

Minutes
CAOT-BC Advisory Committee Meeting
April 1, 2019: 4:00pm-5:30pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

Donna - health scare last week, her Splenic artery burst and she is taking a few weeks off to recoup. Wishing her the best!

2. Approval of the Minutes (February 4, 2019)

Devon motions to approve, Laura seconds.

3. Roundtable

- **Anisa** - excited about the ICBC changes, hiring, working on OT promotion and extended benefits, CDI college to teach in the OTA program
- **Sarah** - Planning underway for region visits, OT Day at Legislation May 16, ICBC video featuring CAOT-BC released:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnDrtKJOPEM&feature=youtu.be&t=62>
- Burnaby Now news article quoting CAOT-BC:
<https://www.burnabynow.com/news/burnaby-doesn-t-have-enough-occupational-therapists-to-staff-new-networks-group-1.23771316>
- **Giovanna** - CAOT AGM last week, Donna won as BC board director, Sept board directorship ends, then becoming President of CAOT 2020-2022
- **Tanya** - meeting re: workforce issues, ICBC meeting, new student Kay starting (and attending meeting today)
- **Devon**
- **Ashleyn** - last meeting, finishing school work, 2 more placements left, wondering about resources for Albertan students on BC practice
- **Carlyn** - 3B placement started today, job fair in June
- **Katie**
- **Shelly** - also involved in extended health benefits working group,
- **Kay** - 3B student at CAOT-BC
- **Laura** - **continuing** PhD, heading to ONT next week to run workshop on vision loss, then running in Vancouver

4. **Advisory Committee Goal/Objective Setting**

Progress update from Advisory Committee members on interviews/focus groups
Advocacy opportunities

- Several members have interviewed/discussed with colleagues. Most common reasons for not being member include:
 - cost/benefit is the issue
 - Public OTs reporting they have enough resources
 - Lack of pushing for more OT involvement in underserved areas,
 - Lack of emphasizing OT value in practice areas: pain, neurological conditions, etc...,
 - Lack of education opps online,
 - cost of education
- Other notes related:
 - There is an annual report from CAOT-BC on deliverables
 - The PDE calendar has a breakdown of costs of courses and webinars
 - CAOT is interested in learning more about what's missing and there are conversations happening in the office(s)
 - Annual Forums are attended by members and non-members
 - CAOT-BC Numbers are good relative to other nonprofits
 - Sarah recommends we compile the feedback we have into a summary to be brought to CAOT board by Giovanna
 - ACTION: AC members to compile feedback on Google doc prior to next AC meeting
- Suggestions were made to frame questions to non-members in a solutions-focused way: what would make things better, more interesting, more motivating for you (as opposed to focusing on deficits/barriers)
ACTION: AC members to develop solution focused questions for use in interviews/forums

5. **Other Business**

- Advocacy update
 - CAOT-BC needs help to reach out to MLAs/constituents to invite them to OT Day at the Legislature
 - The role of OT in primary care is a focus for the day
 - May 16, 2019

- Sarah creating invitation which will be shared with membership and Advisory Committee this week
- ACTION: AC members to send invitation to their MLA
- UBC Job fair
 - The rehabilitation sciences job fair is on May 24, at UBC- if you wanted details on coming and having a booth email: rehabjobfair.ubc@gmail.com.
- OT workforce update
 - April 18 meeting with Attorney General David Eby
 - Waiting on details for joint planning meeting on medical education - min of adv health and min of health - pending dates/communication
 - Proposal from UBC faculty to double seats - not funded in 2019 Budget
 - CAOT-BC is sharing responses and releases on social media and with newspapers highlighting shortage of OTs in BC and need for increase in training seats
- CAOT-BC Satisfaction Survey results
 - Report was included via email (see drive)
 - Feedback on communication - ensuring proper targeting
- For students in Alberta:
 - Job finding resources - in BC
 - CAOT has Career Listings
 - OT weekly career section
 - LinkedIn
- Discussion regarding if there is there an equivalent service in BC to AADL
- Devon suggests putting on panel for UofA students - we need public therapist as well.

6. Meeting schedule

(4:00-5:30pm by GoToMeeting/teleconference)

June 10, 2019

September 9, 2019