

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m. Eastern

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Dee Kornetti, President, recognized attendees.
- 2. PT PAC:** Eva Norman discussed the importance of PAC. Eva spoke on therapy cap repeal. PAC fund goal was to raise 75K during CSM2018. Collections/contributions were made.
- 3. APTA Updates:** Roger Herr, APTA Board Liaison discussed the new mission to build a community to help advance physical therapy to help improve the health of society. Survey's sent to members/non-members for strategic plan. Kara Gainer provided an overview of the proposed rule for 2019 including HHGM methodology. Stated that Bud Langham represented APTA as part of the TEP on Dec 1st. Cited the MedPAC report on therapy utilization. Noted that HB 1892 was released on Dec 9th. Discussed 30 day unit, elimination of therapy thresholds and new case mix payment system. APTA will continue to work with the HHS on further discussions.
- 4. Reports:**
 - a. HHS Board Member Reports/Year in Review**
 - i.** Dee Kornetti, President, spoke on EC members and introductions. Dee provided an overview of 2017 activities including advocacy efforts, GAC activities with the Section vote going to HoD this June. Reviewed the APTA Policy Forum, APTA PAC Workgroup efforts and the Section PR committee. During 2017, the PR committee produced 3 new podcasts, collaborated on 10 videos and had over 1,700 Twitter and 1,200 Facebook followers. Lastly, launching the Advanced Competency in Home Health (ACHH) has been a great benefit to the section and practice.
 - ii.** Chris Chimenti, Vice President, spoke on Practice Committee activities including recognizing Ken Miller as Chair and multiple committee/task force members. Ken has helped move several projects forward providing multiple resources and tools to increase member value including adoption by section members of the Value Position Statement for Home Health Physical Therapy. New resources/tools for home health clinicians and therapy managers were introduced including: Pre-Claim Review, OASIS resources, Goal-Writing guidelines, Medical Necessity Requirements, Urinary Incontinence toolkit. A review was made of the Section Publication with 76 pages of newsletter content across 4 issues, provided increased value and practice resource. Chris spoke further on Research and Committee members. Currently the publication chair position is open. The section is always looking for content and content writers. Spoke on ACHH and recognized Ken Miller and the Practice Committee for kick starting the project. Bill Walsh and Chris Childers and Faculty members were recognized. Further discussion ensued on ACHH program specifics and growth from 1st to 2nd class.
 - iii.** Jason Falvey Spoke on current research endeavors to help demonstrate the value of physical therapy related services.
 - iv.** Matt discussed and recognized the nominating committee and 2017 accomplishments. Membership and retention were also discussed including rationale for potential decline in membership.
 - v.** Phil Goldsmith, reviewed finances and currently have @ 66% in operating budget in reserves and the section's financial position looks strong for the near future.
 - vi.** Tracey Collins, Research Chair briefly reviewed the section research grant award receipt, Denise Gobert. Her project title is: Predictors of Hospital Readmissions as Related to Home Health Physical Therapy Service Trends for the Diabetic Patient.

- vii. Chris Childers reviewed the ACHH program. Stated that there were 134 currently enrolled and that 58 attended preconference @ CSM. More program courses are in development. Congratulated new graduates.

5. **HHS Awards**

- a. **Friends of Home Health – Kara Gainer**
 - b. **Excellence in Home Health Clinical Practice – Michele Berman and Nikki Gilroy**
 - c. **Excellence in Home Health Leadership – Karen Yong**
 - d. **Home Health Preceptor – Lori Kirchner**
6. Dee recognized Erin Pazour, Program Chair for another successful programming year @ CSM. Erin stated the CSM 2019 will be in Washington DC Jan23-26.
7. **Motion to approve HHS Business Meeting Minutes from 2017 made by Chris Childers. Margaret Carr seconded. Passed without exception**
8. **Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Erin. Linda seconded. Passed without exception**
9. **Meeting Adjournment: 10:05 p.m. Eastern**

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Janes, PT, DPT, MHS, OCS, CSCS
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