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Message from the President:

Dear RIOTA Members,

My name is Randy Fedoruk OTD OTR/L and I am your current RIOTA president. For those of you who do not know me, I am a pediatric occupational therapist. I own and operate a small private occupational therapy practice and I am a professor in an occupational therapy program in the state of RI. I have a number of years experience in education and practice.

My passion is working with children and educating others. In the role of RIOTA president, my hope is to increase our presence at the Rhode Island legislature and to expand upon the service we provide to members through continuing education. My goals for this year are to improve our advocacy efforts and to increase our ability to provide valuable continuing education opportunities for RIOTA members.

I want to welcome you to our new and improved website, RIOTA.org. It is my hope that this website is easier to navigate and that it will serve as a resource for you.

Thank you
Randy

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Vice President Corner

I am very excited to be starting my 2 year term as RIOTA vice president. The duties are limited in the By Laws so I have volunteered for the responsibility of collecting items for Board Meeting Agendas. I mention this to invite you to send me any items that you think are important to the practice of OT, promotion of the profession and/or supportive of community initiatives where we can be a positive force. It is crucial that the RIOTA Board is aware of your thoughts and concerns. Please feel free to email me at kim3155@cox.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

-Kim

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

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NAMI Walk

This year's NAMI walk took place on October 13th at Roger Williams Park and the cold rainy day was represented well by RIOTA members. Pictured right is AOTA representative Mary Brinson.



YOU'RE INVITED!

“TO BE OR NOT TO BE
OT/D “

Join The Rhode Island Occupational Therapy Association to discuss the entry point degree for occupational therapy practitioners and expand your professional and social network with various occupational therapy practitioners!

Make your opinion count!

WHEN:

November 28, 2018
6:30pm – 8:00pm

WHERE:

Warwick Knights of Columbus

475 Sandy Lane, Warwick RI 02886

Register for this event on our website. Deadline for registration is **November 14, 2018.**

www.RIOTA.org

ALL ARE WELCOME.

EARN CEU'S FOR

ATTENDANCE!

Register online!

**HORS D'OEUVRES AND SOFT
DRINKS AVAILABLE.**

**MEET RIOTA BOARD MEM-
BERS AND EXTEND YOUR
PROFESSIONAL NETWORK.**

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS AND
SPEAKERS TO BE DETERMINED**

If you have any questions, contact riota@riota.org



News from Legislative Committee

First, please VOTE on November 6, 2018! Our representatives to the United States congress are the ones who make laws and regulations for Medicare and many other programs that we have to live with as OT practitioners. Our local representatives and senators are the ones we can usually reach more easily since they live and work here in Rhode Island all the time. They are the ones we speak to when legislative issues come up locally such as when someone thought it would be a good idea to take away licensure for COTAs and PTAs a few years ago.

It is important for RIOTA to have a presence at the statehouse so that we can mobilize quickly. RIOTA was very active during the 2018 legislative session and developed contacts that will be helpful going forward. The state legislative year in Rhode Island starts in January and we have already been in touch with other professionals who helped try to ensure greater access to non-opioid pain interventions in 2018. There is a large coalition of non-physician healthcare providers collaborating with the state Attorney General's office to get some laws passed that make alternative pain management solutions more available to Rhode Islanders. A lot of the organizing has come from CCRI's Rehabilitative Health Department which includes physical therapist assistant, occupational therapy assistant and massage therapy programs.

A lot of the legislative effort was put in by Janet Rivard Michaud last year and we could use some more help. We will have some materials ready to present especially as we are more informed of the bills to be heard this time around. The RI House of Representatives and Senate generally meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during the legislative session, which is January to June. Hearings at which interested parties like us can give testimony are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the State House in Providence. It is generally not that difficult to find parking nearby. Depending on the bills and topics being heard, we may get in and out quickly. Other days you may end up waiting to be heard. I like to bring a few papers to correct! We are also likely to have smaller things that can be done as well, such as phone calls and emails. If you have an interest in helping to represent our profession and advocate for our clients, please contact riota@riota.org.

Lastly, please VOTE on November 6, 2018!! School committees, town councils and many others can make decisions that impact us and the issues we care about. It's too important to stay home!

Opioid Crisis & The Problem of Pain panel discussion,

Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 1:00-4:00PM at the Warwick campus rm #4080.

<https://www.ccri.edu/rehabhealth/opioidsymposium/register>

There is a public safety/law enforcement panel and a healthcare panel. I am on the HC panel.

Thanks

Nancy



Education Coordinator Section

Hello Members,

I first would like to extend a special thank you to Sue Brown, OTR/L and Brett Brumbaugh MS, OTR/L for taking over the Physical Disabilities Special Interest Group. I am looking forward to see what they will have in store for us. See Physical Disabilities Special Interest Group for more details. Welcome Back 123Signup a service RIOTA has used in the past for signing up for events and getting certificates after the events are over. 123 Signup also allows members to re-new their membership. The first event that we will be signing up through 123 sign up will be The General Membership Meeting which will be held Wednesday 11/28/18; look to page 3 for the details. I am looking forward to continue supporting the board and members of RIOTA by providing educational events that will be informative. We are always looking for people to present so reach out

edcoordinator@riota.org.

I thank you for your time,

Sheila R, Sweeney, MOT/OTR/L

Pediatric Special Interest Group

November 6th Bag of Tricks: What is in your Bag of Tricks

NEIT-East Greenwich Campus

Room TBD

Adult Special Interest Group

Hello and welcome to a new and exciting year of RIOTA events! We are Suzanne Brown and Brett Brumbaugh and we are delighted to introduce ourselves as the new co-chairs of the Physical Disabilities Special Interest Group. We have both worked in a variety of occupational therapy settings, including acute rehabilitation, acute inpatient, skilled nursing facilities, community based mental health, and inpatient mental health. We are enthusiastic about weaving our experiences into our roles as RIOTA Board Members. We have two fantastic events planned for October and December (listed below) and would welcome any input or suggestions for meeting/presentation topics. We look forward to working with you!

Suzanne Brown, OTR/L
Brett Brumbaugh, MS, OTR/L

Compliance: What A Therapist Needs to Know

Presented by

Kelly Marot, CCO, MS, OTR/L, CHC, RAC-CT
Chief Compliance Officer
OT Clinical Specialist
Fusion Rehab Services

We will discuss what compliance means and why it is important to stay up to date on the changing regulations. We will discuss where you can find answers to questions you may have about provision of therapy services for Medicare A and B patients. We will discuss some of the common trends I see as a Compliance Officer (copy/paste; place holders; pre-billing, etc).

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

6:30-8:00pm

NEIT — East Greenwich Campus

Room N214

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Presented by

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