

MiOTA: Southwest Chapter Meeting 5/21/19 Summary

Attendance of **16** at the Rider-Sammons Residence from 6:00-7:30 pm. Thank you again to our gracious hosts, Barb and Fred!

The meeting started with 30 minutes of networking and dinner, then:

1. Our speakers were Dr Deb Lindstrom, WMU OT professor, and Katie Sullivan, co-author and co-presenter at this year's AOTA meeting. They are working with Carolyn Sithong, OTR/L, an expert in home evaluations who created the Home for Life Design App that simplifies home evaluations. As you walk through the home, you can add photographs, links to recommended equipment, and personalized comments. Once the app is downloaded onto a tablet, it can be used without internet. The data, scores, and recommendations are integrated into a PDF form that can be printed or emailed to clients as soon as the clinician gets back to a computer that has the Home for Life Design program on it. Deb and Katie have been working on standardizing the app assessment to improve the interrater reliability as well as streamlining the user experience and the report produced at the end of the home evaluation.

The focus or framework of the Home for Life Design app/home evaluation approach is to assess how the environment is limiting the occupation of the client and how to change the environment to better support the person. A much appreciated benefit of the app as reported by users is that it saves significant documentation time! For information, start at the website:

www.homeforelifedesign.com or contact Deb at debra.lindstrom@wmich.edu

2. We are always taking suggestions on topics for future meetings, including required courses for licensure such as pain or human trafficking. Please let us know if you have expertise that you would like to share with our chapter.

3. Reminder to check the MiOTA website for updated information relevant to occupational therapy in Michigan, www.miota.org. To become a member, use this link: <https://mms.miota.org/members/newmem/registration.php?orgcode=MOTA&>

4. Free MiOTA webinars/a benefit membership! Here is the link to the MiOTA webinars: https://www.miota.org/webinar_list.php

Attendees who are MiOTA members will receive a PDU certificate by email from Joanna at the MiOTA office.

Please contact me if you do not receive your certificate within the next 1-2 weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine