**MiOTA Huron Valley Chapter Meeting Summary**

**Date**- April 21, 2021 (7 pm-8 pm)

**Speaker-** Bethany Burge, MS, OTR/L, CNP, CAPS

**Topic**- LARA’s Impact on Practice

**Presentation Title**- MiOTA Membership Perk: Profession Advocacy

**Summary:** A virtual meeting was held via Zoom with 17 participants. Bethany Burge facilitated an informative discussion of the significance for advocating for the profession of occupational therapy, the role of the Michigan OT board, and policy changes that impact practitioners. Human trafficking training is required for license renewal. By October 19, 2022 human traffick training is required for initial licensure. Michigan OT board meeting proposals include adding a definition and training for implicit bias, amendments to triannual license and registration renewals, and requiring a English language standard. Other topics for discussion include updates to PDPM, Michigan Auto No Fault Insurance Changes, and GO modifier for billing. Licensure renewal has been updated following the state of emergency. National advocacy topics include Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act, HCPCS code G2211 Issues, Expanded Telehealth Access Act, Telehealth Modernization Act, and Interstate Professional Licensing Compact, American Rescue Plan, CARES Act & Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and Telehealth Access. To address any state advocacy concerns contact Jeannie Kunz at [reachotkunzj@gmail.com](mailto:reachotkunzj@gmail.com). Use [stpd@aota.org](mailto:stpd@aota.org) to address state issues through AOTA. For federal advocacy matters, send an email to AOTA at [fad@aota.org](mailto:fad@aota.org). Advocacy is essential for professional protection, appropriate reimbursement, defining the distinct value of OT, and educating all involved with the profession.

**Informational links-**

<https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27545---,00.html>

<https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90501_90626-250862--,00.html>

<https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Occ._Therapy_Public_Notice_2021_699151_7.pdf>

<https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Clarification_for_Licensees_708003_7.pdf>

<https://www.miota.org/advocacy_updates.php>

<https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/LARA_BPL_Clarification_MI_License_Exemption_11-10-2020_Revised_707846_7.pdf>

<https://www.nbcot.org/-/media/NBCOT/PDFs/OT-Compact-Draft.ashx?la=en&hash=5D37F2B7DDA9776C1215C5943EF0FE99DD54404C>

<https://www.aota.org/~/media/Corporate/Files/Advocacy/State/telehealth/state-actions-affecting-occupational-therapy-in-response-to-covid-19.pdf>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**“Happy OT Month!** To celebrate OT Month MiOTA wants to offer our current members 50% OFF your next MiOTA membership renewal if you refer 1 NEW MiOTA member and 100% OFF (FREE) your next MiOTA membership renewal if you refer 2 NEW MiOTA members during the month of April.” www.miota.org

* If you refer a new member please contact Keeli Baker at KBaker@mhsa.com to make sure you receive your discount!
* 25% off MiOTA membership if you join at your first meeting today!
* Pediatric Special Interest Section is Tuesday May 4 at 7:00 pm
  + RSVP at casedon@umich.edu
* MOTEC will be holding an online webinar series **May 20th and 21st, 2021**. A second event will be held on **November 5th**. Registration for individual sessions at www.miota.org.
* Visit Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Facebook Group page for current information

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**SAVE THE DATES**

2021 Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Annual Fall Conference

**Thursday, September 30th - Saturday, October 2nd, 2021**

2021 Eastern Michigan University Lyla M. Spelbring Conference (Virtual)

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**Next Huron Valley MiOTA Chapter Meeting**

Private Practice

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7 pm