Greetings everyone. I hope you all have had a safe and enjoyable summer and are gearing up for what the SDPTA has in store for our upcoming year. There will hopefully be some exciting changes happening for our profession in South Dakota over the next 12 months, but it will take an army of folks to make it happen.

First order of business that has been at the top of my list has been preparing our bill and legislation for our own licensure board. As of now the current plan is to introduce legislation during the 2020 session. Tim Dougherty, our attorney/lobbyist and our SDPTA board have drafted a bill along with a proposal letter that was sent to the Secretary of Health and Governor Noem. We felt this would be the best way to try and avoid any “surprises” from the Governor’s administration next session. The Dept. of Health and Dept. of Labor are currently reviewing all of the state boards and they felt this would be a “prime time” to bring this up with the current administration. Hopefully, there will be more information to share on this at the fall meeting.

With that being said, we do have Legislative Day in Pierre on February 4, 2020. Please make plans to attend this event, as it will be all hands-on deck. This may not necessarily be the day that our bill is introduced; however, the legislators take extra notice when the lunch providers show up and chat and I think this can be a very positive tool for us. So again, please mark your calendars for FEBRUARY 4, 2020!

Hopefully, this session we will be able to focus solely on our legislation; however, it was recently brought to my attention that the chiropractors are planning to introduce legislation restricting acupuncture services to only be provided by providers who are acupuncture certified. The bill sounds fine in theory; however, the language would restrict some of our current PT practices for non-invasive manual therapy and soft tissue treatments, NOT dry needling. I have been in contact with our attorney and we are currently working on a comment letter to their primary sponsor (the bill’s author) to change the language in the bill. More to come on this as well.

This year the SDPTA partnered with the APTA on their new membership drive campaign called Member Get A Member. This is an incentive-based program for new member referrals. We are hoping this will help us increase our membership in our association. This is a new program that we agreed to approximately 2 weeks ago, so additional information on this will be provided at the fall business meeting.
Speaking of our Fall business meeting, which will be held Saturday September 28th at noon, we will be planning to hold 2 votes. The information on these votes were sent out to all members a few weeks ago. They pertain to voting rights for video conferencing members at our state meetings, as well as the APTA Career Starter Dues. We must have quorum to take a vote, so please make it a priority to attend the business meeting (and bring a friend)!

Finally, we are working with the department of revenue to finalize our organizational license plate decals. I will provide additional information on this process at the business meeting, and I will also send a follow up email once the decals are ready!

Thanks, and hope to see everyone in a few weeks!
John Rounds, PT, DPT
SDPTA President

Treasurer’s Report by Wade Fligge PT, DPT, OCS ~ Big Stone Therapies

SDPTA Board met in August to consider requests from Committee Chairs for budget changes for 2020. Continuing Education and Chapter dues continue be our main source of income. However, we are still operating at a budget deficit overall. We have some plans in the works to try to break even. More to come on that.

Current Balances:

Great Western Bank Checking: $5600
Vanguard: $319,824

Delegate Report by Joy R. Karges, PT, EdD, MS, CLT ~ Professor & Director of Clinical Education at the University of South Dakota

Patti Berg-Poppe and I attended the 2019 APTA House of Delegates in Chicago in June, 2019 and Michelle Gant attended as the SDPTA Caucus Representative. There were 70 motions proposed by the following: 1) Special Committee to Review House Documents (SCHOD), 2) Board of Directors, and 3) Components. With the adoption of RC 9-17, and subsequent action of the House Officers, the Special Committee of the House was created with this charge: “The committee shall review documents previously adopted by the House and forward motions to amend, consolidate, or rescind documents as needed to the 2018 and 2019 House.” Thus, 47 of the motions brought forth were related to the documents the SCHOD started reviewing for the 2018 HOD. The motions were organized into 4 categories: Practice; Health, Policy & Environment; Education; and Governance.

Of the 70 RCs on the agenda this year, 40 passed on the Consent Calendar, 25 passed during the House, 3 were defeated, and 2 were not considered. The 2019 House of Delegates Minutes are posted in the House of Delegates Community Hub in the 2019 Archive Folder. The House of Delegates Community is open to all APTA members. Here are the links:

http://www.apta.org/HOD/
http://communities.apta.org/p/do/sd/sid=5900
Delegate Report (con’t)

Here are some of the highlights of the 2019 HOD session.

- One of the biggest changes is that the “Values-Based Behaviors for the Physical Therapist Assistant” have been rescinded. The Core Values for the Physical Therapist have now been amended and updated to include the PTAs and the document will now be entitled “Core Values for the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant” (RC 32-19).
- Wound Management Physical Therapy was approved as an area of specialization through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists (RC 69-19).
- The following motions were amended:
  1. The Role of Aides in a Physical Therapy Service (RC 5-19);
  2. Levels of Supervision (RC 6A-19);
  3. The Principles and Objectives for the United States Health Care System (RC 11-19);
  4. Delivery of Value-Based Physical Therapist Services (RC 12A/B-19);
  5. Standards of Practice (RC 17A/C/D-19);
  6. Telehealth (RC 8-19);
  7. The Role of the PT in Diet and Nutrition (RC 1-19); and
  8. The role of the Association (RC 14-19) and PT (RC 15-19) in Prevention, Wellness, Fitness, Health Promotion, and Management of Disease and Disability.
- Student Physical Therapist Provision of Services (RC 4-19) was amended to include Student Physical Therapist Assistants.
- Guidelines: Clinical Education Sites was amended and updated to “Guidelines to Promote Excellence in Clinical Education Partnerships.” This document provides standards for clinical education sites, the Site Coordinator of Clinical Education (SCCE formerly known as the CCCE), and Clinical Instructors (RC 43-19).
- Motions were adopted regarding the following:
  1. APTA’s Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RC 21-19)
  2. Public health crisis of firearms-related injuries and deaths in the US (RC 56-19);
  3. Health literacy (RC 57-19);
  4. Vaccination schedules (RC 60-19 and RC 61-19);
  5. Naloxone availability (RC 62-19);
  6. “Annual wellness visits” and “initial preventative physical examination” (RC 65-19); and
  7. Educational resources on use of cannabis or cannabis-based products for health-related condition (RC 67-19).

The full list of motions can be found in the official minutes from the 2019 HOD session.

The following individuals were elected to office during the 2019 HOD session.

- Kip Schick PT, DPT, MBA (WI) – Secretary
- Kyle Covington, PT, DPT, PhD (NC) – Vice Speaker
- Deirdre “Dee” Daley, PT, DPT (NH) – Director
- Heather Jennings, PT, DPT (MA) – Director
- Carmen Cooper-Oguz, PT, DPT, MBA (MS) – Director
- Carrie Cunningham, PT (GA) – Nominating Committee
- V. Kai Kennedy, PT, DPT (CA) – Nominating Committee

Congratulations to Brad Thuringer, PTA as he received the APTA Societal Impact Award!

UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT: APTA along with AOTA and ASHA met with numerous state Insurance Commissioners during the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) summer meeting to share their concerns with the Anthem/AIM utilization management program in the 13 states. Thanks to APTA’s advocacy, the roll out of this program set for July 1 has been postponed.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS: APTA met with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) staff to discuss the need for clarity regarding how physical therapy and other nonphysician electronic health record (EHR) vendors may satisfy the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) certification criteria for purposes of participation in the Quality Payment Program – both the Promoting Interoperability category of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs).

COMMENT LETTERS: APTA submitted comments on the CMS Request for Information on Ideas to Reduce Administrative Burden in Medicare and Medicaid programs. APTA also submitted comments to the Department of Veterans Affairs responding to their request for comments on their new Center for Innovation for Care and Payment.

RURAL HEALTH: The House Ways and Means Committee announced the creation of the bipartisan Rural and Underserved Communities Health Task Force, led by Reps. Danny Davis (D-IL), Terri Sewell (D-AL), Brad Wenstrup (R-OH), and Jodey Arrington (R-TX). The task force will bring together members and experts to discuss the challenges of delivering care in rural and underserved areas and identify bipartisan policies to improve outcomes and care. APTA staff are meeting with these Congressional offices and will be submitting names of members for consideration to present or participate in future task force meetings.

WORKFORCE DIVERSITY: The Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act of 2019 passed the House Energy & Commerce Committee, a vote by the full House could happen this fall. The legislation seeks to provide $5 million per year in scholarships and stipends aimed at increasing the number of students from underrepresented populations in physical therapy and other allied health education programs.

IDEA: Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA) and Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL) have introduced the Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA Act (H.R. 4107). This bill would restore full funding for education and services for the two early childhood state grant programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
Public Relations Committee Report by Brandie Rainboth, DPT, OCS ~ Spearfish Physical Therapy

October is National Physical Therapy Month!!

We have a great profession, and this is a great opportunity to educate other providers and public on the benefits physical therapy has to offer.

Join the #ChoosePT campaign....

This is a great opportunity for our profession to step it up and show the public, physicians, legislators, insurers how valuable physical therapy is in the treatment of musculoskeletal conditions, including chronic pain. #ChoosePT #GetPT1st

How you can help!

APTA has great resources of information. Below is a link to a toolkit with many ideas from sharing info on Facebook to writing position letters to local newspapers.

http://www.moveforwardpt.com/ChoosePT/Toolkit

Like and Share info posted on SDPTA Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/SDPTA

Educate your patients.

#ChoosePT toolkit offers a 1-page campaign handout that can be given to patient.

SDPTA Ad Campaigns

We will be continuing our public PR efforts over this year by advertising in: Argus Leader and Rapid City Journal with print and online #ChoosePT ads during month of October - this campaign is supported by the APTA Community Awareness Grant; South Dakota Medicine Magazine with 1/2page #ChoosePT print ads during September, October, November, and December (sent to all SD physicians); South Dakota Magazine MoveForwardPT.com print ads throughout 2019; and SDPTA billboards on I-90 and I-29, August - September 2019.
SDPTA Billboards are up!!

SD Senior Games – September 2019 – Watertown, SD

We have established a great relationship with the SD Senior Games organization. This year we sponsored the 2019 SD State Senior Games in Watertown. 5x7 color #ChoosePT postcard were handed out during registration to all athletes. Our logo was placed in program as a sponsor. SAFE fitness screen was provided to athletes by USD faculty and students. A big thank you to Becca Jordre, PT and USD faculty, for her work in developing and organizing SAFE (Senior Athlete Fitness Exam) screen during Friday and Saturday State game events!

SAVE THE DATE!!

USD Medical Student Presentation – October 2019
PR Committee will also be hosting a presentation luncheon to USD medical students to educate them on the physical therapy profession during National Physical Therapy Month.

If you are interested in volunteering or presenting, please contact me at brandie.rainboth@gmail.com

Other news:

I encourage everyone to check out our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SDPTA and find us on Twitter! Current events of SDPTA will be posted, along with current articles, news, videos and events that can be shared to help promote the benefits of physical therapy.

We have applied for APTA Community Awareness Grant and will be notified this fall/winter if awarded. We have been notified that this may be the last year that the APTA will be awarding funding under this grant program. The Community Awareness Grant helps fund SDPTA PR campaigns.
PTA Caucus Report by Michelle Grant, PTA

The caucus continues to be working with APTA and some chapters and sections to amend bylaws and allow PTAs to have a full vote in membership affairs. This has been a long-time effort but is more logistical, versus oppositional, for the handful of remaining states. I was unable to find a recent count, but as of June 2018, 40 states had fully approved the full vote.

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the PTA. Many states have held small celebrations and there was a large party at CSM to honor our role in the PT profession. I would like to combine the ideas of celebrating the PTA, my previous statement about the change in climate towards inclusion of the PTA in the decision making body of the association, as well as the new membership initiative to challenge anyone reading this to seek out your PTA coworkers that have not been involved with the association and urge them to join!

We have also been informed that APTA is now working on challenging changes that are to be coming from CMS under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, section 53107 (Medicare Cap repeal). Initially the association was remaining neutral, awaiting the release of the Physician Fee Schedule, as this would further outline the rules and regulations. After the PFS was released in July, APTA had concerns with the complexity, as well as the drastic underpayments for service and accessibility issues that will result, most specifically in rural and underserved areas. There is a form letter available from APTA under the Regulatory Take Action webpage. The deadline for comments is September 27th. If you are reading this, I implore you and your colleagues to speak up in hopes to modify this change.

Finally, as I am near the conclusion of my term, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to serve the association and the profession for the last 4 years. If you can think of a PTA that would enjoy the opportunity to get involved with the association, please have the contact me or the nominating committee. Elections will be held at the fall business meeting on September 28th in Sioux Falls.
SDPTA Business Meeting
Agenda
March 23, 2019

Start: 12:18pm

I: Approval of previous minutes: motioned, second, approved

II: Treasurer’s Report – Wade

Committee Reports:

A. Delegate Report – Joy
B. Education Report – Mark
   a. 37 attended geriatric, 15 attended cancer
C. Membership Report – Chris
D. Ethics Report – Brad
E. Nominating report– Jody
F. PTA Caucus report – Michelle
G. Federal Affairs Liaison report – John
H. State Legislative affairs report – Andy
I. PR Report – Brandie
J. Reimbursement report – Julie
K. Awards Report - Jody
L. Private Practice committee Report – Jake
M. PAC Report - Leonard

Old Business:

State Legislative Affairs: Andy York stepped into Phil’s position

Reimbursement report: Monthly teleconferences, Initiated Payment Blog on website for members only reimbursement resources,

Investigating South Dakota Codified Law 58-17-54 (the insurance co-pay for physical therapy services cannot exceed the co-pay amount by the insured primary care physician). However, self-Funded Health Plans and federal plans, such as Medicare Advantage programs, are not required to adhere to South Dakota Insurance Law. Conversations with State’s AG regarding PT co-pays & SDCL. Developed a patient complaint form for PTs to provide to their patients to contact the SD Department of Insurance.

Continuing Education rules – Not being applied by SDBMOE

PT Licensure board (See new business)
APTA Career Starter Dues Program (see new business) – attempted last year

APTA Geolocation Pilot project: MoveforwardPT.com/SD

**New Business Continued:**

- APTA Career Starter Dues – The SDPTA board would like to amend the association by-laws pertaining to State dues in order to be in alignment with the APTA Career Starter Dues Program. If someone is an APTA member at graduation and they renew their membership within 6 months after the expiration of the student membership, there will be a 50% reduction in state dues. The following will pertain to members who are 2 to 4 years post-graduation:
  - 2nd year post graduation: 40% reduction in State dues
  - 3rd year post graduation: 30% reduction in State dues
  - 4th year post graduation: 20% reduction in State dues

This by-law change will be voted on during the Spring membership meeting Saturday March 23rd.

-PT board

-False PT advertisement

-Funds to help Membership/PAC

-Video Conferencing

-Fundraising opportunity

-Other Issues

Adjourned: 1:30 pm NO QUORUM
FALL CONFERENCE ~ SIOUX FALLS, SD
~ September 28/29, 2019~
Avera Prairie Center
1000 E. 23rd Street
Sioux Falls, SD

Dementia: Until there’s a cure, there’s CARE
Teepa Snow, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA

Cervical Spine: Manual Therapy Management
DR. JEFF MOORE, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT

The Business Meeting will be from 12:00 – 2:00pm Saturday, Sept 28.

Awards Committee Jody Verhey, PT~ Avera

Congratulations to Joy Karges and Julie Wingen

Joy Karges is receiving the PT Hall of Fame award Julie Wingen is receiving the PT of the Year award.

We will be presenting them w the awards immediately before the business meeting at the Avera Prairie Center in Sioux Falls on Sept 28th at noon.
We encourage all to come support them in this recognition.

The Awards Committee will be awarding (two)-$100 amazon gift cards for PT/PTA members and (one)-$50 amazon gift card for a student member. Members must be in attendance to the Business Meeting on Saturday from 12:00-2:00 pm and signed into the meeting.
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