

## **ILOTA EI SIS MEETING - 07/29/2021**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jennie de la Rosa (Co-chair), Clare Giuffrida (Co- Chair), Christy Morrison, Caren Schranz, Kristian Shumate.

**ABSENT:** Maureen Kartowski, Jessica Kronberg, Sophie Lessig, Katelyn Mathis, Nisha Sanghvi, Ashley Stoffel.

Facilitator: Clare G. (revolving position)

Recorder: Jennifer de la Rosa (revolving position)

## **ADVOCACY**

### **TELEHEALTH BILL SIGNING (Clare G.)**

- Gov. JB Pritzker: attentive to people and responsive; seemed very open, receptive, and positive
- Signing experience was both informative and a celebration
- The governor in opening remarks Mentioned ILOTA, IPTA, Start Early, Jewish Foundation, etc. amongst organizations supporting bill
  - Telehealth rep from IPTA present (Kyle)
- Information regarding bill is posted on the ILOTA website, see ILOTA website
- Maureen M. - recommended that the ILOTA telehealth committee send thank you letters to representatives who supported the bill? Discussion ensued as to whether to send a thank you to the primary sponsors of HB 3308 and or to the senators and representatives that we each connected with in regards to support of the bill. Follow up action -TBD?

### **REOPEN GROUP (Christy M.)**

- Telehealth workgroup will meet next Friday to discuss what does Telehealth look like in EI
- Nisha, Christy, Ali and Lauren are part of the workgroup - well-represented and a lot of stakeholders
- If other members are interested in participating in telehealth workgroup Christy suggested contacting XXXXXX at XXXX
- TASK of IICEI workgroup is to: start to outline what Telehealth will look like in EI as we move forward
  - Do we have to also provide F2F services?
  - Can we videotape? What happens to those videotapes? Who do they belong to? How do we track them?
- Do we prioritize providers who live in the State versus outside agencies? (American Psychological Association has questions about this)
- Send Nisha & Christy emails regarding your thoughts
- There is no list of IICEI workgroup participants: many people who participate in this do not want their name out there. They are volunteers, not all are Council members. Eventually, chairs of IICEI workgroups will be posted, with goals of the groups, and which parts of the state are represented, etc.

## **Ei SIS ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

### **WHO IS THE EI SIS? (EI SIS discussion, all)**

- Clare sent to Ei SIS members a general description of Ei SIS via email - Anne wants to know if this describes who and what we are. Ei SIS discussed the description and suggested modifications. See generic description below.
- "The ILOTA Special Interest Sections (SISs) are each centered around a particular practice area, population, or professional topic. SISs serve three major functions: education, networking, and advocacy. SIS chairs and committees play a role in identifying the education needs of our members and assist with planning events as relevant. They also assist in planning and facilitating networking events, such as roundtable discussions during the annual conference that provide members with an opportunity to connect

with each other and dialogue on important issues. Finally, SIS chairs and committees may play a role in coordinating advocacy efforts with other ILOTA board members to promote or address issues impacting OT practice or the people we serve.”

- Group discussed adding a fourth function to include practice based evidence/research and more examples of each function including mentorship within the network area as the group had discussed in a previous meeting developing a mentorship program. See comment below.
- Kristian: add further descriptions of “education” “networking” and “advocacy” in the “such as” to include other topics
- Post on Drive so that others can make edits before the next meeting
- Anne sent ILOTA drive link to EI SIS chairs
  - Communicate with George & Anne about current EI SIS members having access to Drive (versus only Chairs). Followup - Clare and Jeni
  - Question from the EI SIS to ILOTA- Can we have a folder that only EI SIS members have access to? Another file folder would hold finished products (e.g., resources) that can be shared with everyone
- Further discussion on SIS description of fifth function, membership: Is our purpose to increase membership within the EI SIS?
  - Christy:
    - Sometimes meetings can get too big; are all members participating in everything? Are we representing different areas of the State? What are all of our roles? Who comes up with the agenda? Is our role different from the CoP or is it not?
  - Clare:
    - We want to communicate more with EI providers so that they know that we exist. There may be people who are interested and want to participate in meetings, and those who do not. How large can we be? CoP is more education-oriented; SIS looks more at advocacy, building educational programs, mentorship, etc.
  - Caren:
    - CoP - comes together to talk about the practice setting or have directed conversations (hot topics, journal club, etc.). Example: SI SIS - did a survey to ask how often to meet, people responded 2x/year and Caren sent invites to meetups.
- How do we configure ourselves to function in different ways related to education, function, advocacy, etc.? How are meetings structured and who develops the agenda?
- Caren: decide what we want our ILOTA website page to look like for the EI SIS group (follow up- Clare and Jeni)

### **EI SIS AGENDA/Logistics**

- Working template of agenda kept in central place so that others can introduce new topics, add priority discussions, etc.
- Someone needs to determine prioritization of topics and what will be discussed
  - Members should indicate if the item is high priority and needs to be discussed
- Jennie will create Google Doc and send to members for them to add to agenda; highlight if high priority. Send finalized agenda 2 days prior to meeting
  - Create categories: education, advocacy, networking, practice based evidence/ research