

Meeting Minutes
PTA Educators SIG Meeting- 2013 Educational Leadership Conference
October 5, 2013

Attendees: Kelly Nash, Christina Howard, Shari Tanner, Leah Wilsey, Heather Lewis, Roberta Pennington, Christie Karle, Susan Nelson, Frank Bates, Beverly Tong, Christine Baldera, Michelle Reilly, Andreia Nebel, Roschella Stephens, Maureen Rattensperger, Querida Masters, Marie Cole, Carolyn Moore, Becky Keith, Michele Voight, Brad Thurinoor, William Patterson, Debbie Van Dove, Molly Verschuyt, Fran Wedge, Karen Bradford, Tracy Porter, Kim Novak, Jean Shannon, Jane Worley, Julie Robertson, Diana Ploeger, Laura Sage, Gini Bouche, Charles Castleberg, Tierra Williams, Beth Ann Thorpe, Lisa Walkin, Jill Ludlow, Margaret Anderson, Peggy Newman, Del Carr, Douglas Wilson, Monique Flemings, Elizabeth Briere, Anna Lapinski, Michael Bono, Sue Griffin, Enid Halewyn, Susan Cotterman, Terri Dinsmore, Christy Gantt, Debra Engel, Nancy Clark, Eric Porter.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Kim Rouillier, SIG Chairperson

1. Congratulations extended to :
 - 3 PTA educators who have graduated from the Education Leadership Institute.
 - Dr. Tina Recalde, San Diego Mesa College
 - Susan Cotterman, Marion Technical College
 - Deanna Lamb, Professional Skills Institute
 - 2 PTA Clinical Instructors who are the first to receive Advanced Proficiency in “Education”:
 - Lisa Stejskal
 - Kim Schneider
2. Kim Rouillier advised all members to use the education website as the official roster for the SIG and to check the website to be sure they are listed as members.
3. Business Meeting Presenters
 - A. Sharon Dunn, Vice President, APTA
 1. Sharon summarized the APTA Strategic Plan Priorities that can be found on the APTA website under the “about us” tab on the home page. The 4 goals discussed were Effectiveness of Care, Patient and Client Centered Care across the Lifespan, Professional Growth and Development, Value and Accountability.
 2. PTA Board Workgroup was appointed in January of 2012 and is working closely with PTA Caucus to address:
 - Expansion of PTA Education
 - PTA Scope of Practice
 - PTA specialization to include a designation
 - Promotion of protection for payment of PTA services.

3. APTA through the result of a survey are prioritizing concern with:

- High co-pays
- Utilization reviews
- PTA payment

Reports to date that Wal-Mart is now covering PTA services in their medical plans and they are working on Tri-Care PTA reimbursement. Sharon strongly recommends that if seeing a payment constraint to report it to the PTA Workgroup and secondly to contact the payer to find out why? There is a PTA toolkit under development for PTA provider of services.

Questions from the floor:

- How are educators involved in the outcome assessment for payment services? (CSM proposed a functional report mandated by APTA and welcomes any help. We can look to increase educational outcomes for programming.)
- Concern with RC task force effect on the PTA as the only extender of care. (This issue is on the task force radar and listed as a priority and along with the issue regarding payment.)
 - B. Janet Benzer, APTA Staff, VP Education, Governance, Administration
 - 1. Provided update on APTA Education initiatives.
 - a) Academic SIG has a new structure the Academic Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) and is a component of APTA. They are working closely together and is a great collaborative process to implement policies and practices.
 - b) The PTASIG is supported in 2 ways through the Education Section and APTA staff member Janet Crosier. Please let them know what they can do to help us with the current issues facing PTA education.
 - c) A new organization has been developed “Partners in Physical Therapy Education (PIPTE). The goal of this organization is to collaborate, cooperate and coordinate on issues concerning physical therapy education. They are made up of members from:
 - CAPTE
 - FSBPT
 - APTA
 - Education Section and SIGS
 - ACAPT

First meeting to be held Sunday to create a purpose and mission.

Questions from floor:

- Concern regarding the Clinical Educators SIG meeting in regards to ACAPT and looking at proposed changes to PT clinical education only and that PTA clinical education is not part of

that. Won't it be important at some point to invite the PTAESIG to this meeting so they can be involved? (This time next year ACAPT is holding a clinical education summit and every PTA institution, PD and DCE will be invited and the PTA community will be represented.)

- Concern raised about the Academic SIG and Clinical Ed SIG separating out from the section and the effect it is having on the groups not communicating or working together. How can this be improved? (Great point, things are changing and a good discussion for the education section is how the role and purpose will change and what does the PTASIG need to do within themselves to restructure. This is an opportunity to ask ourselves "are we organized in a way that serves us best".)

C. Doug Clarke, CAPTE Program Specialist

1. CAPTE is now fully staffed so he will be more accessible to us and has a new title, Accreditation Lead Content Specialist for PTA Program. There are currently 309 accredited programs and the annual accreditation report is due out this week. Anyone who needs extra time should contact him.
2. They have 68 developing programs and as long they can meet the criteria for accreditation they will not stop this. There are 29 candidates and 10 being reviewed at the December 01 meeting. Two of the PTA the programs being developed are the University of Alaska and University of Guam.
3. Encouraged anyone interested in becoming an onsite reviewer to attend the training to be held in Alexandria, VA in March 7-9 and July dates TBD.
4. CAPTE updating it's strategic plan and looking at international bridge programs. Starting to rethink accreditation process, quality and competencies of education. The revision is due out in the Spring 2014 and encouraged to respond to comments. They are monitoring outcomes and resources from 2011-2013 and now have 7 programs in full compliance!

D. Shawne Soper, APTA , Speaker of the HOD, Practice Models Task Force

1. Updated on task force process: Report to the board in December 2013 with plan of report reaching members prior to the March 2014 motion deadline. The report is very comprehensive and don't know at this time what the board decision will be.

E. Jody Frost, APTA Staff, Academic Affairs Specialist

1. Education Leadership Institute booklets are available and have information on fellow's goals and expectations. The application period is now open. Recently graduated 4 PTA Program Directors.
2. Clinical Education Technology workgroup providing guidance on the CSIF PT/PTA CSIF web. Encouraged to ask students to complete facility CSIF as part of clinical assignment. Survey coming out in November on how is the CSIF working and what else would you like to see it do. Forming a liaison with Academic software to put all clinical education work in one place. Please respond to survey!

F. Susan Cotterman, ELI Graduate

1. Susan shared how valuable her experience was at ELI. Opened doors to resources and networking with other educators facing the same challenges in their job.

G. Maggie Donahue, FSBT

1. Reported the July fixed date testing was successful for both PTA testing of 4,000 only 7 had technical issues and the PT testing of 6,500 only 8 had technical issues.
2. The BOD deferred the exam increase until January 2015. The website has been updated and can now get the dates for both 2014 and 2015 tests. There are links to all deadlines involved in the test application.
3. Delegate Assembly motions: Eligibility motions
 - Requiring demonstration of English proficiency prior to exam if English is not first language.
 - If not graduated from a CAPTE accredited program must demonstrate competency of course work prior to exam.
 - A 6 time lifetime limit to take exam and 2 time limit for low scores: 400 or less will no longer have access to exam.
 - A common licensure application for many jurisdictions. A credentialed centralized parking location. Feasibility of licensure compact.

Questions from the floor:

- Does licensure compact mean that the person will be licensed in all states? (Not necessarily, compact is common for interstates and the hope is if you are licensed in home jurisdiction you will have to notify the state that you are practicing there but have to apply for another license.)
- How does the affect states with more stringent requirements? (This is in process and we need acknowledgement from jurisdictions that they are interested in being part of the process as well as talking with other professions to be involved.)
- Regarding English as a 2nd language: Is this not just for foreign trained? (We are using the same guideline that immigration uses and if you were educated in schools in the US or English speaking countries then you are exempt for the English competency.)

H. Brian Ellis, Product Support Specialist, Academic Software Plus

1. PTA CPI has 173 customers
PTA CSIF has 99 customers
2. There are over 30,000 global databases for the CSIF and to date there are 3,000 completed and 24,598 uncompleted. Having the students complete the CSIF has really helped so please keep it going!
3. A couple of new features:
 - Consolidation of questions on the CSIF making it easier to fill out.
 - Hover text on header tabs shows list of sections under that tab.

Questions from floor:

- Is there the option of pricing based on facility size versus a flat rate? (Not at the present but Janet Crosier will bring it up for discussion at the next contract review.)

- Have they considered a reminder every 1-2 years to ask CI's to update their credentials when logging in? (Will look at as a future possibility.)
 - I. Brad Thuringer, PTA, Community Service
 - 1. Discussed opportunities to put others first:
 - Diversity Dinner Event: supports the Minority Scholarship fund issued to both PT and PTA students.
 - Foundation for PT Research: last year raised \$1,000 -banner recognizing PTA Educators
 - Outreach effort: Through donations able to provide meals at various shelters- will be providing meals during CSM in Las Vegas communities.
 - "Shoes for Kids"- How can you help? Start in your own community through organizations such as the Salvation Army and shelters.
 - PAC- Scott Ward contact person. Supports issues relating to organizational needs, reimbursement concerns. Plea for donation to reach goal of last year.

Order of Business

Motion:

Proposed a motion to accept the tenure for the current Treasurer / Secretary to be extended for one year for this election cycle only to realign the elections process for positions and tenure to represent what is currently in the Rules of Order for the PTAESIG.

Made by: Kim Rouillier, SIG Chairperson

Seconded by: _____

1. Summit Planning Meeting to be held today from 3:00pm – 4:00pm-will be discussing issues facing PTA educators.
2. PUB Night invitations located in back of room.

J. Janet Crosier, PTA Services Specialist

1. Update on the education feasibility study RC 2012-3 phase plan, phases 1 & 2 completed. Meetings have been very productive discussing what PTA's are doing now and what they should be doing in the future as extenders of PT care.
2. Forming a PTA Education Program task force- volunteer interest pool (VIP) on website-to date 74 people have volunteered. Will only be selecting from the VIP so if interested encouraged to apply. Time is short first report due out in December 2013.
3. Received a 57% response rate from last survey. Thank you
4. First group approved for advanced proficiency in education to launch pathways for advanced proficiency at CSM.

5. Iowa now has licensure.
6. Present PTA Caucus is very productive and organized. Changing a lot of perspectives on how the board views the PTA in the workplace and governance. There are 6 committees working with the PTA Caucus to help achieve their goals. They have produced a newsletter and if not receiving please email Janet Crosier.
7. To date there are 50 PTA programs with articulation BA degree agreements. They can be found on the APTA website under the "PTA" tab.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Querida Masters