

**Semi-Annual Network Chair Summary:  
October 2016 to March 2017**

<b>Network name</b>	Addressing Suicide in OT Practice – CAOT Occupational Therapy Network
<b>Chair name(s)</b>	Kim Hewitt
<b>Secretary</b>	Heather Vrbanac
<b>Network meeting dates</b>	Large group meets every other month; generally first Monday of month. Next meeting confirmed at end of each meeting. There are three committees who meet monthly as well – time determined within each group.
<b>Preferred meeting time</b>	Generally first Monday of the month, every other month, 1pm EST.
<b>Are you currently recruiting new members?</b>	We are currently recruiting for a member from PEI.
<b>Brief update on activities undertaken</b>	<p>Addressing Suicide in OT Practice – CAOT Occupational Therapy Network has been meeting as a large group on a bi-monthly basis since April 2016 when we had our inaugural meeting at the CAOT Annual conference in Banff, AB.</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have at least one occupational therapist representative from each province and territory minus PEI</li> <li>• Various lenses represented; academic, clinical, educational</li> <li>• While spread out across the country and doing all meetings by teleconference, we are a cohesive group and demonstrating high investment propelling our projects forward i.e. majority of members present on all large group calls, majority of members also sitting on one of the three active committees (committees generally meet monthly)</li> <li>• Committees stemmed out of the 2014 PIF Report on Suicide Prevention and the Role of OT; advocacy committee, curriculum committee and resources committee</li> <li>• Each committee has made progress over the past six months.</li> </ul> <p>1) The Advocacy Committee has liaised with CAOT and developed a brief for Janet Craik to advocate to CAOT Board for CAOT to develop a position statement on suicide prevention and OT. Out of this advocacy we were able to reinforce the importance of having a national document and we believe our support encouraged CAOT to announce they are developing a Role Paper on Occupational Therapy Practice in Suicide Prevention.</p> <p>2) The Curriculum Committee has worked to develop a survey which has recently just been disseminated to each OT school across Canada to gather input on what each school is doing to educate student OTs on how to manage suicide prevention in their practice.</p> <p>3) The Resource Committee has worked to develop vignettes from an OT perspective sharing when suicide has been in their practice. This group is</p>

	also working with CAOT on developing a practice network page on the CAOT website. Lastly, this group is supervising a student OT project at McMaster where the students are looking at suicide prevention gatekeeper programs and their alignment with OT values.

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