**North Central District – WPTA**

**Tuesday May 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Videoconference via Zoom:** Wes Kurszewski (Chair), Chris Ashbeck (Vice Chair), Dave Smith (Secretary/Treasurer), Sue Griffin (APTA-WI President), Dennis Kaster, Chris Durall (presenter), Jackie Ritchay, Kaela Rueden, Cindy Koehler, Elizabeth Ironside, Teresa Timmerman, Karna Sandok, Heather Vogel, Kate Bennett

**CE/Presentation/Discussion:** (after business portion): *UWSP Free Student Driven Practice Clinic*. Chris Durall, DPT, Clinical Associate Professor, UWSP DPT Program. [cdurall@uwsp.edu](mailto:cdurall@uwsp.edu)

* Presentation at request of NCD with regards to district’s desire to start/assist a pro bono clinic
* This student-run Clinic will be nested in a clinical course for students to practice skills with mentoring
* Still in development. 12-2 pm M-Th.
* Not designed to compete for local patients; often people who have exhausted insurance benefits or no insurance, and UWSP faculty and students.
* How to help: volunteers, donated supplies (near expiration date, or small defects)
* Chris can provide short update at our future meetings
* Note: see New Business Section below for update on UWSP DPT Program by Chris Durall.

**Officer Reports:**

* Welcomed Sue Griffin, APTA-WI President, and outgoing President Dennis Kaster.
* Review and approval of minutes from February meeting – (on website)
* Treasurer report– Dave Smith. Current balance $17,620.73. No changes since Feb.

**Subcommittees/Representatives:**

* + Membership Committee: Cindy Koehler – presented
    - Cindy is Co-Chair of APTA-WI Membership Committee with Gwen Straker. Three other members currently. Goal is to get one rep from each district in WI.
    - State membership: 30% of PT’s, 6% of PTA’s. Goal = 36%
    - Survey: in development. Plan to send out to non-members as well.
    - APTA WI goals align with NCD goals.
    - APTA (Sue Griffin comments): Virtual Component Membership Meeting. Member Value Survey done in three state chapters. Looking to tie value of membership to APTA components (chapters, sections, academies).

* + Education Committee: (Chris Ashbeck – Vice Chair, Karna Sandok, Kaela Rueden, Kate Bennett, Nicki Quarne) – presented by Chris Ashbeck
    - *Ethics* – possibly in fall; in process
    - *Credential CI* – 2-day weekend course in fall 2022, at Aspirus in Wisconsin Rapids. Waiting to confirm dates of speaker.
    - *Certified Exercise Expert for Aging Adults (CEEAA)* – hope to get updates from Geriatric section in June. Trouble finding facility with approx. 20 pieces of aerobic equipment per course specifics.
    - Other ideas: NCD meeting courses, possibly Blood-Flow Restriction
    - Ideas for future courses: please get to CE Committee members.
    - Goal is to offer a variety of courses and consider all practice settings. Aware of needs for acute care, pediatric, geriatric, and neuro. Please offer guidance if in these settings, and consider becoming involved.

**Old Business:**

* NCD Executive Committee meeting January 2022: goals created
  + - *Improve NCD membership and involvement* – prior discussion noted above
    - *Continue to provide CEU’s* – prior discussion noted
    - *UWSP* *DPT Program* – strengthen relationship/partnership – see below
    - *Pro Bono PT clinic (explore)* - see presentation above. Sue Griffin reached out to the APTA for info; will provide to us when received

**New Business:**

* Strategic Planning, APTA WI Board of Directors (Sue Griffin, APTA-WI President, Dennis Kaster, outgoing APTA-WI President)
  + Recent meeting. Board members working to par down goals with respective Committees for what is reasonable to accomplish in 1-3 years, and develop long term ongoing goals. Hope to finalize to details by meeting in July.
  + NCD goals align with APTA-WI goals
  + Get back on track after COVID. For long term plans, APTA-WI is in good alignment with APTA.
* Legislative Updates
  + UR/MR Legislation (Sue Griffin, Dennis Kaster) *Utilization Review / Utilization Management* – power point presentation
    - Lynn Steffes (APTA-WI Reimbursement Specialist) “raised flag” on numerous complaints, and too burdensome to address issues with the individual insurance companies (high copays, prior auth, slow processing, etc.).
    - AB 972 / S972 Legislation presented a few months ago.
      * Lobbyists involved
      * WI Hospital Association asked to join, and expand
      * Likely to expand significantly
      * Dennis Kaster presented at hearing in Madison; numerous patient and PT testimonials, complaints, letters sent. Insurance did not choose to have an in-person rep present.
      * Legislature not back in session until 2023; Reintroduce in January, likely a 2-year process.
      * Next steps:
        + Grassroots effort will be key: from patients, PT/PTA’s, letters, testimonials gathered
        + increase PAC money. Discuss with legislators and staff, and those running for office.
        + Discuss with other groups; WI Hospital Association
* Delay of licensure at the state level (Dennis Kaster and Sue Griffin)
  + No quick fix for problem. Legislature has not shown urgency to change. No money, lack staff (9 openings currently). Affecting all licensing in state.
  + Legislature rule: cannot use our PT fees to pay staff. Legislature must give the funds, and not back in session until January 2023.
* UWSP DPT Program Update (Chris Durall, Clinical Associate Professor)
  + TODAY granted candidate for accreditation status!!! Can officially admit students and implement program. Orientation for first class is May 31, 2022!
  + Approx. 31-33 students this year. Goal is 36
  + Competency Based Curriculum – students work at own pace, with significant time for combined labs with professor mentoring.
  + Create life longe learners, master adaptive learners
  + High focus on communication skills
  + Integrated clinical practice – will be in clinic settings M-Th each week
  + Goal is for local PT involvement
  + Rural setting
  + Staff: Kathy Zalewski (Director), Steve Johnson, Tim Halkowski, Sheri Bunyan, Tiff Akins, Chris Durall

***PT Connections* Article**: Please share any news for this article with Dave Smith ([smith.david@marshfieldclinic.org](mailto:smith.david@marshfieldclinic.org)), or any other Executive Committee member (Wes Kurszewski, Chris Ashbeck).

**Future Meetings: Note the meetings will be held on the SECOND Tuesday of the month in February, May, and October at 5:30 pm. Our next meeting date is   
October 11, 2021**

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