

**Section on Pediatric
Board of Director Meeting
Combined Sections Meeting
February 15, 2007
Hines Convention Center
Boston, MA**

Attendees: see attached sheet

Meeting began at 6:35 pm in the Hines Convention Center

Minutes approved from BOD of AC 2006

- Welcome and introduction of topics for meeting: Sheree York, President
 - Discussion: How can we best use our meeting time to be sure to have time for operational business as well as have time for visionary planning.
- Update on APTA Public Relations efforts that have included pediatric information. If time we will show a CD with clips of the PR spots will be shown.
- Speakers Bureau: Need for the SOP to develop a bureau. Would like input from BOD on how best to do this.
- APTA has decided to co-sponsor a conference addressing health issues for individuals (adults and children) with Sickle Cell Anemia. SOP was contacted by the APTA Practice Committee to be involved with the sponsorship of this conference.
- Continuum of Care Legislation: SOP is coming up with strategies for working with other sections to put together educational content (pre-service and in service) to go beyond the pediatric component of the continuum of care.
- New Home Study: in process.
- WCPT/Pediatric section: Making great progress.
- III Step update: Regional meetings have been taking place. May continue to have more regional meetings but fewer are planned for this upcoming year. There may possible be a presentation a CSM new year as well.
- Christine Williams from the PT Foundation will be coming to discuss applications for Pediatric grants through the Foundation.

- BOD introductions: Name, position in SOP and notations of what you accomplished you are proud of as part of the SOP and any issues you would like to put on discussion list.
 - Each member introduced themselves and described things they were proud of and what items they would like to work on in the upcoming year. A list was made by the President, Sheree York.
- **Visitor: Ken Harwood from APTA Practice Committee**
 - Discussion on progress toward meeting the goals of the Continuum of Care legislation for person who have life long health issues ;
 - Eight components have been identified as priorities:
 - The first is to build a curriculum for pre-service and in- service education for physical therapy to address the issues of this population.
 - The second is to develop a Business Case to help practitioners see the feasibility of care for individuals with complex and life long health issues. Ken is interested in taking the lead on this second portion but the SOP is developing a plan to work on both components.
 - All components of the legislation will require collaboration and consultation between and among physical therapists in Pediatrics and those in other specialties (example: orthopedics, geriatrics). The SOP need to bring other sections into working on this Legislation.
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 - Sheree York to discuss this legislation at the Component's President's Meeting and ask for collaboration with other sections such as orthopedics, geriatrics and oncology.
 - Identify specific individuals within other Sections to consult and work on this legislation.
 - To address all portions of the legislation the SOP Practice Committee under the direction of Lisa Chiarello has put together an integrated Task Force to work with Ken Harwood and the

- There are two more meetings planned with the Practice Committee of the SOP and Ken Harwood to begin this work. Ken would also like to have one more teleconference with the original group that proposed this RC to get their additional ideas.
 - Multi sections programming on this legislation and its progress would bring it to the attention of other sections as well as the SOP membership. The Task Force and other committees and individuals working on this legislation will be working toward providing programming at the next CSM.
 - Issues Briefs: Ken Harwood discussed these Briefs and their usefulness in bringing issues to the attention of Congress as well as other professions. It may be helpful to write a Brief about this legislation
- Other Issues from the APTA Practice Committee:
 - Connect
 - There is a need to develop the Pediatric Documentation of Care portion of this tool. This is an electronic documentation tool developed by the APTA and they would like a pediatric portion. Ken would like assistance from the SOP to do this.
 - Revision of the Guide for Physical Therapy Practice
 - The revision process is being developed and pediatric practice needs to be more integrated into the practice patterns.
 - Pediatric Physical Fitness and Wellness Activities:
 - SOP to work with the APTA Practice Committee to develop guideline for physical fitness for individuals with life long health issues and develop these into Policy Briefs.
 - This work can be done with the SOP Practice Committee and the SOP Task Force on Physical Fitness.

- Bylaw Revisions: Bylaws have been revised to bring them in line with the bylaws of the APTA.
- Newsletter: March 1st. deadline
- Janet Peterson the APTA Board Liaison was introduced by Sheree.
- Discussed the value of the SOP system that has state reps. that can represent pediatric issues at state chapters.
- **Review of MTF:** (please refer to MTF form)
 - 1: Re-imburement issues: Ginny Paleg will be chairperson of re-imburement sub-committee (divided into Medicaid and third party payment issues). Ginny will go to the annual re-imburement forum of APTA. APTA has formed a Medicaid task force and Sheryl Low and Toby Long are both on this task force. One of the biggest issues is of Medicaid fraud is school based fraud. Sheryl Low is doing a case study on an example of billing for either teachers or paraprofessionals to do the “PT”.
- **Foundation for Physical Therapy Visitors:** Christine Williams and committee members from Foundation for Physical Therapy.
- SOP research grant proposal not funded this year as there were no proposals that met the committee’s guidelines
 - Process of grant review: This process was review for the BOD by the committee members.
 - There were 12 or 13 grant proposals submitted, 6 of which were for the pediatric RFP.
 - Each grant review by the Scientific Review Committee (SRC) and given a number of priority. None of the Pediatric grants met the criteria for a priority number high enough for funding.
 - Questions raised by the BOD:
 - Concern was voiced by several BOD members as to the **expertise represented on the SRC in the area of pediatrics.** The Foundation committee members could not recall if any of the SRC members had pediatric research expertise. This was voiced by the BOD as a major concern. Additionally, pediatric research has other constraints and issues. For example, it is often qualitative by nature. **It was not clear if qualitative research is funded by the Foundation. They have never funded qualitative research in the past.** The BOD would also like to know if there were **consistent issues across the pediatric research**

proposals that could be addressed by the section and the educators who teach pediatrics to improve the proposals in the future. The SRC could not respond to this issue as they did not have that information.

- Plan:
 - The Foundation will look into the issues raised by the SOP and respond to the SOP President.
 - A small work group will then work on a plan for future research proposals and a response to the Foundation.

- **MTF discussion resumed: please refer to MTF form**

- New items on Strategic Plan.
 - Leadership Training Meeting

 - Responsiveness to Membership: Vicky Trost working on increasing membership responsiveness. Cindy Sliwa developed the Job Descriptions. These provide clear definitions of the jobs available to volunteers and making them much more accessible to people planning to get involved in the SOP.

- Planning reviewed for the Membership Breakfast and the Membership Meeting.

Motions:

Motion 1: Move that a moratorium be placed on the \$30,000 gift to Foundation for Physical Therapy until a sub-panel of pediatric researchers is formed to participate in evaluating pediatric research specific to the endowment call.

Passed.

Motion 2: Move that the SOP Executive Committee be charged with communicating with the Foundation for Physical Therapy regarding specific feedback on recently submitted pediatric research proposals and to use that feedback to disseminate guidance to members for strengthening future pediatric research proposals to the Foundation.

Passed.

Meeting is adjourned.

Priscilla S. Osborne, Secretary