

RIOTA Executive Board Meeting

Date: Monday, November 2nd, 2009

Present: Natalie Leland, Lisa Edwards, Trish McGee, Sue Higgins, Amy Battles-Borkowski, Lori Cillino, Erin Sullivan, Rachel Vitello, Shayne, Keri Kinniburgh, Elizabeth Lima, Jennifer Cote, Annaliza Lewerk, Brett Brumbaugh

Meeting Agenda

Objectives/Topics	Discussion	Action
Approval of September minutes		<ul style="list-style-type: none">September minutes approved by RIOTA board
Status of bylaw voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All votes due online by 11/15/09; Jeanette indicated that she has received approximately 10 votes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">RIOTA board & members please spread the word to vote by 11/15/09 online @ RIOTA website
Treasurer Update (Sue Higgins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sue obtained 4 proposals for RIOTA accountant and presented the following options to board members:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MAOT accountant with fee ~ \$500/year2. Donald Monifusco with fee ~ \$200/year which included consultation; experience with	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board voted to hire Donald Monifusco; Sue to contact to initiate tax preparations

	<p>industry & non-profit organizations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. John Cillino with fee ~\$300/year 4. Lou Simon offered services pro-bono 	
Physical Disabilities Update (Trish McGee & Keri Kinniburgh)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October Board Certification event was nicely attended; members indicated a second workshop session in the spring would be helpful • Next event is November 10th at NEIT. Topic is “Clients’ Seating Needs vs. Reimbursement”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently researching & booking events for the spring.
Mental Health Update (Brett Brumbaugh)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACL event presented by Sue Higgins was a success with 6 members attending • Next event is November 16th. Richard Sabo will present on ‘Community Mental Health and the Value of OT’ 	
Pediatric Update (Erin Sullivan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin indicated that she needs an updated list of RIOTA members for meetings • Next event is November 18th – Cast study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin will e-mail Jeanette to obtain updated list
SI Panel re: SI Reimbursement (Erin Sullivan, Lisa Edwards, Rachel Vitello)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion was held 10/28 with pediatric therapists from various settings in attendance • Discussion focused on Blue Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Edwards to contact AOTA Political Action Committee • Natalie to post question on Presidents list-serve: What are

	<p>and Blue Shield no longer reimbursing for the sensory integration code</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOTA was contacted by Hasbro therapists. Debbie Slater from the AOTA Practice Department recommended to bill the practice area (such as functional/therapeutic activities and utilize SI is Rx modality); AOTA Reimbursement Department recommended that 'best practice' is to bill the most applicable code; overall issue is that insurance will not reimburse for Rx code • Suggestions included to bill under therapeutic activities code and mention SI strategies utilized in SOAP note • Questions arise re: ethics 	<p>other states billing SI under?</p>
<p>Status of Providence School System Speaker Request</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Providence school department contact RIOTA re: speaker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becky Simon e-mailed school system information re: RIDE • Natalie to follow up with Becky
<p>DME Legislation/Medicare – RFP No. 7323016.DME (Shayne)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent legislation re: Medicare & DME will restrict purchasing of DME from local vendors & negatively impact business in RI • This will also significantly affect the therapist/client's ability to order product from the company of their choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalie to e-mail AOTA legislative center to receive more information about this legislation

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Conference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keynote Status (Natalie Leland) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jill too expensive • Search will now focus on Jason Crigler, musician who suffered and embolism on stage; inspirational story 2. Abstracts (Natalie Leland) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalie indicated that she has received 5 abstracts which equals approximately a half day • More abstracts are needed as a half day is not worthwhile • Suggestions included an expressive speech & feeding speaker • Natalie must receive title, focus area, 3 objectives & short bio of speaker by the first week of November • Sue Higgins suggested having a panel discussion/community meeting re: “Minds on the Edge” program at the conference 3. Vendors (Lisa Edwards, Brett Brumbaugh, Annaliza Lewerk) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information recently sent to 43 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vendors • Brett to e-mail Trish updated vendor information for conference binder • Lisa to add Lauren Defusco from Kent Medical Equipment to vendor list • Suggested that RIOTA purchase a return address stamp <p>4. Catering (Lisa Edwards, Annaliza Lewerk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa updated the proposal to decrease amount of food & increase water for ~150 people • Lisa to e-mail Trish proposal • Lisa to remind Sue Higgins to include the tip into the check 	
RIOTA Holiday Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIOTA Holiday party will take place on December 7th @ 5:30pm at the 1149 Restaurant in East Greenwich • No gifts! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trish to e-mail reminder and directions prior to party
Next RIOTA Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 4th, 2010 	

Respectfully submitted,
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