

**Occupational Health SIG (OHSIG)
Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA**

**Report to the Board of Directors
February 2019**

Submitted by: Lorena Pettet Payne, President

SIG Members and Terms:

Lorena Pettet Payne, President	
President elect: Rick Wickstrom	2019-2022
Brian Murphy, Vice President/Ed Chair	2017-2020
Lori Deal, Nominating Chair	2018- 2021
Frances Kistner, Research Chair	2017-2020

Discussion Items for the Board: None

Motions for the Board: None

Strategic Planning Updates:

Goal: Standards of Practice

Objective 1: Disseminate ICF-based clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)

The Work Rehab Clinical Guideline has been submitted to the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy CPG development group. The group has suggested a new literature review. The initial literature reviews included “physical therapy” and “physical therapist” in search criteria. The search criteria is modified with the third literature search complete. The OHSIG-CPG development group will be working January 22-23, 2019 to place information into APTA databas. The inclusion of any new data will be complete by June 2019.

Objective 2: Deliver educational content

Two webinars were presented on functional assessment in the fall of 2018 and have been made available to members on the OHSIG web page.

Goal: Public Awareness

Objective 3: Promote the Section mission, vision and resources

- The OHSIG will continue to advise the APTA initiative “Working with Employers toward Population Health.”
- A meeting with OSHA acting director Loren Sweatt, Douglas Kalinowski, director of cooperative and state programs, and four other directors took place on October 2, 2018. Representing APTA and OHSIG were APTA staff Justin Elliott, Kara Gainer and Wanda Evans, members Curt DeWeese and Lorena Pettet Payne. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the new leadership at OSHA to APTA and the OHSIG.

- A second meeting has been requested with the medical directors of OSHA to discuss specific conclusions made in past letters of determination. This is anticipated to be completed in February, 2019.

Goal: Advocacy

Objective 1: Formal communication process to support scope of practice issues

Communication between APTA payment policy staff addressing workers compensation and OHSIG president continues. See public awareness, goal 3 above.

Objective 2: Disseminate payment policy information to members

OHSIG continues quarterly emails to its members which includes payment policy related to worker compensation.

Goal: Member Engagement

Objective 3: Strategies to enhance recruitment, retention, engagement

The OHSIG will introduce mentoring program during CSM 2019.