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Candidate Statement:

I am excited for the potential to serve APTA Pediatrics in the role of Director of Research. I meet the identified qualifications for this role. Prior to the Board restructuring, I served as the Chair of the Practice Committee of APTA Pediatrics and have served on many workgroups and committees within the Academy. These experiences have provided me with an understanding of the structure and an overview of the leadership roles of APTA Pediatrics. I have a strong history of collaborative grant funding worth over \$3.5 million. I have broad research dissemination with over 40 peer-reviewed publications and over 70 presentations. I have experience as a grant reviewer for the US Department of Education and other smaller funding agencies. My academic appointment at Texas Woman's University involves teaching research methods and grant writing as well as mentoring PhD students in their research endeavors.

Having previously served in Academy leadership roles, I understand the need to participate in board meetings and discussions to advocate for the needs of membership. As Director of Research, I would aim to continue development of research capacity within APTA Pediatrics through diverse grant funding opportunities, research summits, research-mentoring programs, and the continued support of activities to bridge research to practice. These activities rely on the support of dedicated and knowledgeable APTA Pediatrics members, which should continue to be cultivated.

My vision for APTA Pediatrics is to continue to grow and develop resources to meet the diverse needs of our membership. Research capacity in pediatrics can support many areas of practice. By supporting novel research endeavors, building research capacity of novice and experienced investigators, and building connections to clinical practice, the Research Committee can support the mission of the APTA Pediatrics to "bring people together to advance excellence in pediatric physical therapy.

Service to the APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy

- Practice Committee, Editorial Committee Chair (2020-present)
- Governance Review Committee (2018-2020)
- Registry Workgroup (2017-present)
- Movement Systems Workgroup (2017-present)
- Practice Committee Chair (2016-2020)
- Proposal Reviewer, Annual Conference (2016-present)
- Member – Education Summit (2016)
- Proposal Reviewer, Combined Sections Meeting (2014-present)
- Journal Reviewer, *Pediatric Physical Therapy* (2013-present)
- Communication Task Force (2010-2011)
- Practice Committee, Vice Chair (2009-2009, 2015)

Service to the American Physical Therapy Association

- Journal reviewer, *Physical Therapy* (2017-present)
- American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, Member - Pediatric Specialty Council (2015-2016)
- Associate Editor, *PTNow*, Pediatric Section (2014-2015)

Service to Your Community

- Georgia Falls Prevention Taskforce, Member (2018-2020)
- Families of Children Under Stress, Board Member (2014-2023)
 - 2022-2023 Past President
 - 2020-2021 President
 - 2020-2023 Equipment Review Committee
 - 2018-2019 Vice President
 - 2018-2023 Programs Committee
 - 2018-2023 Governance Committee
- Focus on Function, Board of Consultants (2011-2012)
- Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta, Buddy Walk Liaison for the American Physical Therapy Association Section on Pediatrics (2008-2011)
- Camp Team/Kamp Kool Kidz, Atlanta area summer camp for children with disabilities, Camp Medical Volunteer (2007-2020)