

## MINUTES OF SE DISTRICT MEETING

Idaho Occupational Therapy Association

January 23, 2006

7:00pm to 8:15 pm

Bingham Memorial Hospital, Blackfoot, ID

**Participants:** Janice Jean (SE District Chair), Dana Howell (President), Loriann Helgeson, Amanda Andrews, Kris Jaques, Shari Tayar, Paul Dye, KC Austin, Mandy Lee, Race Russell, Janice Seargent

**Called to order** @ 7:00 pm by Janice Jean. Introductions were made followed by refreshments and social time.

### Presentation

- ❑ Dana Howell presented from 7:25 – 8:05 on issues impacting OT at both the state and national level.
- ❑ Emphasis was placed on the actions of IOTA, resources for more information, and actions that individuals may take to address the issues.
- ❑ Issues discussed included:
  - **Reimbursement and legislation:** Medicaid insured clients are not covered for outpatient OT unless hospital or CDC based; IOTA is working to gain Medicaid provider status; members may donate money to AOTA or IOTA for lobbyist or volunteer for the IOTA Reimbursement Committee
  - **Continuing Competence:** increasing pressure to show continued competence; IOTA supports NBCOT recertification, IOTA offers annual conference and plans to increase continuing education around the state
  - **Awareness of OT:** continued lack of awareness of our profession; IOTA is working to increase visibility through Executive Director, membership drive and other activities; AOTA has recruitment and promotional toolkit on their website
  - **Education:** some entry-level programs are moving from the Masters to the OTD; PT has moved almost entirely to the DPT; ACOTE is developing new standards for the entry-level OTD; members may provide input to the new standards on the AOTA website; understand that the OTD is a clinical doctorate vs. the PhD which is a research-based degree and requires a dissertation.
- ❑ Attendees followed the presentation with a discussion about reimbursement issues.

### Conclusions

- ❑ Next meeting scheduled for April 17, 2006
- ❑ Bingham Memorial has agreed to host meetings and provide refreshments
- ❑ Notify Kris Jaques prior to meeting so she can set up appropriate room
- ❑ Topic to be decided; attendees expressed an interest in having an educational component.