

## Michigan Occupational Therapy Association



## Summer 2018 Message from the Leader of the Executive Committee



"I alone cannot change the world,  
but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

— Mother Teresa

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The Michigan Legislature is currently on recess, however, MiOTA volunteers are still busy working to prepare for the Annual Fall Conference October 12-14 in Livonia, preparing for the uncertainties this year's approaching "lame duck session" may bring, and working to improve some policy and reimbursement with state level insurance, including increasing reimbursement amounts for wraps used for Lymphedema. While we may have down time in some ways, the work continues in many other ways. Webinars are being scheduled and plans are continuously being made to enrich the benefits that membership in MiOTA has to offer. Of course, the greatest

benefit of membership is having face-to-face contact and connections in Lansing thanks to the work of our lobbyist. As many of us are working professionals from across a state of challenging terrain to unite, having a voice and "eyes on the inside" can make all the difference.

Those of us who are working as or aspiring to be occupational therapy practitioners are working or studying during the day. Some of us are working in the evenings, too, or tending to our family or family activities. It can be a rather "full week" to keep all of it balanced, even when we as occupational therapy practitioners, know all about the importance of having a "balanced" life. Unfortunately, most of what happens legislatively happens during the same work hours we have. And, given the extremely challenging geography of the state of Michigan, a "jaunt" to Lansing just isn't always all that easy to do. For example, our OT and OTA friends in Ironwood, Michigan (Yoopers Country as they say), have an 8 hour and 44 minute drive to get to Lansing – at the quickest. They are so far away and so limited by the terrain and surrounding great lakes their

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options to get to our capitol are 1. Go Straight East 5 hours and 37 minutes, then cross the Mackinaw Bridge and go south, 2. Go south in Wisconsin, then east and take the car ferry across Lake Michigan, or go down through Chicago and travel north east from there. The second 2 options are over 9 hour drives.

MiOTA allows for all of those who support the profession of Occupational Therapy in Michigan to join together, to have a clear and concise voice, no matter where we live in this great state. MiOTA allows for us to have our jobs, but not spend hours of vacation time to travel to meetings in Lansing or hours of time we could spend with our families sifting through policies, bulletins and legislative affairs. MiOTA works hard through volunteers, and through a paid lobbyist, to be that message and voice for us when it needs to be heard. To review the bulletins and legislative changes and let our members know when we need them to act – and HOW we will be most effective in our response. Whether you simply chose just to pay the dues to be a member, volunteer to help on a committee or during fall conference, take on a role with our association assembly or just share the

importance of how MiOTA helps protect our profession in Michigan, you and every single other person has the power to strengthen Occupational Therapy in Michigan and to build and protect our profession for years to come – especially through the uncertainty that exists in today's world of reimbursement and health care.

Like a stone cast out on a lake, one stone may not change the world, but each stone cast creates many ripples of change. And, while even one individual being a member or volunteering for a committee may not solve every reimbursement and practice issue out there, each person who works with and/or supports Occupational Therapy in Michigan has the power to create change and protect our profession for years to come.

Even the simple act of being a member ensures your stones will cast ripples that will be noticed. Thank you as always for your membership,

Sincerely, Kirsten Matthews, MA, OTRL, CLT

Leader of the Executive Committee,  
Michigan Occupational Therapy Association

## **DHHS RELEASES DRAFT WAIVER REQUEST**

Increased awareness of personal responsibility and participation in healthy behaviors could be two results of the approved **Medicaid** work requirements in Michigan, according to a draft waiver request written and released by

the **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**.

The proposal was released ahead of public hearings on the issue of the work requirements and asks for the **Federal Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services** to allow the requirements to be implemented. In the proposal, the **DHHS** cites Michigan's **Medicaid** expansion program, **Healthy Michigan**, as having served more than 1 million people (despite earlier reports of roughly 680,000 beneficiaries from **DHHS** officials). Officials also note that the requirements will "assist, encourage, and prepare an able-bodied adult for a life of self-sufficiency and independence from governmental interference."

The request for the waiver comes after legislators passed bills outlining work requirements for those on **Medicaid**, including working or engaging in education or training programs for at least 80 hours per month. The draft request notes the requirements, if approved via the federal waiver, should "provide incentives to beneficiaries to increase their sense of purpose, build a healthy lifestyle, and further the positive physical and mental health benefits associated with work."

As to how the state will benefit, the proposal notes if approved, the requirements would allow for the incorporation of "innovative approaches and structural incentives to increase beneficiary engagement" in healthy behavior as well as to promote and encourage personal responsibility in obtaining and maintaining health care coverage. The deadline for the waiver to begin, as outlined in the draft, would be January 1, 2019, and would include an implementation process of at least 12 months, meaning the

requirements would go into effect at the beginning of 2020.

The draft notes those receiving benefits and required to fulfill the work or education quota will be required to pay a premium that is five percent of their income. After 48 months on the program, it was also stated, recipients must show evidence of committing to a healthy behavior and prove in following years the effort will become "incrementally more challenging." If recipients fail to show either of the above, they will receive a 60-day notice (before the end of the 48-month deadline) of loss of eligibility until compliance is proven.

Those exempt from the requirements, as passed and noted in the draft, include the medically frail, pregnant women, and children, among others. The first public hearing on the draft proposal will be held Tuesday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the **Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W Kalamazoo Street, Lansing**. The second hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the **Cadillac Place, 3068 W Grand Boulevard, Detroit**.

## **Financial Director Report**

It is that time of year for a big push to recruit new membership as the budget is tight. Our current financial report as of June 2018 is as follows:

**MiOTA Checking - \$8,739.51**

**MiOTA Savings - \$2,506.89**

**MiOTA Scholarship CD -  
\$23,056.27**

**After paying the June bills the  
net checking balance is at  
\$3,617.92.**

**We look forward to new membership, renewals of membership and advertisement adds to help support advocacy for Michigan.**

**Cindy Klinger, MIOTA Financial Director**

## From the Membership Director:

Hello MiOTA members,

Thank you for your membership, attracting and retaining membership is one of the most important tasks of the membership committee. As you can see our member has remained in the mid 600's for this year. This month the committee sent over 100 emails to professionals who are due for renewal and encouraged them to retain their membership through renewal. As I sent that email I reflected on the many things MiOTA does each month for membership and with bullet points of the following:

- Attends the Michigan OT Board meeting in Lansing on a regular basis to keep apprised of potential changes that could impact your license or practice. There are anticipated general rules language changes; members of MiOTA will be informed. I am attending the next meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Keeps informed about insurance or payer sources changes; in July we held a webinar with CHAMPS (Michigan Medicaid) for our members to learn of

the requirements to obtain a clinician specific National Provider Identification (NPI) number. The webinar provided members with the instructions on how to obtain and maintain your NPI; if you are going to be providing services and billing to Medicaid recipients your NPI will eventually be required and attached to the bill for reimbursement.

- Provides excellent opportunities for education and professional development. Monthly webinars are provided, and we have a fantastic conference in Livonia on October 12, 13, and 14<sup>th</sup>.

	Paid thru 1.12.18	Paid thru 1.30.18	Paid thru 3.9.18	Paid thru 4.5.18	Paid thru 5.2.18	Paid thru 5.24.18	Paid thru 6.8.18	Paid thru 7.23.18
Associate	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	5
Honorary	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
OT	331	324	321	320	325	329	320	313
OTA	44	45	46	46	48	48	45	43
Retired	9	9	9	9	9	8	9	8
Student	288	285	282	284	282	272	267	254
New Grad			2	5	7	10	10	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>643</b>

Our numbers of membership represent only 10% of the licensees in the state of Michigan. My role and the volunteers of the MiOTA membership committee is to grow membership however we only touch a fraction of the professionals on a day to day basis that could be members. I am asking you to be a voice of advocacy for our profession and encourage someone to attend a chapter meeting, join a webinar, attend conference and ultimately join MiOTA!

*Thank you, Cathleen C. Johnson, and the membership committee – Christine Sperry, Sonny Grendel and Eric Checkley.*

**MIOTA WANTS YOU!**



Do you have in-depth knowledge in an area that you would be willing to share with other occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants?

MIOTA IS REACHING OUT TO YOU!

As a benefit of MiOTA membership we strive to hold monthly continuing education events. This is typically done through an online webinar. We are looking for presenters for 2018. Please contact MiOTA's continuing education coordinator, Tera Richards, at [tera.a.richards@gmail.com](mailto:tera.a.richards@gmail.com) for more details or to convey your interest in presenting.

## Schedule of Continuing Education Webinars

1. August 15, 2018; 7:00-8:00: Cathleen Johnson; Assessment for Medication Management
2. September 18, 2018; 7:00-8:00; Donna Case; Best Practice in Schools
3. October: Open
4. November: Low Vision (Title TBD); Christina Hedlich
5. December: Kara Christy (potential presenter - awaiting response from email sent 7/31/18)

## Advocacy Update:

Lisa Johnson, OTRL, OTD

The summer of 2018 was a productive period in the development of an Ad hoc Committee policy to clarify the roles and responsibilities of leadership and members for improving membership and non-membership participation. MiOTA wants

you! We want all the practitioners in the state to be engaged to promote our profession and to protect the services we provide to the public. Ad hoc committees provide excellent opportunities for practitioners to get involved in a limited way regarding issues where they have topic expertise. So, be sure to take the opportunity to contribute your ideas through membership in these valuable committees. Written by Steve Eberth, OTRL, OTD

#### Looking for volunteers:

1. One possible Ad Hoc Committee that the Advocacy Committee has been considering is a Safe Handling Committee. There are currently 10 states that have legislation on patient handling. Any MiOTA members who are interested in meeting together to discuss Safe Handling practices for the State of Michigan, please contact the MiOTA office and the Advocacy committee will be in contact with you.
2. OT Month 2019. In April 2019, the Advocacy committee would like to draft a resolution for OT month to educate and inform legislators to support on occupational therapy and mental health. In the resolution we can we clearly articulate the evidenced based strategies that we utilize to produce functional outcomes for participation in any social environment. ABA therapists created a resolution in April 2018 and we thought that by creating our own resolution that this could help us educate/ establish our profession as subject experts on the topic of behavior strategies should we need this foundation in the future. If you are interested in meeting

together, once a month, via a phone conference, to Advocate for OT in Mental Health, please contact the MiOTA office and the Advocacy committee will be in contact with you.

#### Networking:

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services-Town Halls on Mother-Infant Health Improvement Plan to meet throughout the state. MiOTA plans on sending representatives to present a consistent message on OT's concerns for Mother-Infant Health.

#### Legislation Watch: Auto No Fault

Bret Marr, MiOTA's lobbyist has been working behind the scenes for us. There was a Senate no fault package that passed in early July. He alerted MIOTA to it a few weeks prior to it moving and we were there opposing the bills for MIOTA. The package did not include a fee schedule for health care providers, which has been a major concern for OTs. Bret believes that it currently looks like the senate version will not be taken up by the House. They are still several votes short in that chamber. Here's a link to the bill:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/billengrossed/Senate/pdf/2018-SEBS-1014.pdf>

Karen Koch and members of the Home Modification committee are working to collaborate with Bret on outlining OT's role with auto no-fault victims and their families.

#### Regulatory Watch:

Where do you find the latest version of the Michigan Rules and Regulations? Look on the Legislative Affairs page of the MiOTA website. Members can also see the Legislative tracking report on the Legislative Affairs page as well. This is a quick summary created by our lobbying firm of health care related bills that

are being discussed. If there is a bill that is mentioned on the report that impacts your OT practice, contact the MiOTA office and your information will be forwarded to the executive committee and the lobbyist. We want to Advocate for issues that impact your practice. Please let us know what legislative or regulatory barriers and concerns you have having that are interfering with your practice of occupational therapy.

#### Hand SIS:

Happy Summer Everyone!

We are excited to offer you a course on Hawkgrips for the upper extremity. For anyone registering, please note that we will require extra information. Hawkgrips will be loaning each clinic in attendance a 30-day free trial kit. This requires that everyone give us their employer name, address and phone number. There is also a precourse video and quiz that is recommended (but not required) to watch before you attend this course. We will need to send Hawkgrips your email so that they can send it to you after our registration is full.

Please note that we have updated our website and you will need to reregister your information.

PAYPAL- you can register as a guest through PayPal without belonging to PayPal. That way, you can use your own credit card. Checks are still accepted through the mail. If you use SOMEONE ELSE'S PAYPAL ACCOUNT, we need your information to know it is you registering for the conference, not the owner of the PayPal account!!

## Spotlight on New Member



Welcome Bill.

Hello, I am William Iacovacci and I graduated from Baker College in Allen Park Michigan in 2015, and currently work for HCR ManorCare in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After researching possible career choices, I found the field of Occupational Therapy. This field drew my attention for a few reasons. One being the fact that according to my research the field had a bright future. Upon further investigation into exactly what Occupational Therapy Assistants do it was my belief that my personality as well as some of the skills acquired in my previous career would transition nicely into Occupational Therapy. The fact that my interactions and treatment sessions would assist individuals in achieving independence in daily tasks which are truly important to each patient was the main purpose for choosing this field.

I became a member of MIOTA for several reasons as well. One

being that it is a wonderful way to advocate for my field. Being a member allows me to support our representatives during legislative hearings so that public policy promotes core values and the need for occupational therapy. Another reason being that through reading and attending MIOTA meetings it allows be to gain knowledge which allows me to grow professional. My professional growth will assist me in providing the safest and best therapy sessions possible for my patients.in order to gain optimal functional gains.

*(Note from the membership committee – Bill joined last week while participating in the Huron Valley Chapter Meeting. Bill works side by side by other active members in MiOTA Christine Sperry and Sonny Grendel; I am confident their interactions with him encouraged his membership. Be a voice of your professional association and encourage someone to join.)*

## Membership Drive at Chapter Meetings! 25% DISCOUNT

**If a guest (non-member) of a chapter meeting decides to become a member and completes an application online or in person at the meeting they receive a 25% discount of their membership dues!**

Here is some information regarding 2018 meetings. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Flint Chapter:** Led by Nancy Vandewiele Milligan

**Next 2018 meeting** Tuesday, September 18th, 2018  
Topic: Utilizing Upper Extremity Orthosis Technology to Improve the Neurologically Impaired Upper Limb  
Featuring Saebo, Bioness and Myopro  
Speaker: Emily Morgan, MS OTRL, RPSF, in NDT, CSRS, Stephanie Gifford N D (S), OTR/L, CDRS, CKTP, CLT, Liz Mossoian OTRL  
Location: Genesys Integrated Physical Therapy, 8447 Holly Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

**Northwest Chapter:** Led by Shelly Roots

Shelly Roots has volunteered to help establish a Northwest Chapter this year to meet the needs of practitioners in the Traverse City/ northwest area of the state. If you are interested in helping Shelly to develop this chapter, contact the MiOTA office.

**Western Chapter:** Led by Kathryn Potter

**Next 2018 meeting** Tuesday, August 14th, 2018  
5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Topic: Guest speakers Dana Schmalzel and Emily Holbrook will present "OT Pain Management throughout the Continuum"  
Location: Holland Hospital, Conference Room B, 602 Michigan Avenue, Holland, MI 49423



**Hawkgrips For The Upper Extremity**  
**Presented by: Laura Ramus PT, ATC**

**Date:** October 5, 2018  
**Time:** Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (registration starts at 7:30)  
**Location:** McLaren Greater Lansing, 401 W Greenlawn Ave, Lansing MI 48910  
 in Dawe Auditorium

MiOTA/MPTA/ASHT members/students	\$250.00
NonMembers	\$275.00
Late Registration (After September 7th)	Add \$25.00 to above

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**LIMITED TO 40 ATTENDEES**

Register online at [www.misht.org](http://www.misht.org)  
 OR make checks payable to **MSHT** and mail to:  
**MSHT 25529 Keenan Ct., Novi, MI 48375**  
 Confirmations will be emailed

For lodging arrangements please contact:  
**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Eastwood Lansing**  
**3320 Preyde Boulevard Lansing, MI 48912. Phone: 1517-374-6500**

Mention MSHT for \$114.00 rate for single or double room

\*available until September 13th (they have a football game and will not extend the cut off date)

Registration Form: please complete entirely and legibly

<u>Name:</u>	
<u>Email Address</u>	
<u>Employer name and Address:</u>	
<u>Phone:</u>	
<u>MiOTA/MPTA/ASHT member #</u>	
<u>Amount enclosed</u>	
<u>Vegetarian Meal</u>	Yes / No



# MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF HAND THERAPISTS

## HawkGrips IASTM Upper Quarter

7:30am - 8:00am	Registration
8:00am - 10:00am	<b>Introduction to the Principles of IASTM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Foundation Strokes, including Scar Mobilization Techniques and Principles for Edema Care</li> </ul>
10:00am - 12:15am	Vendor Break
10:20 - 12:00pm	The Shoulder (Anterior/Posterior/Medial/Lateral Chains)
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch Break (Lunch provided)
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Forearm / Elbow Conditions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lateral Epicondylitis</li> <li>• Medial Epicondylitis</li> <li>• Ulnar Collateral Ligament Injury / Nerve Entrapment</li> </ul>
2:00pm-3:00pm	<b>Forearm / Wrist Conditions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distal Radius, Ulna and Carpal Fractures</li> <li>• TFCC Injuries</li> </ul>
3:15pm - 3:30	Vendor Break
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<b>Hand, Wrist and Finger Conditions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carpal Tunnel Syndrome</li> <li>• Ulnar Collateral Ligament Injuries of the Thumb</li> <li>• De Quervain's Syndrome</li> <li>• Applying IASTM to Surgical Tendon Repairs</li> </ul>



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## MiOTA 2018 Annual Conference Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Home ( ) Work ( ) Cell  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fees							
	Early Registration Rate Before 9-13-18			Standard Registration Rate After 9-13-18			Sub Total
Human Trafficking Friday 4-5 PM	Friday Only MiOTA Members			Friday Only Non-MiOTA Members			
OT, COTA, Student	\$10			\$25			
PT, SLP, etc.	\$10			\$25			
Welcome Reception Friday 5-9 PM	Included with human trafficking and conference registration			Included with human trafficking and conference registration			Check One Below
I plan to attend	\$0			\$0			
I DO NOT plan to attend	\$0			\$0			
CONFERENCE	3 Days	Sat	Sun	3 Days	Sat	Sun	
MEMBERS*							
OT	\$240	\$195	\$170	\$260	\$215	\$190	
COTA	\$200	\$155	\$130	\$220	\$175	\$150	
Student	\$100	\$70	\$60	\$120	\$90	\$80	
NON-MEMBERS / NON-RENEWING							
OT	\$290	\$245	\$220	\$310	\$265	\$240	
COTA	\$245	\$205	\$170	\$265	\$225	\$190	
Student	\$115	\$95	\$75	\$125	\$115	\$95	
NEW/RENEWING MEMBERS*							
OT	\$340	\$295	\$270	\$360	\$315	\$290	
COTA	\$285	\$240	\$215	\$305	\$260	\$235	
Student	\$130	\$100	\$90	\$150	\$120	\$110	
<i>*All speakers who are OTs, OTAs or OT students in Michigan must be MiOTA members</i>							
GUEST RATES	Before 9-13-18			After 9-13-18			
<i>Welcome Reception</i> Friday 5-9 PM	\$20			\$40			
<i>Awards Ceremony</i> Saturday 4:30-5:30 PM	\$20			\$40			

Total Registration Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ / Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CSC/CVV 3 digit code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature authorizing transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail, fax or call:

MiOTA 2018 Fall Conference  
 Attention: Holly Mauk  
 124 W. Allegan, Suite 1900  
 Lansing, MI 48933

Fax#: 517-484-4442,  
 Phone#: 517-267-3918  
 Scan and email to: [office@miota.org](mailto:office@miota.org)

No refunds after  
 September 26, 2018

I have a food allergy /  
 restriction  
☐ Peanut  
☐ Gluten Free  
☐ Vegetarian  
☐ Dairy

My guest has a food allergy  
 / restriction  
☐ Peanut  
☐ Gluten Free  
☐ Vegetarian  
☐ Dairy

☐ I understand that if I  
 plan to attend the session  
 with Lynette Ingram I will  
 bring a pair of shorts or  
 pants to adapt

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Room Block Ends  
 September 29, 2018

Embassy Suites Hotel  
 19525 Victor Parkway  
 Livonia, MI 48152  
 734-462-6000

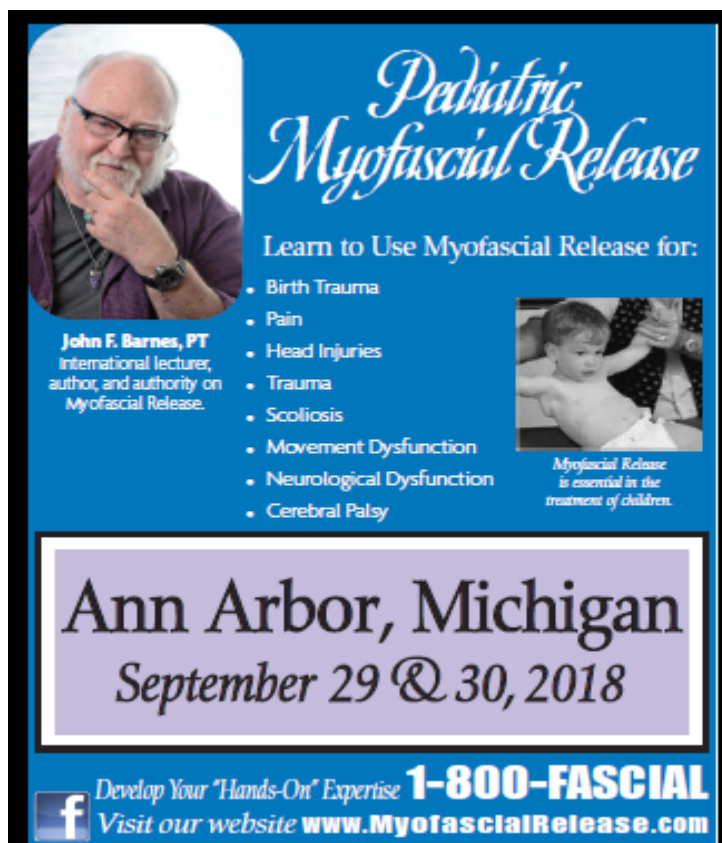
Book On-Line:  
<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DTLIES-MOT-20181011/index.jhtml>

### Conference Registration Includes:

\*Human Trafficking Lecture  
 Friday  
 \*Welcome Reception on  
 Friday  
 \*Lunch on Saturday  
 \*Awards Ceremony Saturday

### Hotel Guests Receive:

\*Made to order breakfast



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## Fall Conference Update

Fall Conference will be October 12 – 14, 2018 at Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia, Michigan. It is going to be a major event! We will be doing things differently this year; we will have some general/basic requirement sessions Friday afternoon, including a Human Trafficking session that will be open to ALL disciplines. This is a mandatory requirement for all health professionals in the state of Michigan so please share the information on this session with your peers from other disciplines. Friday will conclude with exhibitor time which will **ONLY** be held Friday evening. This was done on the suggestion of past exhibitors who felt these changes may make it easier for more exhibitors to attend and would also be more efficient than 2 days of exhibiting. To register for the fall conference, see the attached registration form at the end of the newsletter, or on visit the MiOTA webpage. Details regarding accommodations and presentations can also be found on the MiOTA webpage. We are looking forward to trying some new things and seeing you in October!



The 2018 Annual MiOTA Conference Presents

## Blazing A Trail into the Future of OT

October 12 - 14, 2018

**Embassy Suites Hotel**  
19525 Victor Parkway  
Livonia, MI 48154  
734-462-6000

Keynote Speaker

**Katie Tietz,**  
**MS, OTR/L**

Author of "Self Care for the  
Healthcare Professional"

### 2018 Conference Updates

- Call for papers is closed
- Notifications for acceptance to present will go out mid-May
- Human Trafficking presentation will be offered on Friday, October 12 from 4-5 PM and open to all disciplines (invite your co-workers)
- Exhibitor hall will be open during Welcome Reception on Friday, October 12 from 5-9 PM with CEU opportunity
- Still accepting exhibitors
- Full conference program will be available mid-June



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### **MiOTA Awards & Special Recognitions**

Below is a brief description of awards individuals can be nominated for

#### **Certificate of Appreciation**

- To express the appreciation of MiOTA to members and non-members for extraordinary contributions to the advancement of OT.

#### **Departmental Membership Award**

- To actively support MiOTA participation by recognizing occupational therapy departments in which 80% or more of the staff are members of MiOTA

#### **Distinguished Service Awards**

- To honor members of MiOTA for extraordinary service to MiOTA. Nominees have made continuing and outstanding contributions to the development, growth and process of MiOTA.

#### **Master Clinician Award**

- To recognize members of MiOTA, who with their knowledge and expertise, have made a significant contribution to occupational therapy through a combination of some of the following: supervision of students and staff; articles and presentations; workshops; mentoring; education; therapeutic work with clients and families. This therapist stands head and shoulders above the crowd: a model for fellow therapists.

#### **OT Award of Excellence & OTA Award of Excellence**

- To honor members of MiOTA who have made an outstanding global contribution to the profession.

#### **OT Honorary Member Award**

- To recognize MiOTA members who have, or are, retiring, and who have performed distinguished service in the field of occupational therapy. Honorary members receive a free, life membership in MiOTA.

#### **Fellow of the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association**

- To recognize members of MiOTA who, with their knowledge and expertise, during their career have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of members.
- Will be allowed to use credentials - FMiOTA



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### 2018 Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominator:

Date:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

Phone (C):

(H):

Part A: Use this portion for all the awards except Departmental Membership:

Name of award:

Name of Nominee:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

**Directions:** return this form along with a narrative of at least 50 words specific to the award purpose and criteria, (listed above). Also include a curriculum vitae or resume of the nominated individual by **September 8, 2018**. Please make sure information is accurate as this facilitates the determination of awards by the Awards Committee via specific information and examples of qualification for the award. Please send to the MiOTA office Fax: (517) 484-4442. Email: [website@miota.org](mailto:website@miota.org). Mail: 124 W. Allegan St. Suite 1900, Lansing, MI 48933

## Lymphedema supplies coverage Fee-for-Service Medicaid:

7/10/18

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide an overview of Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement of compression wraps/bandages (HCPCS A6441-A6449) for the treatment of lymphedema when supplied in various places of service. This document is not official MDHHS Policy. Review the Medicaid Provider Manual and related databases for full coverage parameters. Information can be found in the hospital chapter for inpatient and outpatient services as well as the nursing home, outpatient therapy, home health and durable medical equipment chapters.

**Coverage of HCPCS A6441-A6449:**

<p><b>Inpatient Hospital:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Included in the overall inpatient hospital payment. Medicaid reimburses using the diagnosis related grouper (DRG) system code.</li> <li>DME provider cannot bill Medicaid.</li> </ul> <p>If OT is applying wraps/bandages in the treatment of lymphedema during the OT visit in the hospital the wraps/bandages are included in the Hospital DRG.</p>	<p><b>Outpatient Hospital:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Included in the overall outpatient hospital payment. Medicaid uses the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) for reimbursement.</li> <li>DME provider cannot bill Medicaid unless the physician orders for beneficiary to take home (e.g. following a surgery).</li> </ul> <p>If an OT is applying wraps/bandages for treatment of lymphedema during outpatient therapy the wraps/bandages are included in OT service.</p>	<p><b>Nursing Facility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Included in the nursing facility's daily rate (per diem).</li> <li>DME provider cannot bill Medicaid.</li> </ul> <p>If the occupational therapist is applying wraps and bandages for the treatment of lymphedema during the OT visit the wraps/bandages are included in the daily nursing facility rate.</p>	<p><b>Home Health Agency (HHA):</b></p> <p>Most medical supplies are included in the HHA reimbursement rate and may not be billed by the HHA or the DME provider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HCPCS codes A6441-A6449 may be billed directly by the Home Health Agency or DME provider.</li> </ul> <p>If an OT is applying wraps/bandages for the treatment of lymphedema during a home OT visit, the wraps/bandages are included in the overall OT service rate. If the wraps/bandages are provided as part of the home nursing visit, the HHA or the DME provider may bill for the wraps/bandages.</p>	<p><b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Providers:</b></p> <p>DME may bill if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beneficiary visits their physician &amp; the physician orders for beneficiary home use; or</li> <li>The outpatient hospital physician orders as "take home," supplies; or</li> <li>Beneficiary is receiving home health services &amp; the physician orders wraps/bandages and the HHA refers to the DME provider to supply.</li> </ul> <p>If OT is in the home &amp; applying bandages/wraps the fee is included in the OT service &amp; cannot be billed by the OT or the DME.</p>
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Although occupational therapists (OT) are reimbursed for OT related services in the treatment of lymphedema, wraps/bandages are NOT separately reimbursed to OTs or Therapy Clinics.

The information contained in this document is accurate as of 7/10/18. Consult the Medicaid Provider Manual and the Medicaid Code Rate and Reference tool for updates and more detailed policy.



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## Michigan Occupational Therapy Association - 2018 Election Ballot

\*\*\* RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018\*\*\*

**\*\*Your name and voting choices will be kept confidential within the MiOTA Business office, but you must be a current member to participate in voting; we ask your name OR membership number to verify current membership\*\***

Name &/OR MiOTA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please vote for ONE choice for each category:**

1. **Advocacy Director** – Charged with assisting members to obtain necessary information regarding laws, rules and regulations and third-party reimbursement and serving as an avenue for membership to bring related questions to, as well as tracking current state and national health care legislation and reimbursement issues, as well as additional duties as outlined by the MiOTA Standard Operating Procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jeannie Kunz, MOT, OTR/L, BCP

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen Koch

\_\_\_\_\_ Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Membership Director** – Responsible for Appointing and overseeing the Coordinators of Recruitment, Retention and Activation and appointment of the members of the Nominating Committee. The membership director serves to promote and retain MiOTA Membership.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cathleen Johnson (Current Membership Director)

\_\_\_\_\_ Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Member-At-Large/Secretary** – Charged with overseeing the interests of the Members of MiOTA; as well as duties including: recording minutes of the business meetings of the Corporation, recording minutes at all MiOTA Executive Committee, Association Assembly, and general membership meetings and to maintain the history of the organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MIOTA OFFICE VIA MAIL (Postmarked by) OR FAXED BY September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**RETURN TO:**

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association \*\* 124 W. Allegan, Ste. 1900 \*\* Lansing, MI \*\* Fax:  
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## 2018 Elections – Meet the Candidates

### Advocacy Director Candidate – Jeannie Kunz

#### Bio:

Jeannie Kunz, MOT, OTR/L, BCP is an occupational therapist who has worked extensively in pediatrics in a wide variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, home care, and schools. She is currently the lead Occupational Therapist servicing the STEPS Autism Program at Michigan Medicine. She recently earned AOTA's Board Certification in Pediatrics and has been involved in grassroots advocacy efforts for children on the Autism Spectrum.

Previous experience that supports position you are running for: I have experience presenting within the OT, educational, and medical community to advocate for services, support, and inclusion in pediatric settings, such as hospitals, schools, and communities. I have advocated with a team of therapists to address insurance issues through community mental health at the local and state levels. On a grassroots level, I collaborate with my clients during treatment to educate on insurance, school, and community concerns.

MiOTA Continuing Education Committee Platform on which you are running: As the Advocacy Director for MiOTA, I will support and serve the OT community by remaining abreast of the ever-changing laws and policies at a local, state, and national level. I will communicate with clinicians, so they can support their area of practice with the most up-to-date information as possible. To support the mission of MiOTA, I will educate clinicians on power of their voices to impact legislative change at the grassroots, community, and state level through continued membership and active participation.

### Advocacy Director Candidate – Karen Koch

I am an OT who has worked in Pediatrics and Home Modifications. I have two home modification home businesses, Functional Homes, Inc., an accessible construction company and Barrier Free OT, specializing in home mod, evals and design.

I am the leader of the Home Modifications Occupational Therapy Alliance and the MiOTA Home Modifications SIS. These groups have been organized to promote occupational therapists as leaders in the field of home mods. It is important that OT's become leaders in many different areas that OT's serves, we need to organize.

OT is a nebulous field, we need to advocate for ourselves and for funding for our profession at a state level. We need to be at the table when key conversations are happening. Losing autism to ABA was a huge hit to OT. We need to make sure if there is legislation at the state level, OT is a part of the conversation and we secure our profession and our funding. I'm hoping to help organize the membership so that if issues arise, members with a knowledge and an interest will have a way to influence outcomes and be leaders.