

Meeting Start Time: 6:50 p.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Dee Kornetti, President HHS, recognized attendees.
- 2. PT PAC:** Eva Norman reviewed activities of the APTA PAC and discussed the importance of support and the ongoing need for advocacy. Contributions and collections were made.
- 3. Reports:**
 - a. HHS Board Reports/Year in Review**
 - i.** Dee Kornetti stated that there is a lot going on related to the home health industry. Dee provided a review of APTA organization focus with a paradigm shift of key elements including: stewardship, value for the profession and focus on community involvement. This will be an important year for the industry with PDGM being implemented. The section and members can be significant contributors with APTA support and engagement for the recognition and potential impact on practice. Dee acknowledged Aegis Therapies for contributions and support. Dee recognized Derek Fenwick as our APTA National Nominating Committee Liaison and reviewed the slate of candidates for 2019. Dee further discussed the role of national leadership and collaboration with component leadership. Dee reviewed the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research celebrating the 40th anniversary in which the HHS has partnered with over the years. The Foundation has been able to provide millions of dollars of support to physical therapy relevant research resulting in over 60 studies being published in peer reviewed journals. Introduced Dan Mills, APTA Boards Liaison in which discussion was provided for the APTA strategic plan initiatives including the new building, government affairs and importance of active participation and engagement especially related to regulatory issues. Dee reviewed and recognized section leadership and committee chairs and the importance of professional involvement.
 - ii.** Kara Gainer, JD, APTA Director of Regulatory Affairs reviewed regulatory issues including PDGM and current committee's and task forces. Launched PAC webpage on APTA website. PDGM is webinar is forthcoming with 2 live Q/A sessions. More recent updates include therapists and other skilled professionals can use remote patient monitoring as part of practice which may open additional opportunities for practice. On the horizon is a move towards a unified payment system for all PAC providers. A TEP was formed to serve as an advisory panel for Medicare reimbursement. For APTA, a PAC Workgroup has been formed. Kara further reviewed other 2019 items relevant to practice and specifically changes to d/c planning across providers.
 - iii.** Justin Elliot, VP, APTA Government Affairs reviewed governmental related issues and relevance for over 100 new members of congress. Goals include to engage congress with PDPM/PDGM discussion and work collaboratively with other associations on major issues. Federal Advocacy Forum will occur in March. Justin further discussed advocacy efforts.
 - iv.** Dee reviewed social media efforts from the PR committee led by Sean Hagey including approximately 10000 podcast downloads and significant Facebook and Twitter growth. Additional discussion ensued on section efforts with Government affairs, PAC Workgroup, HoD, Federal Affairs Forum. Recognized Carol and the GAC for their work.
 - v.** Chris Chimenti VP HHS recognized other activities from practice, publications, education and research from the section.
 - vi.** Matt Janes, Secretary HHS discussed membership current status and need for a membership chair as well as nominating committee activities.

- vii. Phil Goldsmith reviewed financial performance for the section including reserve funds being consistent with APTA guidelines, net income for CY 2018 of \$89,000 and new association management is not anticipated to increase operational costs. The ACHH program continues to provide significant financial support for the section.
- viii. Chris Childers recognized ACHH graduates and the value of the program.

4. HHS Awards

- a. **Friends of Home Health – Justin Elliot**
 - b. **Excellence in Home Health Clinical Practice – Tommy Dean and Denise Wagner**
 - c. **Excellence in Home Health Leadership – Chris Childers, Bud Langham and Jamie Lowy**
 - d. **Home Health Preceptor – Sharon Siegel**
5. Dee recognized Robin for her 19 years of service to the section as Executive Director. Erin Pazour, Program Chair was also recognized for another successful programming year @ CSM. Erin stated the CSM 2020 will be in Denver, CO.
6. **Motion to approve HHS Business Meeting Minutes from 2018 made by Tracey Collins. Jane Bernatovich seconded. Motion passed.**
7. **Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ken Miller. Cindy Kraft seconded. Motion passed.**
8. **Meeting Adjournment: 8:53 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



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