

SW Chapter Meeting Summary 050813

Attendance was 27. Great to see everyone there! We plan to have the next meeting in August, details will be coming closer to the date.

Deb Lindstrom shared about the progress in forming the "Friends of Occupational Therapy in Michigan" PAC. Information on the details and how to make contributions will be coming soon. The money raised will help support our lobbyist as we fight for OTs in Michigan.

Denise Hoffman, Advocacy/Executive Board Member of MiOTA shared about the current situation with the ORR report recommending de-regulation of the OT license, along with a number of other groups. At this time, is only a recommendation but one that we need to take seriously and prevent from becoming a reality. Right now of the approximately 6000 OT practitioners in Michigan, less than 1000 are members of MiOTA. This means they are fighting for all 6000 with the resources of less than 1000. It is really important to get more people to join MiOTA, both for the financial backing for this fight and other efforts and to connect as many OTs as possible to information and networking resources to make a difference in our state.

Tuesday, May 21, there will be an opportunity to meet representatives in Lansing and a public hearing. The first meeting is at 10 am. Email Denise at dhoffmanot@gmail.com if you want more details.

There is also a presentation about the ORR report by Dr. Amy Lamb at University of Michigan Medical Center this Tuesday evening, May 14 if you are interested. See attached for more details.

Finally, we broke up into specialty groups (mental health, pediatrics, etc) to network. The goal was to gather information on potential speakers and/or topics for future meetings. A couple of the group leaders still need to get their info back to me, so more information will be sent later. Please reply this address if you have ideas for topics or want to offer your expertise.

Thank you,

Christine Vlietstra MS, OTRL

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Note: if anyone would like to be removed from this list, please reply to this address, and I will take you off.

OT Regulation in Michigan

Special Presentation on the ORR Recommendation to Deregulate Occupational Therapy

Dr. Lamb will discuss the details of the Office of Regulatory Reinvention recommendations and how they actually will impact our practice should deregulation occur. She will also address ways that you can help retain OT Licensure in the state of Michigan and answer any and all questions you may have.

Kathleen Garvey, OTRL from the MiOTA Membership Committee will also speak briefly on the benefits of MiOTA membership, particularly as they pertain to the issue of deregulation, and be able to collect membership applications.

In fall of 2011 the Governor established the Office of Regulatory Reinvention to ensure that Michigan's regulatory environment is simple, fair, efficient, and conducive to business growth and job creation.

The ORR Report, released in February of 2012 recommended significant changes for the profession of occupational therapy, including the elimination of the Board of Occupational Therapy, elimination of licensure through the State of Michigan and a statutory requirement to participate with NBCOT's continuing competence program



Presenter:
Amy Lamb, OTD, OTRL

When:
Tuesday, May 14, 2013
5:00-7:00 PM

Where:
Ford Auditorium
University of Michigan Hospital
1500 East Medical Center Drive

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- After you enter University Hospital, the doors to the auditorium are immediately on your right.

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