

What is WOTA Doing for OT?

2020



Advocating for COVID-19 Policies to Keep Members Working

- ▶ March 19: Joined other therapies to request telehealth approval from DHS
- ▶ March 30: Telehealth approved by DHS
- ▶ April 15: Provided webinar: Navigating Teletherapy During COVID-19
- ▶ April 17: Celebrated passage of Bill to expand standing technology for Disabled Individuals (WOTA supported this bill)
- ▶ April 20: Contacted Gov. Evers to get approval for virtual supervision of OTAs
- ▶ May 7: Gov. Evers approved virtual supervision, along with telehealth for Birth-3 providers
- ▶ May 8: Provided two more webinars, about COVID-19 and best practices and career opportunities
- ▶ May 22: Joined other therapies to advise DHS on permanent telehealth coverage
- ▶ Throughout the pandemic, we've provided weekly updates to our members, documenting these highlights and more.

WOTA Lobbyist Bob Welch, and his team, work tirelessly to support WOTA year-round.

Providing Support to Members on Practice Related Issues

- ▶ Calls related to telehealth topped our list of requests
- ▶ Support for online supervision followed
- ▶ Insurance claims and coding questions went to our reimbursement teams
- ▶ Currently, we are getting many calls about school-based therapy

Joan Sorteberg, VP of Practice, leads our team to provide support to members. As WOTA is funded by members, our support on all topics is limited to our membership.

Launching New Programs to Benefit Membership

- ▶ **WOTA's Leadership Program:** WOTA recognized a need for more managers in therapy departments. To help develop new leaders, WOTA is launching a leadership development program. Participants will get training in leadership and management, and be able to use this to serve WOTA, or their employers.
- ▶ **WOTA's Mentorship Program:** WOTA is beginning to link newer OTs and OTAs with mentors who can help them grow their skills. This mentorship can also help experienced professionals transition to a new practice area.
- ▶ **WOTA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee:** WOTA has assembled a committee to examine the OT field, and look for new opportunities to attract a more diverse group of future practitioners.
- ▶ **WOTA's Fieldwork Program:** As fieldwork positions have been cancelled or postponed, WOTA is launching a unique fieldwork opportunity for students. This program will start small, with hopes of creating more opportunities for students.

Planning our First Ever Virtual Conference!



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- ▶ Earn up to 16 CEUs
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- ▶ Topics include COVID-19, Telehealth, Oncology, Anxiety and more!
- ▶ Cost is \$99/day for members, \$150/day for nonmembers
- ▶ Register at www.wota.net/annual-conference

Why Does WOTA Matter?

- ▶ We are the only voice representing OTs and OTAs in Wisconsin's Legislation
- ▶ We are the only voice representing Occupational Therapy at DHS
- ▶ We are the only representative attending OT Credentialing Board Meetings
- ▶ We provide responsive assistance to members needing practice help or assistance with licensing and credentialing

There are nearly 5,000 OTs and OTAs in Wisconsin. Currently, less than 500 licensed OTs and OTAs are WOTA members. We need more members, in order to continue our work advocating for Occupational Therapy in Wisconsin!

How Can I Get Involved?

- ▶ JOIN Us! Members provide the primary funding for our existence.
 - ▶ Members get access to WOTA webinars for free (Free CEUs)
 - ▶ Members get support from our practice team
 - ▶ Members receive weekly updates on legislation and key issues affecting OT
- ▶ Attend our Conference!
 - ▶ Attendees earn up to 16 ceus, and can attend courses on COVID-19, teletherapy, oncology, anxiety, and much more!
 - ▶ Funds raised at conference support our day to day operations
- ▶ Get your colleagues to JOIN Us!
- ▶ Serve on a Committee or as a member of our Board of Directors, be a mentor

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