

WPTA Northwest District Meeting Minutes

DATE: 12/15/2020

LOCATION: Caduceus Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES: 10

1. Rachel Sting discussed the high attendance and good feedback we received after our last in person meeting in March 2020.
2. Rachel discussed the COVID-19 impact on district and state meetings as well as the limited in person CEU offerings.
3. Rachel announced our district as the winner of the PT PAC challenge.
4. Rachel discussed the impending 9% Medicare cuts and shared a web link to an APTA webinar about the 2021 Medicare final rule and advocacy efforts in Congress.
 - a. Information regarding Telehealth services not being covered by Medicare after the public health emergency end was shared.
5. A COVID-19 panel made up of Amber Tenerelli, PT, DPT (Essential Health, Superior, WI); Karen Boutiette, OTR/L, MBA, CLT (Mayo Clinic Health System Eau Claire); Aleksi Moran, PT, DPT, LAT, ATC (Westfields Hospital and Clinic); and Hillary Brunner, PT, DPT (Mayo Clinic Health System) discussed the following topics:
 - a. Overview of time providing care for patients with COVID-19 and how things have changed over the course of the pandemic
 - b. Strategies, techniques, and challenges to overcome treating patients with COVID-19
 - c. Key areas to monitor and look for during evaluation, treatment, and discharge
 - d. Current and future impact of COVID-19 on the fields of Physical and Occupational Therapy
6. Future meeting date, time, and location/platform have not been decided yet.
 - a. This meeting using the Caduceus platform worked very well and we may look to do another virtual meeting using this platform.