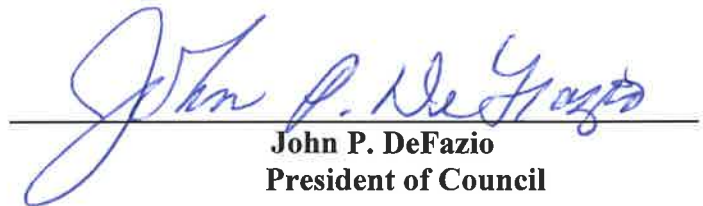
## APPOINTMENT


Approving the appointment of Dr. Cynthia N. Potter to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (North Park), for a term to expire on July 12, 2018.

**SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER KIRK**

In Council July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Read and approved by Motion of Council.**

  
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**John P. DeFazio**  
**President of Council**

Attest:   
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**Jared Barker**  
**Chief Clerk**  
**Allegheny County Council**



# COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

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## *Nomination for Appointment*

### Friends of the Parks Nomination Form

Council Member Cindy Kirk

Nominee: Cynthia N. Potter, PT, DPT

Address: 10069 Grubbs Road Wexford, PA 15090

Phone: 724-312-7813 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This nominee shall be a member of the Council of Friends of North  
Park. He/She is representative of:

- |                          |                         |                                     |                            |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Labor                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Disability Community       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Education               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Sports & Athletic Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Advocates | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape Architecture     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Historic Preservation   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify)     |

Board Certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist/Physical Therapist

Council Member Signature: 

Date: 7/6/16

**CYNTHIA N. POTTER, PT, DPT**

**10069 Grubbs Rd.  
Wexford, PA 15090  
Phone: (724)312-7813  
Fax: (724)933-0571**

**Licensure Information:**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Physical Therapy license PT-003689-L  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Direct Access license DAPT000005

Board Certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist  
Initial Certification – 1993  
Recertification-2003

Assistive Technology Provider Certification  
Rehabilitation and Engineering Society of North America  
Initial Certification - June 2006

**Current Employment:**

**Physical Therapist (self-employed independent consultant)**

Wexford, PA  
August 2000-present

Provides consultant physical therapy services (contractual) for children and adults with developmental disabilities in ICF/MR, early intervention (home-based), preschool, charter school, and community settings

Responsible for: Physical therapy evaluations; complex rehab seating evaluations, evaluation for adaptive equipment and other mobility devices; working with vendors to obtain needed wheelchairs, adaptive equipment, and other mobility devices; writing letters of medical necessity for wheelchairs and adaptive equipment; communicating and coordinating care with physicians and other health care providers; establishing a physical therapy plan of care. Developed and implemented programs for osteoporosis prevention and falls prevention for aging adults in ICF/MR adult day program and community residences.

**Sensory integration consultant**

NHS Allegheny Valley School  
Pittsburgh, PA  
May 2003-present

Responsible for: Initiating and developing an assessment of sensory processing function, sensory activities program, and staff training for children and adults with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities, producing a quarterly newsletter on sensory processing disorders and interventions; coordinating and presenting quarterly regional discussion groups for parents and

professionals in Western PA; training of Allegheny Valley School staff throughout Pennsylvania in use of the AVS Sensory Development Program; consulting to other facilities in Pennsylvania and surrounding states; grant writing for continued funding of research studies; designing and conducting related research.

Assisted in grant development which resulted in \$43,000 grant from FISA Foundation (awarded 11/2011) for implementation and investigation of use of sensory equipment during dental procedures for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Developed AVS Sensory Development Program (sensory processing assessment and comprehensive program) which was copyrighted and is now marketed by TFH and Southpaw Enterprises

**Guest lecturer**

Graduate School of Physical Therapy at Slippery Rock University (health care systems, health policy, ethics and legislative issues, professional development seminar)  
2000-present

**Education:**

Slippery Rock University - Graduate School of Physical Therapy  
Slippery Rock, PA  
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) 1998

University of Pittsburgh - School of Education  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Graduate work in exercise physiology (60 credits) 1979-1983

University of Pittsburgh - School of Health Related Professions  
Pittsburgh, PA  
1977-1979  
Certificate in Physical Therapy  
Master of Science - Health Related Professions (Developmental Disabilities track) 1979

Allegheny College  
Meadville, PA  
1974-1977  
Majors: Biology and English writing  
Bachelor of Science (3-2 program with University of Pittsburgh)

**Past Employment**

**Chair and Associate Professor**  
Graduate School of Physical Therapy  
Slippery Rock University

Slippery Rock, PA

Responsible for budgeting, faculty teaching assignment/workload, accreditation activities and teaching course content related to health care ethics, health care policy, health care systems, and neurologic physical therapy

Granted tenure - May 2000

June 1999- August 2000

**Associate Professor**

Graduate School of Physical Therapy

Slippery Rock University

Slippery Rock, PA

Responsible for teaching course content including health care ethics, health care policy, health care systems, pediatric physical therapy, and advanced clinical residency coordination.

August 1995- August 2000

**Part-time faculty**

Robert Morris University - Health Management Services program

Pittsburgh, PA

Responsible for teaching undergraduate and graduate health policy and current health care issues

January 2004- April 2007

**Part-time faculty**

Duquesne University - School of Physical Therapy

Pittsburgh, PA

Responsible for teaching professional seminar and pediatric physical therapy

September 2003-July 2008

**Guest lecturer**

Physical therapist assistant program at Community College of Allegheny County (pediatric physical therapy module)

1995-2011

**Owner/physical therapist**

North Allegheny Physical Therapy, Inc.

9500 Brooktree Rd.

Wexford, PA

Administered and provided outpatient and contract physical therapy services in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler and Westmoreland counties

Employed and supervised a staff of 12

1986-1997

**Physical Therapy Coordinator**

Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

Pittsburgh, PA

Established physical therapy department and provided physical therapy services in this approved private school setting

1979-1985

**Publications:**

Michael Babinec OTR/L, ABDA, ATP, Elizabeth Cole MS, PT, Barbara Crane PhD, PT, ATP/SMS, Steven Dahling ATP, Delia Freney OTR/L, ATP, Barbara Jungbluth-Jermyn M.Ed., BS PT, ATP, Michelle L. Lange OTR, ABDA, ATP/SMS, Yunn-Yi Pau-Lee PT, MA, Donald N. Olson PT, ATP, Jessica Pedersen MBA, OTR/L, ATP/SMS, **Cynthia Potter DPT, PT, PCS**, David Savage ATP/SMS, RET & Mary Shea MA, OTR/L, ATP. The Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA). Position on the Application of Wheelchairs, Seating Systems, and Secondary Supports for Positioning Versus Restraint. *Assistive Technology: The Official Journal of RESNA*. 2015; 27 (4), 263-271.

Potter CN, Wetzel JL, Learman K. Effect of A Sensory-Adapted Dental Environment on Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (manuscript in progress).

Potter CN. A Garden for the Senses. *Exceptional Parent Magazine*, October 2010,

Potter CN and Erzen C. A Multisensory Aquatic Environment for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. *Exceptional Parent Magazine*, October 2008, 68-69.

Potter CN. Allegheny Valley School Sensory Development Program. 2005, printed by TFH, Gibsonia, PA.

Primary author of "Guidelines for Recognizing and Providing Care for Victims of Child Abuse" published by the American Physical Therapy Association, 1999; Revised, 2004.

Potter, CN. "He Just Bumps Into Things: Recognizing and Reporting Signs of Child Abuse." *PT Magazine*, 2002.

Potter CN and Silverman LN. Characteristics of vestibular function and balance skills in deaf children. *Physical Therapy* 64: 1071-1075, 1984.

Potter CN. Influence of vestibular function on motor milestones in deaf children (abstract). *Physical Therapy* 62: 649-50, 1982.

Potter CN. Relationship between vestibular function and balance skills in deaf children (abstract). *Physical Therapy* 62: 662, 1982.

Potter CN. Feeding Assessment of Children with Oral-Motor Pathology (abstract). *Physical Therapy* 60: 605-606, 1980.

**Grant Activity:**

Potter CN, Gordon DG. "Effect of A Sensory-Adapted Environment on Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,"  
\$43,000

FISA Foundation Grant to Allegheny Valley School  
November 2011

Potter CN, Sorensen K, Greenberg S, Sanders K, Hughes C  
\$1260.00

“Effect of pre-fabricated orthoses on ambulation in children with Down Syndrome,”  
College of Health and Human Services Research Committee  
Slippery Rock University, April 1998

Potter, CN, Hughes CJ, McCandless R  
\$2660.00

“Development of a competency-based assessment for physical therapy education,”  
State System of Higher Education, February 1997

Potter CN

“Development of an exit competency for physical therapy education  
\$2430.00

College of Health and Human Services Research Committee  
Slippery Rock University, May 1999

#### **Positions Held in Scientific/Professional Societies:**

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
ProCert Continuing Competence Reviewer  
October 2012 – present

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Jurisprudence Exam Writer (item writing for states that require a jurisprudence exam)  
January 2015- present

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Advanced Item Writer Task Force (item writing for National Physical Therapy Exam)  
January 2010- December 2012

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Item Writer (item writing for National Physical Therapy Exam)  
October 2007-December 2009

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Practice Analysis Oversight Committee  
September 2010 to September 2011

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Continuing Competence Committee  
January 2009-December 2011

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Exam Development Committee (responsible for the development of the National Physical  
Therapist Licensure Examination)  
January 2006- December 2009

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Standards of Competence Task Force  
5/2006

Pennsylvania State Board of Physical Therapy, Member of state licensure board  
Terms 2003-2007, 2007-2011  
Appointed by Governor Mark Schweiker, November 2002  
Reappointed by Governor Ed Rendell, November 2006  
Board Secretary, November 2004  
Board Vice-president, November 2005-2011

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Delegate Assembly  
Elected delegate 2005, 2008, 2009; 2010, 2011; elected alternate delegate, 2003, 2004, 2007

Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy  
Reviewer of applications from foreign-trained physical therapists  
2006-2008

Pennsylvania Legislative Key Contact  
1999-present

Pennsylvania Federal Government Affairs Liaison for the American Physical Therapy Assn.  
1999-2006

Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association  
Legislative Committee Chair  
1998-2002

American Physical Therapy Association  
Advisory Panel on Women  
Chair, 2000-2001  
Member, 1998-2001

American Physical Therapy Association  
Section on Pediatrics Practice Committee  
Chair, 1995-2001  
Member, 1993-1995

APTA House of Delegates  
Pennsylvania Delegate



1981, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993

Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association  
Board of Directors (Southwest District Director)  
1990-1997  
Member at Large, 1992-1993

Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association  
History Committee Chair  
1996-1998

Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association  
Task Force on Chapter Delegate Assembly member  
1996-1999

Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association  
Peer reviewer for Quality Assurance Committee  
1995-1998

**Scientific and Professional Presentations:**

“Effect of A Sensory-Adapted Dental Environment on Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”  
Research Presentation at American Association for Medicine and Dentistry in Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference  
Los Angeles, CA  
July 2015

“Development of a Sensory-Adapted Dental Environment for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”  
Presentation at American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference  
Orlando, FL  
June 2014

“Evidence for Exercise for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”  
Poster Presentation at American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference  
Pittsburgh, PA  
June 2013

“Enhancing function through multisensory activities and environments”  
Poster Presentation at American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference  
Pittsburgh, PA  
June 2013

“Supporting Inclusion in Recreation and Exercise for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities: Benefits, Quality Indicators, and Research  
1 hour webinar for American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
December 13, 2012

“Second Annual International Physical Therapy Conference: Advances in Neurological Conditions”  
Invited speaker by Regis University - 2 day conference  
August 11-12, 2012  
Trujillo, Peru

“Assessment of Health Status and Health-Related Quality of Life in a Rural Honduras Population”  
Poster presentation: Potter C, Wetzel J, and Kushner S  
World Congress on Physical Therapy  
June 21, 2011  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

“Sensory Changes Associated with Aging and Alzheimer’s Disease”  
Pennsylvania Association of Resources for Autism/Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference  
Harrisburg, PA  
October 28, 2008

“Enhancing Function Through Multisensory Activities and Environments”  
National Alzheimer’s Association Dementia Care Conference  
Anaheim, CA  
August 25, 2008

Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Conference  
Invited speaker  
“Sensory Development and Function in Individuals With Severe Developmental Disabilities”  
Grantville, PA  
June 5, 2008

“Sensory Integration for Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities”  
Invited speaker, ARC of Florida Annual Conference St. Petersburg, FL  
June 10, 2007

“Recognition and Treatment of Sensory-based Behaviors in Individuals with Developmental Disabilities”  
American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference  
Poster Presentation  
Atlanta, GA  
May 22, 2007

“Identifying and Managing Sensory-based Behaviors”  
TASH Annual Conference  
Baltimore, MD

November 11, 2006

American Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference  
“Recognition and Referral: The PT’s Role When Child Abuse is Present”  
Orlando, FL  
June 22, 2006

“Developing Comprehensive Programs for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities”  
Invited speaker, Pyramid, Inc.  
Tampa, FL  
June 19-20 (2 day presentation)

“Developing Comprehensive Programs for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities”  
PA Health Care Quality Unit  
State College, PA  
Feb. 23, 2006

“Sensory-based Programs for Children and Adults”  
Sponsored by Allegheny Valley School and TFH  
Cranberry Twp., PA  
April 15, 2005

“The Impact of Sensory Integration and Sensory Stimulation “  
Conference on Aging and Disabilities  
Caswell Center  
Kinston, NC  
October 11, 2004

“Direct Access - What it means for physical therapists”  
Southwestern District Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association meeting  
Pittsburgh, PA  
November 9, 2004

### **Honors and Awards**

Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association Humanitarian Award  
October 2012

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Outstanding Service Awards  
October 2015  
September 2011

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Academy of Advanced Item Writers  
(Recognizing outstanding contribution of test items for the National Physical Therapy Exam)  
September 2010

Junior League of Pittsburgh Anne D. Johnston Award (Highest award presented annually to one individual recognizing service and impact on community)  
May 2010

Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association Service Award  
October 1998

### **Community Activities**

Northland Public Library Authority Board  
2000-present  
President, 2016-present  
Vice-President; 2013-2015  
President; 2005-2013

McCandless Industrial Development Authority Board member  
2014-present

McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority  
Town of McCandless Liaison; 2010-present

Town of McCandless, Member of Council  
2003-2012  
Chair, Finance Committee  
Vice-Chair, Public Safety

Allegheny County Department of Health and Human Services Refugee Career Mentoring Program  
Mentor to foreign refugees for career development and job skills  
9/2011- 6/2012

Hope Honduras Medical Mission Board  
Bakerstown, PA  
2010-present

### **International Medical Mission Experience**

Bakerstown Honduras Medical Mission - 10 trips (2 week duration) to rural Honduras to participate in medical clinics involving physicians, optometrists, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists and distribution of water filters  
2006 to present

Health Volunteers Overseas  
Guatemala City, Guatemala  
Provided education to community physical therapists and physical therapy students at University Mariano Galvez  
June 2012 (1 week)

Wheels for the World

Provide wheelchair fittings for adults and children

Sumy, Ukraine

September 2010

International Week of the Elderly

Punta Gorda, Belize

Participate in medical clinics involving physicians, medical students, pharmacists, pharmacy students and physical therapists

September 2009

Universal Aid for Children

Selected as physical therapist to provide education to Ukrainian physical therapists and assess PT needs in 6 orphanages in Odessa, Ukraine

April 2008 (2 weeks)



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MARKETING

July 13, 2016

Dr. Cynthia N. Potter  
10069 Grubbs Road  
Wexford, PA 15090

Dear Dr. Potter:

This letter is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on July 12, 2016 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Council of Friends to North Park for a term to expire on July 12, 2018.

Congratulations on your appointment and we wish you the best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Yours truly,

Cindy Kirk  
District 2 Representative

cc: Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

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