



## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY & CONSENT FORM

**NAME:** Melinda Montoya, PT, DPT, PRPC

**POSITION RUNNING FOR:** Delegate

**CITY/TOWN OF RESIDENCE:** Albuquerque, NM

**APTA MEMBERSHIP (years):** Member since 2011, however off and on, but about 9 years total

**APTA New Mexico MEMBERSHIP (years):** Member since 2011, however off and on, but about 9 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 board member.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Support practicing at the height of our education.**
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.**

**Consent to Serve Statement:**

I acknowledge that the duties of the above position have been provided to me and I agree to serve in the stated position should I be elected. I am willing and able to attend the APTA New Mexico Board meetings and conference calls as needed per the position description. I agree to be responsive to electronic communications as part of conducting the business of APTA New Mexico.

Signed ES – Melinda Montoya (electronic signatures accepted)