

2018 – 2019 ATRA Committee/Task Force Work Plan
DUE 11/1/2018 WITH BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee/Task Force: FEDERAL PUBLIC POLICY

Committee Members

Chair(s)	Committee Members
<p>Dawn De Vries – Public Policy Chair</p> <p>Kathy Davis – BOD liaison (2018-2019)</p> <p>Laura Kelly – BOD liaison (2018-2019)</p> <p>Julie Utano – Executive Director, Ex officio</p>	<p>Alayne Kazin – Community/Section Liaison</p> <p>Allison Shoemaker – Older Adult/Management</p> <p>Brent Hawkins - DRRC</p> <p>Becki Chilcote-McGrath – General</p> <p>Kayla Booker</p> <p>Candice Moore – DRRC, ARC</p> <p>Charles Bond – Older Adult</p> <p>Danny Pettry – Behavioral Health/Section Liaison</p> <p>Jennifer Preyers</p> <p>Jennifer Winder – Community, ARC</p> <p>Jenny Dilaura</p> <p>Jodi Douglas – Older Adult</p> <p>Kady Crump</p> <p>Kaitlyn Daly – Physical Rehab & Medicine</p> <p>Karley Brouwer – Physical Rehab & Medicine</p> <p>Kathy Davis – ITEM</p> <p>Kathyrn Jones</p> <p>Katie Mahlum – Older Adult</p> <p>Kalya Tolstyka – Older Adult</p> <p>Jean Keller- Community, ARC</p> <p>Kelsey Schull – Veterans/Section Liaison</p> <p>Kris King – Veterans</p> <p>Kristen Fedesco – Schools/Section Liaison</p> <p>Lacey Speert – Older Adult/Section Liaison</p> <p>Lauren Lee – CCD, DRRC</p> <p>Lindsay Patton – Older Adult</p> <p>Marieke Van Puymbroeck – DRRC</p> <p>Mary Marie – Older Adult</p> <p>Matt Frye – Schools</p> <p>Donna McCauley</p> <p>Melanie Zeanah - ARC</p> <p>Michael Denmeade – Physical Rehab & Medicine</p> <p>Nathan Lamaster</p> <p>Missy Armstrong – Management/General PP</p> <p>Randee Wood – Older Adult</p> <p>Heidi Ross</p> <p>Sara Meyer - ARC</p> <p>Sharon Einhorn – HR 626</p> <p>Susan Hundley – HR 626</p> <p>Tara Loy</p> <p>Taylor Gbur - Veterans</p> <p>Tina Westra – Child & Adolescent</p> <p>Thea Kavanaugh – Schools/The ARC</p> <p>Diane Wagner Heffner – Physical Rehab/General PP</p>

Board Direction Statement

Position ATRA to influence federal legislation and regulation to positively impact consumers and the practice of recreational therapy

Expected Outcomes of each ATRA Committee/Task Force

1. Recruit members from diverse backgrounds and geographical areas to serve on committee.
2. Submit a work plan (due 11/1/2018) and a final report (due 8/30/2019).
3. Communicate with your board liaison regarding issues, questions or support for your committee.

Additional Expectations of Sections:

4. Provide at least one educational session for members through ATRA Academy teleconferences and/or Fall Conference.
5. Write and publish at least one newsletter article for the ATRA newsletter.
6. Submit content to blog.

Task List/Objectives

*Please consider the identified expected outcomes noted above in completing your task list.

Outcome/Objective	Tasks for Completion & Measurement Criteria	Expected Completion
Monitor federal regulations and legislation impacting consumers of recreational therapy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor <i>Federal Register</i> for proposed and final rules. (Chair) 2. Monitor disability group and diagnosis organizations for press releases and calls to action. (Committee) 3. Maintain relationship with Powers, Pyles, Sutter, and Verville. (ATRA) 4. Maintain coalition presence. (ATRA & coalition representatives) 	On-going
Position the association to proactively influence federal legislation and regulation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance at key meetings during the year to advocate and advance the recreational therapy agenda, and to promote the inclusion of recreational therapy in legislation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Potential meetings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bureau of Labor Statistics with lobbyist in follow up to the preliminary report of the Workforce Task Force - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding skilled nursing facility final rule and inclusion of recreational therapy with other therapies vs. nursing - Veterans Administration b. Representation at industry and coalition meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brain Injury Summit (March) - CCD Annual Meeting (June) - DRRC Annual Meeting (December) 2. Connect with national organizations with common interests to explore partnerships and support. 	December 2019

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify and generate list of organizations, including contact person and information. (Committee) b. Create (or find if one exists) an information sheet on ATRA and position on disability issues. (Chair with committee volunteers) c. Initiate contact with 3 organizations to explore partnership opportunities. (Chair with committee members) d. Add additional when 3 secured. 3. Work to introduce new House bill to replace HR 626. (Chair, lobbyist, GT Thompson) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Build coalition and external support. b. Develop plan to approach other organizations for support. c. Develop campaign to promote new bill. d. Organize an Advocate for New Bill month (maybe August when representatives are in home district). e. Create new legislative packet and information for bill. (PPSV) f. Conduct Zoominar on new bill when approach to launch and explain bill and process to members. 	<p>August 2019?</p> <p>Within 4 weeks of bill being introduced</p>
<p>Provide the membership and BOD with regular updates on federal public policy issues via presentations, website, newsletter, etc.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quarterly FPP section for the newsletter. (Chair and committee) 2. Provide communication to the BOD on important legislative and public policy efforts and issues. (Chair) 3. FPP Section liaisons to provide quarterly updates to their Section leader on public policy issues, changes, alerts related to the practice area. (FPP Section liaisons with Section leaders) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Section liaisons to work with Section leaders on posting information to the Section blogs and webpages. b. Section liaisons to work with Section leaders regarding communicating issues to Section members. 4. Peter Thomas to provide keynote address at Annual Conference in Reno. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If Peter Thomas is unable to attend, FPP Chair and Committee members will present a concurrent session. 5. Update Public Policy Zoominar as needed – promote this to members. (Chair) 6. Social media posts – schedule to be developed with Social Media Coordinator. (Committee) 	<p>December 2019</p> <p>September 2019</p>

	<p>7. Regular posts to ATRA webpage. (Chair and committee)</p> <p>a. Monthly blog posts on what advocacy was done during previous month.</p> <p>b. Posting of sign-on letters, memos and other important pieces of legislation on a monthly basis.</p>	
Continue member involvement and engagement in committee and coalitions	<p>1. Continue growing the committee with practice setting representatives to assist in monitoring legislation in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral health • Child & Adolescent • Community • Older Adult • Physical Rehab • Schools • Veterans & Military <p>2. Member representatives to participate in coalitions via conference calls on a consistent basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) • The ARC for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities • Disabilities Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation (CPR) • Habilitation Benefits Coalition (HAB) • Independence through Enhancement of Medicare and Medicaid Coalition (ITEM) • Disability and Research Rehabilitation Coalition • Allies for Independence (NEW) 	On-going
Evaluate need and feasibility of a 2020 Public Policy Summit in Washington DC	<p>1. Explore potential 2020 Washington DC Public Policy Summit to do a Day on the Hill for new RT legislation. (Chair with ATRA office)</p> <p>2. Develop conference proposal with projected attendance, revenue and expenses to submit to Finance Committee when determined need for Summit. (Chair with ATRA office)</p>	Based on BOD approval 3 months prior to event

Budget Request	Total FPP Budget	\$86,430
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*ATRA does not pay for travel, lodging or registration to ATRA conferences or events, and does not cover meals for any events even if representing ATRA. ATRA does not provide "grants" for committees to allocate to others. Budget requests must be reasonable and related to an item in ATRA's Strategic Plan or designated as essential by the ATRA Board (such as CARF membership, federal lobbying efforts, or representation of the profession at HOSA). For questions regarding budget request, contact your Board liaison.