

# Michigan Occupational Therapy Association



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Membership Stats! - If every member brought in one new member this year our membership would be GREATER than 1,000. Take time this next week to talk to an OT who is not a member – encourage them to be involved professionally, support the voice of OT in Michigan and network with other great professionals at meetings and conferences.

Invite MiOTA to your workplace or next OT gathering!

The MiOTA membership committee welcomes the opportunity to speak to you and your co-workers, OT friends about MiOTA as an organization, the benefits of membership or educate on various topics – including the new OT General Rules that were enacted in June of 2014.

Upcoming Continuing Education Events – Webinar/Conference call

One of your membership benefits is free professional development activities – such as educational webinars and conference calls. Each month an email blast is sent out to our members notifying them of an upcoming event.

February - Rules and Regulations Michigan – February 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

March -Toileting ADL and the Freedom Wand – March 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

April - Advocacy and You – Learn about upcoming Lansing Lobby Day – April 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

May - Balance and OT date to be determined

June- NBCOT prep for students date to be determined

**Membership Numbers**

Members Type	Paid thru 2.2.16
Associate	1
Honorary	9
OT	378
OTA	44
Retired	17
Student	208
TOTAL	657

**Membership Committee Offering**  
Dear OT/OTA Students, Academic Program Directors and SOTA Advisors,

MiOTA membership committee is reaching out to professional training programs in the state to increase student involvement at the local and state level. We want students to understand the benefits of MiOTA membership now and the important role it can play in their professional development.

We are offering to attend a class or meeting for a brief presentation to introduce MiOTA to students and discuss the updated rules and changes that are currently happening with the OT profession. Please e-mail Sonny Grendel ([sonnykay12@gmail.com](mailto:sonnykay12@gmail.com)) with potential dates and times that

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would work for your program. A membership committee member will contact you to follow up and confirm.

With your help, our goal is to increase the active participation of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy Assistant students as they are the future of our profession in Michigan.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sonny Grendel, MSOTRL

**April is Occupational Therapy Month**  
Please share with MiOTA what you do to celebrate April being National Occupational Therapy month. Send your article to [casedo@northvilleschools.org](mailto:casedo@northvilleschools.org) by May 1, 2016.



## Advocacy Activity

Denise Hoffman, MSOT, OTRL  
MiOTA Advocacy Director

*My words of inspiration come from Ginny Stoffel's 2015 Presidential Address:*

### ENGAGE - EXPLORE – EMPOWER

**ENGAGE:** MiOTA has experienced significant *engagement* with volunteer growth in the past 6 months. The more we engage and volunteer as a profession, the more topics and areas we are able to have a voice with change and awareness. With this rise in members and volunteers we now have new ad hoc committees that engages more therapists across the state to advocate for the profession. See the call to volunteer below to join a committee today!!!

We are excited to welcome **Jennifer Friesema** to the Public Policy Director position effective January 1, 2016. With a strong background in public policy from her volunteer service in Illinois and her new role as associate professor at GVSU, we are fortunate for her professional *engagement* and passion she brings to our association.

**Laura Robertson** has been elected into a position for the AOTPAC and resigned from her MiOTA Director of Public Policy Association Board position December 2015. We want to congratulate Laura in her new role as she continues to *engage* in volunteer opportunities for the profession. I want to thank Laura for all her dedication to MiOTA .

**EXPLORE:** TELEHEALTH – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH – AUTISM SERVICES!!!! If any of these topics trigger an interest, concern, or any rise in your blood pressure, then we have a volunteer position for you! We have developed **AD HOC** committees to begin exploring legislative activity, occupational therapy presence, and evidenced based research. We are asking anyone with an interest, expertise, or drive to see change, volunteer and join a committee. Send your interest to [miota@office.org](mailto:miota@office.org) attention advocacy/ ad hoc in the subject line.

**TeleHealth Committee:** Exploring others states plans, why is it needed in Michigan, and create a literature review of the benefits are the focus of this committee. We as a state can determine if we could submit an addendum or proposed bill for OT inclusion. Committee lead is Jennifer Friesema , please contact her if you have an interest at [frieseje@gvsu.edu](mailto:frieseje@gvsu.edu).

**Lansing Lobby Day Committee:** Jennifer Friesema our Public Policy Director is organizing Lansing Lobby Day, therefore, if you have any interest to meet our lobbyist, Bret Mar, talk with legislators, and advocate with your peers, join this committee or consider attending this event. Watch for ongoing publicity regarding this event or contact Jennifer at [frieseje@gvsu.edu](mailto:frieseje@gvsu.edu).

**Mental Health / Behavioral Health:** We all know our challenges with servicing this population and the reimbursement issues. There has been a significant progress in which U.S. Senator Debbie Stabbenow is leading reformed. We as a profession have an opportunity to make a difference on the new Behavioral Health initiative that

identified OT as a key player. We need to secure Michigan receives grant funding to develop these initiatives. Join Andrea Weid from EMU who is leading this committee and help gather information, research, or participate in exploring how to make OT a recognized provider in Behavioral / Mental Health. Contact [miota@office.org](mailto:miota@office.org) for more information or to volunteer – include ad hoc mental health in the subject line.

**Autism Reformed:** The committee is addressing issues related to autism with children and adults and the role of OT. Topics such as Medicaid inclusion, state of Michigan.gov web site OT inclusion, representation on legislative autism working committees, and research exploration. Please email me if you are interested in this committee at [dhoffmanot@gmail.com](mailto:dhoffmanot@gmail.com)

**MOT Liaison/ Committee:** MiOTA is seeking volunteers to become a committee member or Lead Liaison for the Michigan Occupational Therapy Board which is separate from MiOTA. The MOT board establishes rules, manages ethic practice, and established continuing education regulations and these individuals are appointed by the governor. The role of the Liaison is to attend these quarterly meetings and inform MiOTA of any news. Please contact [miota@office.org](mailto:miota@office.org) if you have an interest in this position or committee.

**EMPOWER:** Empower yourself to impact your clients, co-workers, and the profession. Start by reading articles, join a committee, and share your voice to make a difference. Check out AOTA Advocacy section and Federal Affairs blog for updates and a wealth of information.


 OUTSTANDING ADVOCATES

Advocating is a form of professional engagement for occupational therapy. We are highlighting three areas we demonstrate advocacy to recognize individuals and organizations. If you have an advocacy story, event, or activity you want to share focused on one of these three categories: students, educators, or clinicians, please send the information to [dhoffmanot@gmail.com](mailto:dhoffmanot@gmail.com). MiOTA would like to share a story every month to recognize these amazing contributions and encourage others throughout the state to replicate the advocacy activity to make OT a household name and increase our distinct value within the community!

### SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS:

Saginaw Valley State University demonstrated outstanding advocacy efforts with a simple marketing activity to increase awareness. Selling an OT pin for \$1 was a great conversation starter in the community and on campus. Occupational therapy students, Katie Roettele, Amanda Budge, and Katherine Farrier created this successful event!! We cannot underestimate the simple things that make a difference. **ADVOCACY ACTION:** See if your school can replicate this effective advocacy action.



### EXCELLENT EDUCATORS:

*MOTEC Members!* This group of educators is being recognized to highlight their advocacy for the profession. All MOTEC members run 4 free continuing education days a year related to fieldwork education and updates on MiOTA and AOTA, as well as, offering countless hours around the clock to support clinicians who have taken students. The MOTEC members are:

Juliane Chreston, Mary Ellen East, Wayne Doyle, Cheri Ramirez, Susan Dee Owens, Andrea Weid, Matt Mekkes, William Sisco, Breanna Chycinski, Linda Netzel, Annie Crites, Julie Jacob, Kaie Schultz, Nancy Vandewiele Milligan, Regina Parnell, Sara Clark, and Holly Grieves who represent 13 programs throughout the state. Consider taking a Level 1 or Level 2 student and hosting a MOTEC or Fieldwork training this year to *advocate* for the profession!!

Breanna Chycinski,

### PREMIERE PROVIDER:

Cathleen Johnson, has led a successful career advocating countless hours for occupational therapy. Balancing three jobs as a director for HCR Manor Care, part time associate professor at WMU, and owner of Therapists Training Therapists, she had demonstrated advocacy awareness activities **every month** in 2015. Using relevant topics she created free events to increase networking and education on rules, regulations and advocacy. Attendance at these events included other allied health professions, OT and OTA clinicians and students. She continues to share her passion for our profession and has recently organized a committee from HCR Manor to help sponsor Lansing Lobby Day. Thank you Cathleen!! **ADVOCACY ACTION:** Can your organization sponsor or host an event this year,

every month? Book club, fun run, ??? What ideas can you contribute to advocate for OT?



### Introducing the New MiOTA Finance Director

Hello, I am Kristen Clore OTRL. I began my role as Finance Director as part of the Executive Committee and Association Assembly for the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA) in January 2016. As part of my role I will provide regular reports about the status of MiOTA's financials which will be delivered to you via your membership newsletters. My duties include overseeing the budget during the year and creating the annual budget for MiOTA to ensure valuable activities are available for MiOTA members including, a budget for the annual conference, a budget for our lobbyist to represent and advocate for our profession at the state level, and to ensure funds are available for resources including OT scholarship funds. As an occupational therapist, I have been working in the field as a registered therapist since 2008. I work as a clinical specialist for general medicine and general surgery acute care at the University of Michigan Health System. In September 2015, I completed enrollment of an

inpatient research study that I conducted of 120 participants related to sleep and fatigue in the acute care population at the U of M. I look forward to being able to present the data from that 5 year study with you at future MiOTA conferences. I also have a passion for cognitive function, and have created a cognition team who assists the patient, caregivers, and the medical team when patients are admitted with altered mental status. I look forward to serving you and our profession. If you have any questions, you can contact me via the link on our website : [miota.website@gmail.com](mailto:miota.website@gmail.com)



### ***MOTEC Memo***

By: Anne Crites, MOTEC Member, Mott Community College

### ***A Year in Review-2015 MOTEC Fieldwork Educator's Days***

As the holiday lights fade away and we move forward into the New Year, we at MOTEC would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2016! Before we look forward at what the new year has in store, let us take a look back at

what we have accomplished in 2015. The Michigan Occupational Therapy Education Consortium (MOTEC) organizes and hosts four “Regional” Fieldwork Educator Days per year. These workshops are free and typically include a continental breakfast and lunch. They provide professional development on topics related to fieldwork education (worth 6 PDU’s toward NBCOT recertification!). This is our way of thanking our FW Educator’s for their efforts and dedication to our students by providing education and resources that will enhance supervision and appropriate role modeling for our students.

The 2015 FW Educator’s Days focused on topics that are forefront in our profession today: a return to our roots in the use of occupation-based activities, and the use of evidence-based practice. The morning session began with reflection activities surrounding the Glen Gillen Slagle Lecture from the 2014 AOTA Conference where he so eloquently motivated us all to revisit our use of occupations in the treatment of our clients. The MOTEC presenters outlined how students can facilitate this process. Current students are graduating with fresh perspectives on the OTPF, finding new ways to set up natural environments, and ideas for implementing occupation-based treatments. They are learning how to perform literature reviews and can share the most up-to-date academic texts and resources.

The presentation on “Evidence for Best Practice” delved into objectives such as defining evidence-based practice, identifying categories and levels

of evidence, methods to critically appraise evidence, how to write a good clinical research question, and tools to assist with finding literature to answer a clinical research question. This was all tied together with suggestions to identify ways that academia and fieldwork students can facilitate this process for the busy practitioner.

The afternoon consisted of concurrent breakout sessions directed at the newer fieldwork educator and the experienced educator. The “Fieldwork Educator Nuts and Bolts” session focused on FW education guidelines, starting a FW education program, factors affecting supervisory style, communicating feedback, professional behaviors, and the formal evaluation process.

The concurrent session directed at the experienced FW Educators covered two topics. The first, entitled “Generational Differences and Application to FW” focused on the primary characteristics of different generational groups from the early 1900’s to today’s Millennial Generation and how these generational characteristics can impact the ability to form a positive relationship with your student. Specific techniques and strategies were discussed that could be used to engage the millennial student and to create a positive learning environment for fieldwork (use of technology, feedback, providing clear expectations and explanations, just-right challenge, providing structure, etc.).

The second topic was entitled “Academic Adjustments for

Fieldwork”. In this segment, the focus was on understanding the legal and ethical considerations necessary for the professional education of students with disabilities, as well as considering how seriously held religious beliefs and lifestyles might shape the fieldwork experience. The group then discussed the roles of each stakeholder in determining what is a “reasonable” academic adjustment for religious and disability purposes and identified a collaborative process to implement academic adjustments.

At each workshop there was plenty of time allotted to network with colleagues and the feedback we received this year was resoundingly positive!

### **2016 MOTEC Fieldwork Educator’s Days- Save the Date**

The MOTEC group is already hard at work creating the content for this year’s workshops. Please save the date for the conference in your area:

**May 6, 2016- Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids (Western Region)**

**May 13, 2016- Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti (Metro Detroit Region)**

**September 23, 2016- Baker College for Graduate Studies, Flint (North Eastern Region)**

**November 11, 2016- Macomb Community College, Clinton Township (Metro Detroit Region)**

### **2016 AOTA Fieldwork Educator Certificate Program Update:**

Sara Clark, Western Michigan University's Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, will be teaching the following upcoming two-day AOTA Fieldwork Educator Certificate Programs:

**March 11th and 12th, 2016** at Bryant & Stratton College - Wauwatosa Campus  
Wauwatosa, WI

**April 6th and 7th, 2016** at Chicago Hilton, Chicago, IL, the first two days of AOTA's 2016 national conference

Please contact Sara Clark if you are interested in registering for either of these courses: [sara.clark@wmich.edu](mailto:sara.clark@wmich.edu)

### **2017 MOTEC Fieldwork Reservation Process Review:**

MOTEC uses a collaborative reservation request process for fieldwork placements each year. On or after January 1st, 2016, all academic programs will have the opportunity to send out their Level II fieldwork requests for the entire 2017 calendar year. MOTEC is requesting that all fieldwork sites ***hold their responses for 2017 fieldwork placements until February 15th, 2016.*** MOTEC hopes that this reservation process will allow sites to view requests from all of their academic program partners at the same time and distribute confirmed placements in an *equitable* manner. MOTEC also hopes that placements will be given to Michigan academic programs first, before granting placements to out-of-state schools.

### **Introducing MiOTA’s New Public Policy Director**

I am pleased to introduce myself to you as the newly appointed MiOTA public policy director and ad hoc leader for telehealth initiative. Your advocacy committee, on behalf of the MiOTA leadership, have exciting plans for continuing to strengthen the unity of MiOTA members as we develop a powerful voice for our great profession. I am looking forward to meeting you virtually or in person at our advocacy events.

A bit about me... I recently moved back to Michigan after living in Chicago for 5 years. I am excited to be back in the swing of things in my home state! As for my clinical practice, I have had the opportunity to work in a variety of traditional and non-traditional settings both as a COTA and as an OTR. I have worked in mental health practice including acute care, outpatient, and community settings. I was the lone OT in a forensic mental health facility and I have worked with families living in a transitional housing program who have experienced domestic violence. My physical disability experience includes working with adults in skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, acute and subacute care, and home health in under-resourced areas. I completed my clinical doctorate at University of Illinois at Chicago with program development with health disparities and health literacy. Currently, I am part of the faculty at Grand Valley State University with the privilege to inspire the next generation of occupational therapy practitioners.

As one of my first tasks as your public policy director, I am working with MiOTA to organize our Lansing Lobby Day scheduled for April 21, 2016. This is an important time for

OTs, OTAs, students and educators to show a united voice about upcoming legislation that will impact access to our services. When we stand together, regardless of practice setting, we send a message to our congress-people that we are committed to promoting our distinct value in healthcare. I would love for you to check out the Lansing Lobby Day tab under the advocacy section of the MiOTA website ([http://www.miota.org/lansing\\_lobby\\_day.php](http://www.miota.org/lansing_lobby_day.php)). We will be posting information that will help you become prepared for this event including future webinar training and other materials. In addition, we are currently in search of MiOTA members that are interested in serving on an ad hoc committee as we organize Lansing Lobby Day. Please feel free to contact me at [frieseje@gvsu.edu](mailto:frieseje@gvsu.edu) if you are interested in this committee or you would simply like to introduce yourself.

I am grateful to be a part of MiOTA and to serve you in this capacity. I look forward to progressing toward our centennial vision and beyond for the OT practitioners in Michigan!



## MiOTA - Networking Chapters Update

By: Sara Clark, MiOTA Communications Director

The MiOTA Networking Chapters have great plans for 2016!

Contact information for chapter leaders and upcoming meetings will be posted on the MiOTA website, under the "Communication" tab at the top of the homepage.

The following MiOTA networking chapters are currently active:

**West Chapter:** Kathryn Potter ([kathryn.potter@baker.edu](mailto:kathryn.potter@baker.edu)), chapter leader, is reactivating the West Chapter in 2016! The chapter was inactive for 7 years. She will hold the next meeting on **Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at the Baker College of Muskegon.

**Southwest Chapter:** The Southwest Chapter was reactivated in 2012. Debra Lindstrom ([debra.lindstrom@wmich.edu](mailto:debra.lindstrom@wmich.edu)) is the chapter leader. The next meeting will be Thursday **Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at Fred and Barb Sammons' home in Kalamazoo, MI. The February 2016 meeting will include an education session on Pediatric Home Modifications, by Barb Rider, PhD, OT, FAOTA and Richard Baker, architect and retired professor in construction/civil engineering.

**Huron Valley Chapter:** Marie Miller ([mmille82@emich.edu](mailto:mmille82@emich.edu)) volunteered to lead the Huron Valley Chapter in the middle of 2015. Marie organized chapter meetings in 2015 with strong attendance. She hopes to meet with her chapter every 3-4 months in 2016.

**Upper Peninsula Chapter:** Britta Pennell ([carlsobr@mail.gvsu.edu](mailto:carlsobr@mail.gvsu.edu)) and Kirsten Matthews ([kirstenmatthews@charter.net](mailto:kirstenmatthews@charter.net)) will be co-leaders of the U.P. Chapter for 2016.

**Detroit Chapter:** Eric Checkley ([eric.m.checkley@gmail.com](mailto:eric.m.checkley@gmail.com)) volunteered to lead the Detroit Chapter in 2016!

Please plan to attend your local chapter meeting(s) in 2016. The chapter leaders volunteer their time to provide MiOTA members with great opportunities for professional development and socialization with OT colleagues close to home. Chapter meetings include:

- Question and answer sessions about occupational therapy practice and reimbursement questions, state legislation updates, and national updates from AOTA and ACOTE.
- Opportunities to network with other local OTs for mentorship, evaluation and treatment ideas, and sharing literature related to evidence based practice.

MiOTA provides members one free professional development unit (PDU) for attending a local chapter meeting.

Please contact Sara Clark ([sara.clark@wmich.edu](mailto:sara.clark@wmich.edu)), MiOTA Communications Director, if you want to reactivate your local networking chapter or you want to start a new networking chapter.



**2016 Michigan Occupational Therapy  
Association Annual Fall Conference**

Thursday, October 6th – Friday, October 7th

**Call for Papers**

*Deadline April 1, 2016*

**Conference Location:** **Double Tree Hotel**  
4747 28th St NE (616)-957-0100  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512 <http://www.experiencegr.com/miota/>

**Title of Presentation:**

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Please type all presenter(s) names and credentials in this area as it is to appear in the brochure. A confirmation letter will only be sent to the first person on this list at the email/address provided.

<b>LEAD Presenter's Name:</b>		<b>Credentials:</b>
<b>Lead Presenter's Address:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>2. Co-Presenter's Name:</b>		<b>Credentials:</b>
<b>3. Co-Presenter's Name:</b>		<b>Credentials:</b>
<b>4. Co-Presenter's Name:</b>		<b>Credentials:</b>

Proposals *must be submitted in typed WORD.doc or PDF format* reflecting current issues, trends and evidence-based practice.

Please note each speaker is **REQUIRED** to submit their handout to the MiOTA office by October 1, 2016 to conference. Be sure your content has appropriate release of information / copyright permission as the handout will be placed on the website for up to 3 months after conference concludes. Your handout will be available online for participants to print themselves prior to conference. Please submit in WORD, PDF or Power Point format.

We are specifically looking for presentation on *Documentation, Ethics, and Pain*.

*Room set up will be "Classroom Style", unless otherwise specified.*

**2015 MiOTA Call for Papers - Proposal for Presentation**  
*Deadline April 1, 2015*

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**Title of Presentation:**

**Audio Visual Equipment Needs**

Please bring your own computer, slide advancers or adapters for MacBook/iPad to connect to the LCD projector.

- LCD Projector\*
- DVD Player
- VCR

*\* NOT MAC compatible so please bring your own adaptor*

**Amount of time needed:**

- 1 hour
- 2 hours
- 3 hours

**Presentation Type:**

- Workshop
- Institute
- Poster\*\*

**\*\* Posters will be displayed on easels with foam board supports for dimensions of 3' by 5'. All posters to be created in power point format.**

**Level of Presentation Content: (check all that apply)**

- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Entry
- OT Student

**Presentation Category: (check all that apply)**

- Education
- Pediatric/Sensory Integration
- Technology
- Licensure/(Pain, Human Trafficking, Documentation)/Ethics
- Gerontology
- Adult Rehabilitation/Hands
- Psychosocial



**2015 MiOTA Call for Papers - Proposal for Presentation**  
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**Title of Presentation:**

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**Formal Abstract:** (To be used in the program)

Provide a *typed* summary that clearly states the title, purpose and content of the presentation, its relevance to OT and specific learning objectives.

(Maximum 150 words; Use separate attachment if necessary)

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**Please provide a biographical overview for each speaker which is to be read as an introduction before each session. You may provide a separate attachment if desired.**

<b>Presenter 1</b>	
<b>Presenter 2</b>	
<b>Presenter 3</b>	
<b>Presenter 4</b>	

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**Requirements for submitting your 2015 MiOTA Call for Papers**

Your *typed* proposal for the 2015 MiOTA Conference *must contain* the following:

1. Current issues, trends, and evidence-based practice.
2. Cover Sheet with primary contact person's name, address, phone, fax and email address. (1<sup>st</sup> page of this Call for Papers document)
3. Formal Abstract: Provide a brief summary that clearly states the title, purpose and content of the presentation, its relevance to OT and specific learning objectives. (Maximum 150 words)
4. A brief (1/4 page or less) biographical overview for each speaker. This will be used for the introduction of your presentation at conference.

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**Half price conference registration fee for presenter(s) is available as follows:**

- For a 1 hour or poster presentation we will allow one speaker to register at half price.
- For a 2 hour presentation we will allow up to two speakers to register at half price.
- For a 3 hour presentation we will allow up to three speakers to register at half price.

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*Be sure to contact the office to verify receipt of the application if you do not receive a response within 24 business hours.*

Please Mail, Fax or E-Mail your proposal for the 2016 MiOTA Fall Conference to:

MiOTA, Attn: Holly Mauk  
 124 W. Allegan, Suite 1900  
 Lansing, MI , 48933

Fax: 517-484-4442  
 E-Mail: [hmauk@mhsa.com](mailto:hmauk@mhsa.com)

# Tri-Alliance Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 12/3/15  
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
 Quarter Bistro Restaurant  
 300 S Maple Rd  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
 734-929-9200

Attendance for 12/3/15:

Jake Jakubiak Kovacek, Elaine Ledwon-Robinson, Denise Justice and Denise Hoffman

(A quorum was obtained as there was one representative from each discipline)

## Discussion Points:

### 1. Legal Issues impacting professional practice in Michigan

Direct access to PT services is going well; Senator Margaret O'Brien was the bill champion who facilitated direct access to pass

- PT
- OT
- SLP

### 2. Legislative Update in Michigan

General: 2017 may involve a repeal of the health care reform bill; most of the Republican Presidential candidates are campaigning to repeal. Reminder that currently under the health care reform bill which is the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and also called Obamacare - PT, OT, SP are in the list of 10 essential benefits that MUST be provided by health insurance companies via Rehabilitation / Habilitation services. If the ACA is repealed, our national organizations will be working to make sure PT, OT, SP are still included as essential, mandated benefits.

UnitedHealth warned on 11/20/15 in the media that it may pull out of the Obamacare exchanges after 2016. The UnitedHealth website does not report this possibility at this time.

- PT (Chiropractor bill - HB 4712 {H-1})
- OT (ABA bill – SB 655)
- SLP (ABA bill – SB 655)

### 3. Updates in Michigan

- Auto No Fault: No activity going on right now however there is a possibility that a vote will be proposed in the next 1-2 weeks prior to close of session
- ICD-10: No issues with PT/SLP.
- Reimbursement: Private practice OT with some issues related to reimbursement via United Health
- Co-Pays: No issues discussed.
- Telehealth:
  - PT: APTA has a working group
  - SLP: ASHA may have a working group
  - OT: There is some interest in Michigan and Denise Hoffman is going to work with Jennifer Freiseman
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health: Denise Hoffman and Andrea Weid will be meeting with United State Senator Debbie Stabenow in next week or two to begin discussion / work group development
- Autism:

ABA bill for licensure of therapists is quiet right now however the bill could resurface in first session of next year. The Tri-Alliance is NOT OPPOSED to the licensure of these ABA therapists however there are many concerns

regarding the language of their bill and guidelines which are vague. ABA therapist licensure language includes the provision of services that are services that are currently provided and protected by licensed medical providers. There are contracts being enforced with families who receive ABA who are unable to obtain any other services during their treatment period.

Concerns remain as patients are and may continue to have restricted / limited access to other therapy services beyond ABA.

Denise Hoffman to work with MI Senator O'Brien on a working committee to develop inclusion criteria for OT, SP, PT services

- **Chiropractic Bill - OPPOSE HB 4712** - chiro want to prescribe physical therapy services:

Jake distributed the document of legislative analysis of HB 4712 (H-1) which contains summary points for and against the bill. Chiropractors have support from their group alone and no other group. PTs have support for their points from 10 groups: Michigan Physical Therapy Association, Michigan Association of Health Plan, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Speech and Hearing Language Association, Michigan Orthopedic Society, Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, Economic Alliance for Michigan, Ford Motor Company, and Michigan Manufacturers Association.

The bill passed in the House Health Policy Committee on 10/6/15 and is now in the full House for consideration. It will still need to be heard in the MI Senate.

Concerns are:

\*Representative Callton (from Nashville area and Chair of the House Health Policy Committee), has a conflict of interest with his vote on this bill given that he is a chiropractor and is the gate keeper for this bill.

\*Currently patients do not have an issue with obtaining access to PT given the direct access bill that was passed. Therefore, patients do not need a prescription. Chiropractors are encouraged to continue to refer patients.

\*Chiropractors have a limited scope of practice and therefore are not able to prescribe in the same manner as an MD is.

\*Unofficial concerns are that this will open the channels for chiropractors to begin to prescribe medications, further expand their physician owned physical therapy services to enhance their revenue streams and potentially expand the opportunities for fraud especially given the massage therapist issues with chiropractors.

#### 4. **2016 Conference Dates:**

MSHA: April 21-23, 2016: Amway Grand in Grand Rapids

MPTA: April 1-2, 2016: Comfort Inn Convention Center, Mt. Pleasant

MiOTA: October 6-7, 2016: Double Tree in Grand Rapids: Key Note is: Stevie Hopkins

#### Action Points:

OT/PT/SLP to remain alert as the ABA bill may re-surface.

Jake: gather information on Telehealth from APTA

Elaine: to send out an ASHA updated statement on the ABA bill, gather information on Telehealth

Denise: review chiropractor bill (HB 4712 H-1) points with MiOTA board

#### Next Meeting:

Date: 3-24-16

Time: 11:30 AM

Lead: Jake Jakubiak Kovacek

Location: Quarter Bistro Restaurant

300 S Maple Rd

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

734-929-9200

**Michigan Society of Hand Therapists (MSHT)****Presents****Anatomy of the Upper Extremity****Presented by: Dr. Mary Tracy Bee, Ph.D.**

**Date:** April 15, 2016

**Time:** Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Location:** **University of Detroit Mercy**  
**College of Health Professions- Lower level**  
**4001 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, Mi. 48221-3038**

**Cost:** MiOTA / MPTA /ASHT Member/ Students :\$250.00  
Nonmembers :\$275.00  
Late Registration (AFTER March 18 ) :\$275/300

**LIMITED TO 30 ATTENDEES**

For any Questions, please call Rasa Poorman, OTR/L, CHT at (248) 344-2304

Make checks payable to **MSHT** and mail to:

**Rasa Poorman OTR, CHT 25529 Keenan Ct., Novi, MI 48375**

**Confirmations will be emailed**

**For lodging arrangements please contact:**

**Comfort Suites**

**24977 Northwestern Highway**

**Southfield, MI. 48076**

**248-357-9990**

**Mention MSHT for \$99.00 rate for single or double room**

**\*available until March 31**

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## **Anatomy of the Upper Extremity Tentative Agenda**

### **Course Goal:**

The goal of the “Anatomy of the Upper Extremity” course is to provide occupational therapists with a solid anatomical understanding of the upper limb musculoskeletal features with emphasis on learning from cadavers via prosections as well as student dissection. While the focus of the course will be on the hand, wrist and forearm, we will also briefly discuss and view anatomy of the shoulder, arm, and elbow.

### **Course Format:**

The course will include traditional lecture presentations with course packets provided for all attendees. Interactive lecture and lab activities will engage students as they deepen their understanding of the function and form of upper extremity anatomy. Cadaver dissection and prosections will aid in reinforcing a solid understanding of the limbs. Students will be provided a coursepak containing color pictures of all presentations.

### **Course Objectives:**

At the completion of this 1 day program, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate an anatomical understanding of the upper limb musculature and joints.
- Trace the neurovascular structures through the upper limb.
- Clearly describe osteological structures of importance and related surface anatomy.
- Evaluate the normal and abnormal impact of pathologies and trauma on anatomical prosections via joint play and movement activities.

**Course schedule and content:**

Friday: 8:00 am Check-In, Lower Level, College of Health Professions Building

**Anatomy of the Distal Upper Limb (8:30 am – 12:00 pm)**

Morning Interactive Lecture Session, 8:15 am

- Forearm (musculature, neurovasculature)
- Hand (musculature, neurovasculature)
- Wrist Joint
- Hand Joints

Morning Interactive Lab Session, 10:15 am

Cadaver Demos (Small group sessions):

- Musculature of posterior forearm and hand
- Musculature of anterior forearm and hand
- Distal upper limb osteology
- Neurovasculature
- Wrist and Hand Joints

*Lunch, 12 noon*

**Anatomy of the Proximal Upper Limb (1:00 pm – 4:30 pm)**

Afternoon Interactive Lecture Session, 1:00 pm

- Shoulder (musculature, neurovasculature)
- Arm (musculature, neurovasculature)
- Elbow (musculature, neurovasculature)

Afternoon Lab Session: Proximal Upper Limb, 2:30 pm

Cadaver Demos (Small group sessions):

- Musculature of shoulder and posterior arm
- Musculature of pectoral region, anterior arm
- Proximal upper limb osteology
- Neurovasculature
- Elbow and Shoulder Joints
  
- Free exploration of cadavers by the participants

Certificate Ceremony, Dismissal, 4:25 pm