## **AGENDA ITEM 6**

## **REVIEW LETTERS DRAFTED BY CAOTFC**

The following are attached for review.

- Draft letter to health care administrators
- Draft letter to licensees



Dear Medical Education Department, Clinical Coordinator, or Rehab Director,

We would like to recognize and thank you for your hard work! The effects of COVID-19 are widespread and devastating. Occupational therapy practitioners are battling on the frontlines while balancing family needs at home. The California OT Fieldwork Council would like to help you and your occupational therapist.

We offer FREE continuing education to any occupational therapist who supervises a fieldwork student. This is available whether they educate students regularly or planning to in the future. Our goal is to support you and your occupational therapists through the process. The Council is comprised of Academic Fieldwork Coordinators from all California OT schools. We have locations throughout the state and place level II fieldwork students regularly.

The pandemic effectively paused the educational journey for ALL OT and OTA students. Many students from the Class of 2020 still have not completed their Level II rotations. There are practitioners under undeniable stress but there are few new graduates to ease the burden. We are in urgent need of Level II Fieldwork placements!!

The Council is flexible and creative. We are willing to help you build a fieldwork program from the ground up. We have resources to support you in any setting. Whether you work in skilled nursing, community-based, or provide telehealth we can create a program that will invigorate and inspire your practice.

We will share the latest evidence-based interventions. We provide access to up-to-date regulations and accreditation standards. Did you know that OTs can now open a case and be the other discipline in Home Health? AOTA fought and won the battle over this outdated and obsolete law.

Please help us get our students back on track. We cannot do this without you. All students must complete either 8,10, or 12 weeks of full-time clinical education. That means actual provision of OT services on persons or populations. The Council can help organize and streamline fieldwork processes. You're NOT alone!

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Thank you for your time and consideration and for ALL you do in your daily practice!! Sincerely,

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Were you aware that the California Board of Occupational Therapy and NBCOT offer PDUs for Level I and Level II Fieldwork supervision? You will be awarded 1 PDU per week for full-time supervision. PDUs can be used for both organizations as well. You can also gain PDUs from the Council's new online lecture series.

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