MiOTA Lansing Area Chapter Meeting

September 20, 2016

Attendance of 14 (10 MiOTA members) at [Origami Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center](http://www.origamirehab.org) in Mason, MI.

1. Meeting began at 6 pm with introductions, networking, overview of Origami services, and tour of Origami facilities. Welcomed 5 new attendees to the group!
2. Brief announcements related to MiOTA and Lansing Chapter:
   1. Anna Keough, Michael O’Connor, Cheri Ramirez, and Alissa Baker (all Lansing area OTs) will be presenting at MiOTA Annual Conference on October 6-7 in Grand Rapids. There is still time to [register](http://www.miota.org/annual_conference.php) for the conference!
   2. Origami is offering a [Vision Course](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ec3ooe0icdb17fa8&llr=6k5nnxcab) on Saturday, October 1. There are only two spots remaining, so sign up soon! Participants will leave with the knowledge and tools to begin implementing vision therapy (under the guidance of a behavioral optometrist).
   3. EMU is hosting the [Spelbring Lectureship and Conference](https://www.emich.edu/chhs/hs/ot/lectureship/index.php) (and 75th anniversary of their program) on September 23-24. Glen Gillen will be the keynote speaker.
   4. Recent research report concluded that OT was the only discipline to help reduce re-hospitalizations!
   5. MiOTA Lansing Area Chapter now has a [Facebook group](http://www.facebook.com/groups/miotalansingchapter) for local area OT practitioners to share resources, events, and expand their professional network ☺.
3. Assessment of Driver’s Safety and Pre-Driving Skills (Amanda Carr, Mackenzie Patterson, and Jessica Fluegeman; Occupational Therapists at Origami Rehab)
   1. Electronic copy of presentation slides will be emailed to attendees.
   2. Demonstration of Origami’s Driving Simulator used for evaluation and rehabilitation of driving skills.
4. Closing Remarks
   1. Michigan OT Board and LARA have published a [proposed rule change](http://www.miota.org/hearing_on_rules.php) for licensure in Michigan. Public hearing will be held on Friday, October 30. MiOTA board members will be present and are looking for feedback on the proposed changes from MiOTA members.
   2. Consider [joining MiOTA](http://www.miota.org/membership.php) if you are not a member. Provides funding for our lobbyist to ensure that our domain of practice is not encroached upon and that we are included in legislation for funding, healthcare, etc…
   3. [Mary Free Bed at Sparrow](http://www.sparrow.org/maryfreebed) (inpatient rehab) offered to host next meeting sometime in November. Date will be distributed via email when finalized.
   4. Big thank you to Origami Rehab and their OT team for hosting a wonderful meeting!
   5. Meeting attendees will be provided with CEU certificate via email.
5. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.