

Meeting Minutes  
PTA Educators SIG Meeting - 2011 Educational Leadership Conference  
October 2, 2011

Attendees: Martha Zimmerman, Leigh-Anne Boggs, Mae Yahara, Jane David, Patty Easley, Linda Biggers, Marja Beaufait, Barb Heier, Jennifer Warren, Kristie Vinson, Celinda Evitt, Stephen Pedley, Leila Darress, Lara Allen, Lisa Bradley, Joel Tenbrink, Charlene Jensen, Jody Gundrum, Debbie Hatfield, Karin Savage, Sharon Reid, Jessica Solberg, Susan Nelson, Ilene Larson, Jody Pena, Niki Wallen, Ryan Rushton, Amy McBreen-Babb, Natalie Grondin, Albert Edwards, Jill Mikkelson, Cyndi Scheuer, Michele Voight, Robert Hicks, Kory Thomas, Travis Booe, Zach Frank, Nancy Clark, Christie Simon, Fran Wedge, Del Carr, Rebecca Kramer, Mary Hanlon, Laura Addison, Allison Kellish, Janice Heil, Holly Clynch, Andreia Nebel, Michele Avery

Meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Holly Clynch, SIG Chairperson

1. Introductions

Board members present introduced themselves- Holly Clynch (Chair), Michele Avery (Secretary) and Andreia Nebel (Nominating Committee). Holly also recognized Board Members in absentia- Kim Snyder (Vice-Chair) and Jean Sanchez (Nominating Comm.)

2. APTA Updates

A. Speakers: John Barnes, CEO and R. Scott Ward, President, APTA

1. John and Scott summarized process of the RCs passed in the 2011 House of Delegates regarding use of support personnel and stated a Task Force was formed based on work of House of Delegates.
  - a. PTAs have let him know they are concerned. Stated the task force does have PTA representation. It has just begun its work so no results yet. Asked that we give any input we can to the Task Force.

B. Speaker: Dianne Jewell, APTA Board of Directors; Chair, Health Care Professionals and Personnel Involved in the Delivery of Physical Therapy (HPPIDPT) Task Force

1. Gave background on process of the HOD and summarized RC3 and RC4-12.
2. If task force determines RCs need more exploration, motions must be referred back to the Board.
3. Members of Task Force as well as its objectives can be found on APTA website.
4. Asked for input. All can be emailed to [diannejewell@apta.org](mailto:diannejewell@apta.org) or to any task force member.

Questions from the floor:

⇒Do any TF members have adult neuro or peds background? –(yes)

⇒Concerned you are rushing a decision on something so important- (If task force determines it needs more time we can make that recommendation to the HOD)

⇒It was stated a reason for RCs is a shortage of PT services in rural areas. This is being addressed now by new PTA schools in those areas. (We are looking at that. If we come back to agree that current model is ok, it's a good exercise for the profession.)

⇒PTA programs have to make hard choices to keep curriculum to 4 semesters- should we expand it as the PTs did? (Mary Jane Harris [CAPTE] – we have responsibility to follow apta policy and USDE standards. Currently that is associates degree.)

⇒With 170+ applicants for the Task Force, how will you overcome the TF bias that was chosen (mostly male, mostly PP, PTA unfriendly)? (Dianne- my challenge is to push others on the TF to overcome them. At the end of the day, we must focus on the patient.)

### 3. FSBPT Fixed Date Testing - Maggie Donohue, President, FSBPT

- A. Explained reasons for move to fixed date testing. Problems with exam breaches over several years resulting in loss of 1000+ items in PT exam costing approx. \$5.5 million.
- B. Feb. 28, 2012 marks end to continuous testing for PTA exam. Go to NBPTE website for specific 2012 dates. Going forward, there will be 4 fixed dates annually.

#### Questions from floor:

⇒ How immediate will results be? (1 week)

⇒ Will there be enough seats for all students? (Yes but late entries may have to travel. For the 2 fixed dates thus far, no problem with seats. Prometric will hold those dates for just us. Jurisprudence exams still have continuous testing)

### 4. CAPTE updates – Mary Jane Harris, Director, CAPTE

Criteria and Revision group are meeting at the end of the year- they will propose any changes. We will give you the info and allow time for your input. Based on feedback, we may go back and redraft. Could do multiple times. **Silence is assent.** Earliest possible adoption date Jan. 1, 2014.

#### Questions from floor:

⇒Why do you allow PTA programs so close together? (CAPTE can't tell a program you cannot start. We say you have to meet our criteria. CAPTE has revised clinical education criteria to help address this. We understand reimbursement rates may decrease employment figures. We are in a huge vortex of change and no one knows where it will go)

### 5. APTA PTA Services – Janet Crosier , Director of PTA Services, APTA (via skype)

- A. PTA Educator resources going online: peer reviewed documents- case studies useful for classroom. Trying to build up resources so as not to reinvent the wheel. Next batch is employer and graduate surveys. Click on educators - curriculum resources in apta website.
- B. New offering on Learning Center: "Leading the team: a practical guide for working with the PTA." Geared towards PT needing guidance on supervision issues.
- C. PTA Recognition of Advanced Proficiency- aquatics, acute care, oncology. Small increase in applications seen. Hope to see even bigger increase. Looking for volunteers to help review applications.

D. NEW: Advanced Proficiency Pathways for the PTA- 1<sup>st</sup> one in geriatrics. Curriculum which includes didactic coursework (general and content specific). Mentoring included with skill checks. Anticipate course completion to be 3-5 years. Orthopedics and peds coming.

Questions from the floor:

⇒Can enough of those advanced proficiencies equal a bachelors degree? (No we are not an educational institution. But may be used by institution as credits if they see fit.)

Volunteers to help with any of these? Send Janet your business card

To contact Janet- email [janetcrosier@apta.org](mailto:janetcrosier@apta.org) Phone 808-756-9139 (9-5 EST)

6. Educational Leadership Institute (ELI) update - Susan Nelson, PTA Educator representative, ELI Steering Committee
  - A. Now called a task group. 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort applications are available. ELI is shared collaborative. Yearlong blended program. ELI is dedicated to both PT and PTA educators.
7. Updates on PTA CPI and CSIF Web – Greg Awarski, Academic Software Plus  
Greg: CSIF Web newest initiative. 94 PTA programs have signed on to PTA CPI Web.
8. PTA Caucus Updates – Niki Wallen, Missouri PTA Caucus Representative
  - A. Reviewed workings of PTA Caucus
  - B. PTA Caucus does not support RC3. Exploring ways to best communicate with PTAs.

Questions from the floor:

⇒What about those programs that aren't connected to APTA? (Holly- Developing a communication tree to build network [sign up sheet passed around]. Want to have a contact for every PTA program nationally.)

9. Fostering improved communication among PTA Educators
  - A. PTA Educators Listserv ([ptaesig-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ptaesig-subscribe@yahoogroups.com))
  - B. Communication Tree
10. Newsletter ideas and submissions -
  - A. Betsy Becker - [BBecker@southeast.edu](mailto:BBecker@southeast.edu)
  - B. She's always looking for ideas- email her
11. Nominations for PTA Educators SIG elected offices – Andreia Nebel, Chair, SIG Nominating
  - A. July 2012- Vice Chair and Nominating Comm. Member open. Please let Andreia ([nebel@clarksoncollege.edu](mailto:nebel@clarksoncollege.edu)) or Holly know if you're interested.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Avery