

## EAST TEXAS DISTRICT MEETING

February 9, 2017

The East Texas District met at the TJC Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center, on February 9, 2017. Dinner was provided by Choice Homecare, and the CCU was presented by David Jackson, PT on the topic of Medicare Changes & the Impact to the field of Physical Therapy, 1.0 CCU. David will put his powerpoint online at ChoiceRehab.com.

### Business:

#### Legislative activity-

Sunset: Laurie Hurst, P.T. reported that the response to the Sunset process was successful, with 83% of responses from 10 agencies coming from the PT community. The recommendation is that the PT board stand and that the mental health board be patterned after the PT board.

Licensure compact: no opposition to it has been noted yet, nor is any expected. If the compact is approved for Texas we would be among 6 or 7 states who have a compact, and would be on the board that sets the rules.

Patient access: Representative Van Taylor will carry the bill, as will someone in the Senate. A thirty day limitation will be on the bill. We have asked for more time in the past, unsuccessfully, and most of the states have 30 days. Therefore, it is believed that a request for 30 days is most likely to be accepted.

TPTA office: Emails and phone calls were not being answered. A change of personnel is expected to take care of the problem. A new accountant has been hired to replace the former accountant. The new accountant will be contract, as it will be less expensive.

Our lobbyist remains the same, and is doing very well for us.

Key contacts: We still have gaps in the northern part of the district.

Web meetings: Laurie has had no response from Mt. Pleasant, and will continue to try for the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

TPTA PAC: The current fund has been strategically used, as we are not allowed to save it for the future.

We need to continue to contribute to the PAC. Envelopes were provided.

Minutes: were approved as posted on the web.

Vice Chair: Arvin Calamba reported that the next meeting will be at Titus Regional on April 20, 2017, followed by the September 21 meeting in Nacogdoches and the November meeting at Kilgore. Since the PT Board will combine the jurisprudence exam with an ethics course, the topic for the November meeting is TBA. Hydro works wants to sponsor one of the meetings or part of the symposium.

Treasurer Report: Stephanie was unable to attend.

Delegate Report: Janet Bezner is chief delegate.

Membership Report: By Laurie, as Polly was unable to attend.

GAC: Artis was unable to attend. Legislative day is February 21. Laurie will attend the APTA forum in the spring.

PR: Lauren will ask for a list of district members, and will get door prizes for the symposium.

2<sup>nd</sup> annual Geriatric Symposium: Josh Megli reported that all speakers are confirmed. He presented a proposed flyer. Fees were adjusted and will be included on the flyer. \$200/\$175 for PT/PTA members, \$250/\$200 for PT/PTA nonmembers, \$25 for students as space is available. OTs/COTAs are welcome, and can apply for their own CCUs.

Elections: The chair, the delegate and the secretary are up for election at the April meeting. Names need to be made available of those willing to serve.

Respectfully,

Ann Huffstetter, PTA