

# Candidate Information

## **Western District Vice Chair**

Name: Don Packard, PT

Don Packard received his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from the University of Michigan in 1999. He completed his Master's degree in Physical Therapy from Boston University in 2002. He spent 10 years working at the University of Michigan Hospital in acute care and was privileged to lead the hospital based team for 6 of those years. He took his passion for leadership to Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids to help support the inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation teams. Currently, he is the Director for Rehabilitation Services who supports all Grand Rapids outpatient clinics and Helen DeVos Children's Hospital teams. He continues to teach within the UofM Flint PT program and also holds a board position as Vice President of MAMPRA (Michigan Association of Medical Program Rehabilitation Administrators). In his spare time, he is the head coach for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade football team at East Rockford Middle School.

## **Candidate Statement:**

It has been a privilege to help fill the vacancy of Vice Chair of the Western District for almost the past year. In this time, I have been able to assist in setting up 3 different educational events. We have had record setting attendance and I'm so proud of the participation of the Western District. For many of us, COVID has been a very challenging time. As I reflected on the past couple years, I regretted not being more involved, and I wanted to give back to the profession which has helped me be a fulfilled person. This is what drives me to ask for your support. I am committed to the vision of our current Chair and feel we can continue to increase our participation and bring quality education to you. I appreciate your consideration.