

MOTA GAC Minutes | April 2, 2020

Attendance:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Bennet <input type="checkbox"/> Theresa Benz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Brennan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Engman <input type="checkbox"/> Paige Hays <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Horvath <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrienne Jones <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Lescher <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Marth <input type="checkbox"/> Rachael Munkeby | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Sames <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camille Sampers <input type="checkbox"/> Mathew Schiffman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leanne Shore <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Weidner <input type="checkbox"/> Christina Bourland (guest) <input type="checkbox"/> Clarissa Mireau |
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Topic	Discussion	Action/person responsible
Capitol Update (Cory)	<p>We are in a holding patter due to COVID-19. The House and Senate have not been holding public hearings since March 16. They must adjourn by May 18. So far they have come in to session twice during the shut down to take action on COVID-19 legislation. They set up a COVID-19 fund with \$200 million for the Governor and the COVID-19 Response Commission to spend. There are rumors that they are trying to develop omnibus bills that will include non-controversial items that have passed out of committees. The OT licensure bill could be one of those, but other licensure bills that have not been heard in both House and Senate may not be included in the omnibus bills. There will probably be a bonding bill. Two of the Governor’s executive orders may be of interest to OTs - #2020 (stay at home order) and #2023 (allows licensure boards to temporarily modify continuing education requirements for licensure. The Governor and the Health Plans have agreed to waive COVID-19 related expenses.</p>	<p>Andrea will check with MN DHS about what to do if a family has limited internet access and cannot accept encrypted calls.</p> <p>Cory will look more at Exec. Order 2023 regarding licensure standards.</p>
MA reviews (Cathy)	<p>MN DHS (MA) has hired Kepro to do retrospective reviews, with the stipulation that they use peer reviewers for cases that require and OT to review. MN DHS has asked MOTA to develop criteria for when Kepro can do the review, and when they have to pass it to an OT to do.</p>	<p>Cathy and Karen will develop possible criteria and work with DHS on it.</p>
Telehealth	<p>OTs can provide telehealth under private health plans at the same rate of pay as face to face visits. OTs can provide telehealth under MA, as long as they are enrolled as telehealth providers and show they have safe and secure connections (e.g. not Zoom). MN did not relax the requirements for licensure in MN for out of state telehealth providers. MN did waive the limit on the number of visits per week that can be provided under telehealth for MA.</p>	
Announcements		
Next meeting	<p>May 7 @5:00 pm, probably on Zoom</p>	