

Time:	Topic:	Discussion
12:00	Call to order	<ul> <li>Welcome by Amy Hayes</li> <li>Reviewed today's agenda</li> <li>Virtual meeting housekeeping items for use of MS Teams reviewed</li> </ul>
12:10 to 1:00	Presentations Guest speakers:	<ul> <li>Sarah Cooney is the Senior Ergonomic Prevention Specialist at U of M within the Environment, Health and Safety Department.</li> <li>She shared PowerPoint during MS teams meeting</li> <li>Her primary role is working with faculty/staff who have disabilities and need accommodations to complete essential functions in their positions at U of M</li> <li>Another area of focus is prevention. Provide services to prevent injuries</li> <li>scooney@umich.edu</li> <li>Kathy Dunning, owner of Advantage OT. Focus of Advantage OT is maximizing recovery and getting patients back to work and life</li> <li>She started her business in 1999.</li> <li>She shared PowerPoint during MS teams meeting</li> <li>Services Advantage OT include: FCE, Work Hardening/Work Conditioning, Job Coaching, Functional Home Living Assessment, Job</li> </ul>
	Harrison DiCocco, OTA Intern	Analysis/Physical Demands Analysis, Ergonomic Assessments.  • kdunning@advantageot.com  • Harrison DiCocco – completing his internship at MCTI. Shared case study and the importance of implementing accommodations for student success.



1:00 - 1:10	Business Meeting Updates Claudette Reid	<ul> <li>Shared information via PowerPoint</li> <li>Lobby Activities; Lobby Day at the capital scheduled for 3-2 23. Schedule for the day provided by Claud. Tips for contacting legislator included below. Contact via email is more successful than a written letter.</li> <li>Marketing material for Lobby – infographics included below.</li> <li>Discussed OT Licensure Compact</li> <li>OT Compact is an interstate compact, or formal agreement among states, that facilitates interstate practice of OT.</li> <li>Visit otcompact.org for more information</li> <li>Requested WISIS develop marketing material for the 2024 lobby day.</li> <li>MiOTA is requesting presentations for fall 2024 conference.</li> </ul>
1:05-1:10	Planning for Future WISIS Meetings	<ul> <li>Date of next WISIS Meeting, June 7<sup>th</sup> tentatively 12:00- 1:00</li> </ul>
1:15 pm	Adjourn	CEU's are available for this WISIS meeting for those who are MiOTA members. Reach out to Denise Justice at <a href="mailto:djustice@med.umich.edu">djustice@med.umich.edu</a> .

The OT staff of the Business Network Division of Michigan Rehabilitation Services (the state of Michigan vocational rehabilitation program) has taken on continuation of the WISIS.

Work is a life role that OTs address in a wide variety of settings and ways. The goal is to increase the visibility and impact of OTs dealing with work-related issues and to make Michigan a model of this type of practice.

## Things to include when you contact your legislator:

- Introduce yourself; provide your name and role (OT/OTA student, OT/OTA clinician, educator, entrepreneur, etc.)
- Briefly describe your work setting, if working.



- The Ask: Encourage them to co-sponsor and support HB XXXX establishing the Occupational Therapy Compact in Michigan.
  - o If they are already co-sponsoring it, thank them for their support.
- State how approving this legislation may benefit your patients/clients in your area of practice.
- Offer to be available for additional resource on this topic.
- Provide your contact information.





## What is the OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

LICENSURE COMPACT?

OT Compact is an occupational licensure compact that:



Addresses increase demand to provide/ Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistant service:





Authorizes both telehealth and in-person practice across state lines in OT Compact states.



Is similar in form and function to occupational licensur compacts for nursing, psychology, medicine, physical therapy and emergency medical services.





## 10 States

OT Compact is operational when 10 states enact the legislation for the compact.



Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTs/OTAs) licensed in their home state apply for a privilege to practice under the OT Compact state lines are a barrier no more.

OT Compact states communicate and exchange information including verification of licensure and disciplinary sanctions.

OT Compact states retain the ability to regulate practice in their states.







Increasing access to client, patient and student care



Facilitating continuity of care when clients, patients and students relocate, travel



Certifying that OTs/OTAs have met acceptable standards of practice.



Promoting cooperation between OT Compact states in the areas of licensure and regulation.



Offering a higher degree of consumer protection across state lines.

## Impacts



Allowing licensed OTs/OTAs to practice face to face or through telehealth across state lines without having to become licensed in additional OT Compact states.



Permitting OTs/OTAs to provide services to populations currently underserved or geographically isolated.



Allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their profession when relocating.



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