

Music Therapy Board Meeting 4/27/13 (Spring MTAM Conference)

Woodbury Care Center

- I. Call to order-8:50 am by President-elect Jessica DeVillers

- II. Licensure Update-Claire Klein and Amy Madson
 - a. Music therapy week is beginning today! Ways to get involved include making a bulletin board, giving an in-service, teaching one new person about music therapy, or asking co-workers or managers to write letters in support of music therapy. There is also an official proclamation available to bring to your facility.

 - b. Day on the Hill-8 MT-BCs came to "Day on the Hill"-information was left with over 80 representatives and MTs were able to personally talk with many representatives. Our 2 bills are going to remain active until next year although they were not able to pass the bill this year due to needing to focus on the budget.

Representative Zachary Doorholtz (St. Cloud) and Senator Julie Rosin are chief authors of our licensure bills. Amy and Claire are looking for people who would be able to testify on behalf of music therapy licensure at our hearing. We are not sure when the hearing will be yet, or whether it will be through a special licensure committee or through the Health and Human services committee. They are also asking for MTs, family, friends, clients, etc. to attend the licensure hearings.

Some concern was expressed about the costs of licensure being prohibitive. Claire and Amy encourage members to come forth with these concerns and reminded that they want this to be in the best interests of music therapists .

Concern was also raised about asking clients to testify, making sure that ethical boundaries are not crossed with clients feeling pressure to testify. Amy gave example of maybe knowing friends whose children have received MT services, or friends whose parents have gotten MT in a long-term care facility.

- III. Sponsorship of CMTEs
 - a. MTAM is now offering scholarships/stipends for attending CMTEs at conferences. Make sure to apply!

- IV. Treasury Report

- a. We have close to \$12000 in funds available. Our 501C3 status will likely not be determined until next year.
 - b. There are currently 79 members of MTAM.
- V. Public Relations-Mike Limbyblew
- a. GLR will be here in Minneapolis 2015. Mike Limbyblew, Christina Brantner, and Jessica DeVillers will be conference co-chairs. They are asking for help! We also need to come up with a theme for this conference.
 - b. There is a music therapy Master's program beginning at Augsburg-Dr. Annie Heiderscheit will be the head of this program.
- VI. Vice-President-Christina Wood
- a. Board members please sign card for Woodbury Health Care Center.
- VII. Past President-Elizabeth Giffin
- a. Please consider joining the MTAM board! Elections will be held in the fall.
- VIII. Member at Large-Amy Furman
- a. Encouraged members to join AMTA and reminded us of things that AMTA is doing for music therapists across the country such as sending cease and desist letters to non-MT-BCs attempting to practice music therapy, advocating for publications and articles to interview music therapists who are able to properly represent the field, etc.
- IX. Reimbursement Chair-Melissa Wenzell
- a. There isn't a lot that is new in the world of reimbursement right now. There are lots of budget cuts to the Department of Health and Human Services, so we will not know what is going on with reimbursement until the budget shakes out.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 9:25, conference to begin at 9:30.