

Minutes
CAOT-BC Advisory Committee Meeting
December 11, 2017: 400pm-530pm (Pacific)

Chair: Laura Bulk
Vice Chair: Gabrielle Trepanier
Secretary: Emma Smith

1. Welcome

2. Minutes (October 16, 2017)

Finalize, approve

3. CAOT-BC Activity Updates (10 minutes)

Government relations - Giovanna & Sarah were in Victoria for meetings on Nov. 29-30.

Ministry of Health – team responsible for workforce planning –met with small team, several new members so presentation of repeat information (but new for those in the room). Government is still not capturing information for HHR related to OT in private sector. Key info: 30% OTs identify as working exclusively in private and 25% in both (COTBC registrant information 2017). CAOT-BC stresses the importance in having all of data. Team reported that there is a HHR plan underway, no plan for external consultation.

Future actions: Giovanna to meet with leader of HHR planning team. To reinforce the information needed and what CAOT-BC can assist with. CAOT-BC will share data from private sector workforce project and data from college. Also gathering data from WorksafeBC (e.g. dollars spent on OT, referral patters, etc.) and share with appropriate ministries. Will also gather date from ICBC (previous anecdotal information was that spend on OT was ~\$8 million/yr). Giovanna was supposed to meet minister of health today – they have asked to re-schedule the meeting

-Plans underway to organizing a day at the legislature for April or May

Community centre access (Surrey)

City of Surrey came back – will not allow OT support personnel in any of their amenities. The issues they focused on are: OTAs are not regulated and indirect supervision

City registers OT/PT and Kinesiologist as trainers – Kins are not regulated
From response, it is clear they do not have an understanding of regulation

Actions: Giovanna will work with COTBC (Andrea Bowden) and craft a response from CAOT-BC advocating for OT and OTA access.

Regional forums

Currently planning dates across BC.

- Kamloops 15th Feb
- PG on 13th February
- Victoria 7th February – Nanaimo might video link
- 20th-21st in schedule/Fraser Health?

ACOTPA

National associations are contemplating an action to work together to develop a single nationwide slogan for OT. Currently, every province is doing their own thing however, the development/use of one tag line will lead to similar language across the country and amplification of the OT message. Members shared ideas and what they know from other slogans:

“Skills for the Job of Living”

“Leading by providing

AOTA – “Living life to the fullest”

British “Improving Lives, Saving Money”

“Mind and Heart to Health”

Action: Advisory Committee in support of this activity.

4. Other Business

Re-allocation of Research & Education Grant to honor Dianna Mah-Jones (current documents attached).

- Administered through out fund (COTF) – we can make changes to grant
- Can re-allocate 1 of 3x 500\$ grants so program remains sustainable
- Will need to change criteria (ideas: to support continuing education, going to conference/workshop, innovation, project based, post-participation sharing)
- Can announce at conference 2018
- Begin administration in 18/19 membership year
- Action: Giovanna/Sarah to draft a new grant for review at next meeting

5. Roundtable (30 minutes)

- Allison: Changed position at Island health – more clinical in residential care. Having session with Gio+Sarah in February and will identify hot topics for forum
- Andrea: COT + CBIS two contracts back to Andrea.

- Sharon: status quo in Kelowna – new trauma team (trying to get OT funding)
 - o Already doing the work –just need the FTE (extra on ICU, Ortho, medical ward)
 - § VGH – 1 OT for 10
 - § KGH – 0.3 OT for 30
 - Highlights provincial discrepancies.
 - o Also funding for Stroke Unit
 - § Recognizing in hindsight that need extra FTE 0.35 right now – working to increase.
 - o Working hard to find the right ratio.
 - § HSA meeting – better caseload and workload. No published ratio, hard to advocate. Get union to amplify the message.
- Carlyn: UBC – MOT 2 out on placement right now. MOT1 – finishing exams, placement January (1). First placement. Everyone got a placement.
- Flora: OT Now – call for articles out right now – Deadline Feb 1st. – Economic evidence for OT. Advocacy issues – articles from clinician who use economic evidence to advocate for their practice.
 - § Program that Sharon implemented in interior health “Surface program”. Published in health policy magazine. Great example of taking the economic approach – best practice etc.
- Gabrielle

CAOT Conference 2018 update provided by (Gabrielle)

-New this year: Community Partner Tables:

-AC survey draft to be circulated before end of January and review at Feb meeting. Implement and collect all data by end of February.

6. Meeting schedule (all meetings 4-530pm by GoToMeeting/teleconference)

February 5, 2018

April 9, 2018

June 11, 2018

September 10, 2018