

Meeting Start Time: 6:42 p.m.

1. **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.
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** Dee Kornetti, President HHS, recognized attendees. Derek Fenwick from APTA National Nominating Committee provided a review of APTA activities including the 2020 slate which will be voted for in the hose. Recognized Carol Zehnacker for serving on the nominating committee at the national level. The committee will be working on a slate for national office including APTA President. Derek stated that any member of APTA can make recommendations for office. Working to build a pipeline and working with components to work with them and coordinate with nominating activities across sections. Dee recognized Dan Mills as our section liaison to the APTA Board. Dan provided an update on APTA activities as well as support for the section from APTA. Dan reviewed a focus on advocacy efforts from APTA. States many positive things happening at APTA currently and membership and leadership is important to ensure sustainability in association leadership. Lots of activities happening with Centennial celebration next year. Derek stressed the importance of financial contributions which help to significantly promote advocacy. Kara Gainer spoke on the relevance of APTA public policy priorities and need to update. Kara reviewed the Physical Therapist Workforce and Patient Access Act and is hoping to have it added to the legislative review. Also reviewed the Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act, Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act of 2019. Kara stated that CMS will be looking at streamlining the authorization process and the Seniors Act has significant legislative support. Kara reviewed several other APTA-supported Bills as part of advocacy efforts. Kara stated over 67,000 emails were sent to congress as part of advocacy efforts and over \$812K raised as part of the PT-PAC last year which all helped with efforts. Reviewed the PAC related resources on the section websites as well as APTA. Stated that the MLN resource was released to heighten awareness of therapy and PDGM/PDPM. Kara stressed the importance of comments being submitted as part of the HH proposed rule and encouraged voices to be heard. The APTA, AOTA and ASHA have joined to provide joint PDGM efforts. Kara further discussed the potential Unified PAC Payment System that may be coming soon. Stated some upcoming revisions to the interpretive guidelines as part of section support activities. Reviewed some potential changes to the MCR Part B payment changes and other CMS related activities. Reviewed upcoming 2020 activities for advocacy, congress and administrations advancement or priorities and policy initiatives.
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **HHS Board Reports/Year in Review**
 - i. Phil Goldsmith thanked the finance committee and assisting with the budget as well as Susan with Civica and bookkeeping. Phil reviewed financial performance with an overall positive net of nearly \$49,000 and approximately \$15,000 over budget expectations. Phil reviewed goals for 2020 to ensure ongoing performance.
 - ii. Matt Janes, Secretary HHS recognized the nominating and membership committees for their ongoing work to engage and retain both new and current members. Currently at 2,239 total members for 2019 of which only 57 are students. Matt stated that there are many opportunities to serve and volunteer for the section and the profession. Open slated candidate positions for 2020 include vice-president, secretary and nominating committee.
 - iii. Chris Chimenti VP HHS recognized other activities from practice, publications, education and research from the section. Chris recognized Tracey Collins as Research Chair and importance of fostering home health related section. Chris reviewed the research grant availability. He also

recognized the Practice Committee and Ken Miller and all the activities and tools produced by the Practice Committee. Chris briefly reviewed the Toolbox II and benefit for members and thanked the committee for their work. Reviewed other projects including a White paper on transitional care in collaboration with the Academy of Acute Care Physical therapy and the Home Health Section with a draft anticipated in the Spring for review. Chris recognized Dawn Greaves and publication committee members and the need for ongoing committee member involvement and content contribution. Chris further reviewed goals of the committee and increasing interaction of membership related to media outreach. Lastly, Chris mentioned outreach efforts to ensure content or authorship opportunities.

- iv. Chris Childers recognized ACHH graduates and the value of the program. She further reviewed upcoming sites the ACHH will be offered as well as private company participation. Chris also stated reviewing content additions and upcoming recertification process. Chris also recognized Civica for the efforts in coordination and ensuring ACHH is successful.
- v. Dee Kornetti, HHS President reviewed relevant topics including the MLN release for the Role of therapy under the Home health Patient-Dirven Groupings model (PDGM). Dee reviewed PDGM related activities from both the collaborative efforts of APTA and Geriatric and Home Health Sections. Dee spoke on the Federal Advocacy Forum topics and April 2019 and lobbying efforts. Dee reviewed House of Delegates and relevant home health members. Dee recognized the PR committee and specifically Sean Hagey's role and impact. FB has increased followers to #2417 or a 5% increase and Twitter followers to #2567 or a 3% increase both since 12/2019.

4. HHS Award recipients were recognized:

- a. **Friends of Home Health Section – Senator Susan Collins**
- b. **Excellence in Home Health Leadership – Celeste Cheek, Ken Miller, Clay Watson**
- c. **President's Award – Jason Falvey**

- 5. Dee spoke on the importance of volunteerism and engagement. Dee recognized our association management company, Civica. Dee introduced Don Knox, executive director.
- 6. Don Knox reviewed activities associated with managing the section including the new website and emails being mobile friendly. Civica has been working on ensuring resources are updated and availability on the website. Don stated that the Civica office is local to Denver along with local staff. Don recognized staff members and respective activities that assist with activities for managing the home health section. Don encouraged membership, participation and ACHH completion.
- 7. **Motion to approve HHS Business Meeting Minutes from 2019 made by Suzanne Rogers and Renae Hawkins seconded. Motion passed.**
- 8. An open forum and discussion ensued regarding value of physical therapy in the home, section membership and volunteerism. Further discussion ensued regarding section branding including section or academy naming convention, promoting PT, diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) discussion. APTA sponsored Leadership development initiative was discussed along with Centennial sponsorship and activities were discussed and further action from the section will be determined.
- 9. **Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Suzanne Rogers and Sue Briggs seconded. Motion passed.**
- 10. **Meeting Adjournment: 9:02 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, Home Health Section - APTA