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Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on Practice (COP)
Kathleen Kannenberg, MA, OTR/L, CCM, Chairperson

I. Executive Summary
   • The current members of the COP’s 3-year term (2014-2017) include: Kathleen Kannenberg, MA, OTR/L, CCM (chairperson); Salvador Bondoc, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA; Cheryl Boop, MS, OTR/L; Meredith P. Gronski, OTD, OTR/L; Kimberly Kearney, COTA/L; Marsha Neville, PhD, OT; Janet M. Powell, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA; Jerilyn (Gigi) Smith, PhD, OTR/L; Shannon Kelly OTS (ASD Liaison) and Julie Dorsey, OTD, OTR/L, CEAS, (SISC Liaison).
   • Julie Dorsey, OTD, OTR/L, CEAS was elected COP Chair Elect in January 2017 and will assume term of office as COP Chairperson effective July 2017.
   • The COP met monthly utilizing audio and web conferencing technology from April 2016 through March 2017. Additional subgroups of COP met throughout this timeframe to create new and update existing official AOTA documents as part of the 5 year review process; address member inquiries related to scope of practice; complete the RA charge on Telehealth as well as other special projects.

II. Report on Activities
   • A Position Paper on Occupational Therapy’s Role in Medication Management Performance was forwarded to the spring 2017 Representative Assembly (RA) as an action item with the recommendation to approve.
   • Update of RA Charges from the 2016 Spring RA
     o Position Paper on Case Management: Authors were selected and the document is in process. Once completed, the final draft will be disseminated to the AOTA membership for review. It is anticipated that the document will be ready for approval at the 2017 Fall RA.
     o Telehealth and Occupational Therapy: COP investigated professional and practice issues related to Telehealth and Occupational Therapy. The data gathering process included conference calls with content experts and AOTA staff, and review of resources available from AOTA and other Associations. The final report, recommendations, and related action items are being submitted to the 2017 Spring RA.
     o Position Paper on Population Heath: COP received a charge from AOTA’s Board of Directors to develop an official document to promote occupational therapy’s role in addressing population health needs, and to heighten an understanding of our role both within the OT community as well as with external decision makers.

Data gathering has included conference calls with members of COP and occupational therapy practitioners with content expertise in this area of practice and additional review of resources. Author(s) to write the
document will be selected and once completed, the final draft will be disseminated to the AOTA membership for review.

- The following documents were updated and approved by the RACC (Representative Assembly Coordinating Council) on behalf of the RA between April 2016 through February, 2017
  - *The Practice of Occupational Therapy in Feeding, Eating, and Swallowing*
  - *Vestibular Impairments, Vestibular Rehabilitation, and Occupational Performance*
  - *Mental Health Promotion, Prevention, and Intervention in Occupational Therapy Practice*
  - *Occupational Therapy and Complementary Health Approaches and Integrative Health*
  - *Occupational Therapy Services in Facilitating Work Participation and Performance*
  - *The Role of Occupational Therapy in End-of-Life Care*

Following final copyediting, these documents will be posted in the Official Documents section of AOTA’s Web site. They will be published in the 22nd edition of the Reference Manual of Official Documents (2017), and in the November/December 2017 online supplement of AJOT.

- Documents currently in revision by COP as part of the Standard 5 Year Review Process
  - *Occupational Therapy in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit* (formerly *Specialized Knowledge and Skills for Occupational Therapy in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit*)
  - *Occupational Therapy Services for Individuals Who Have Experienced Domestic Violence*
  - *Occupational Therapy Services in Early Intervention and School Based Programs.*

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

Following a thoughtful discussion by COP as well as a review of the SOP’s of other AOTA Commissions and in consultation with AOTA legal counsel, the COP submitted revised SOP’s to BPPC incorporating staggered terms of office for members of COP. This staggered term plan for COP members will allow for more consistent operations and work of COP including follow through on the development of new documents and those in process of revision. The revised SOP’s were approved by the 2016 fall online RA.