

Semi-Annual Network Chair Summary: October 2017 to March 2018

Network name	Addressing Suicide in OT Practice – CAOT Occupational Therapy Network
Chair name(s)	Kim Hewitt, OT Reg. (Ont.)
Secretary name	Heather Vrbanac, OT Reg. (Ont.)
Number of times the network has met during this period	3 as a large group, subcommittees meet monthly/bimonthly in addition to the large group meeting
Preferred meeting time	Generally last Monday of the month, every other month, 1pm EST.
Are you currently recruiting new members?	Yes – PEI, New Brunswick, Nunavut and North West Territories
Are you currently recruiting a new chair?	Discussion of chair and secretary for 2018-2020 will be item on agenda for June 2018 meeting.
Brief update on activities undertaken (in point form)	<p>Addressing Suicide in OT Practice – CAOT Occupational Therapy Network has continued to meet regularly as a large group on a bi-monthly basis through these last six months.</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are maintaining strong participation in our network, sustaining meeting bimonthly as a large group as well as moving the work of 4 committees forward. We have at least one occupational therapist representative from each province and territory minus PEI and New Brunswick. • Large group has been key resource providing feedback on OT and Suicide Prevention Role Paper. • Network has been approached by international colleagues looking to do similar work i.e. Christina Andersson at Univeristy of Gothenburg, Sweden christina.andersson@neuro.gu.se • In November 2017 network held open meeting for CAOT membership to increase knowledge of the suicide prevention netowrk and share our activities. • Proposed notion of network table at CAOT conference in Vancouver. Network is in process of developing materials to share and highlight at conference. • Each committee has made progress over the past six months. <p>1) The Advocacy Committee has been on pause the past six months as Role Paper on OT and Suicide Prevention has been underway.</p> <p>2) The Curriculum Committee received surveys back from 8/14 OT schools across Canada, compiled data and are in period of knowledge transfer back to the schools. Discussing notion of approaching schools for permission to publish data in OT Now. Committee reached out to American OTs circulating a similar</p>

	<p>curriculum survey on suicide prevention to let them know we have recently completed the same type of work and offer connection and potential collaboration.</p> <p>3) The Resource Committee has selected key works to populate the COAT resource page and are in process of putting up on webpage.</p> <p>4) The OT Now Committee (new committee) is working to develop an OT Now article on OT and Suicide Prevention using vignettes from members to highlight the need to care and invest in suicide prevention as OTs.</p>
Outcomes of your Open House Meeting	<p>3 Network members worked together to compile webinar. Roughly 15 participants joined. Able to share network's progress and answer questions posed by membership. Most questions were related to role and served as considerations for the developing Role Paper. Made good connection with Kevin Reel who is OT in process of developing network for OTs and Assisted Death.</p>

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Please update the contact information for all current network members, as necessary. The names and provinces of network members will be posted on the network page.

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