



*You are invited to join the Pennsylvania Music Therapy Task Force in collaboration with the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) and the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT) for a 6-hour CMTE course*

## Advocacy & MT Licensure in PA: Pennsylvania Legislative Hill Day

SUPPORT HB1438 & SB947

October 20th and 21st, 2015

This CMTE presentation will provide participants with a working knowledge of the music therapy advocacy process. Advocacy skill development for use in multiple situations will be offered, including strategies that contribute to increasing music therapy access. Speakers will review developments in the introduction of house and senate bills that focus on creating a licensing board for music therapists in PA. Participants will learn the necessary skills to successfully communicate with state legislators, licensing committee members, agency staff, and other stakeholders. Attendees will then

meet with state legislators to promote Senate Bill 947 and House Bill 1438. A wrap-up discussion will review successful strategies and determine the direction of music therapy state licensure in the Commonwealth.

### Learning Objectives

- Define advocacy and how it can positively impact music therapy
- Identify health and education legislative issues related to music therapy practice
- Demonstrate the skills necessary to communicate effectively with state officials and health and education stakeholders
- Outline successful strategies for future advocacy efforts

### Schedule and Locations

**October 20, 2015: 6:30 - 9:30 pm**

**[Charlton Church](#)**

**5920 Jonestown Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

**October 21, 2015: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**[Pennsylvania State Capitol](#)**

**Harrisburg, PA 17120**

*\*Attendees **must attend both days** to receive 6 CMTE credits.*

*\*CMTE credits still apply even if you have participated in an advocacy CMTE before. See CBMT Recertification Manual for details.*

### Cost

Professionals: \$40

Students and Interns: Free but must pre-register by 10/5/15 to ensure a space.

To register, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/PAHillDayReg2015>

### Presenters

**Nicole Hahna**, PhD, MT-BC, Fellow of the Association for Music & Imagery, is an Assistant Professor at Slippery Rock University, Chair of the Student Affairs Advisory Board, and Co-Chair of the PA Task Force. She has presented on various music therapy topics, including music therapy advocacy.

**Melanie Walborn**, MT-BC is a Managing Partner and music therapist for WB Music Therapy, LLC in south central PA. Melanie is Co-Chair of the PA State Task Force and has served on the task force since 2005.

**Amy van Brug**, MT-BC has experience in elder care and behavioral health and is currently pursuing her Masters of Music Therapy. She is focused on collaboration in creative arts therapies and advocacy.

**Michelle Montgomery Muth**, MT-BC, Neurologic Music Therapist, is the owner of M3 Music Therapy, using music therapy to build community. She is also a provider of Sprouting Melodies®. In addition to her music therapy work, Michelle has extensive experience in public relations and marketing having worked in the information technology field prior to a career-change to music therapy.

**Maria Fav**, MSW/LSW, LCAT, MT-BC has been a music therapist for over 20 years working with adults and children with intellectual, developmental, and mental health diagnosis. She is going on her third term serving on the MAR Board as Government Relations Chair and works at the national level for AMTA as a Government Relations Specialist.

**Judy Simpson**, MT-BC, Managed Healthcare Professional, is the Director of Government Relations for the American Music Therapy Association. Judy represents the profession with legislators, agencies, and coalitions on the state and federal level. Judy's clinical experience includes physical rehabilitation, oncology, labor and delivery, psychiatry, ICU, skilled nursing, and general medicine.

**Additional Information:** Payment information (check, credit card, PayPal) is available through the online registration form.

Registrations should be submitted online by  
**October 5, 2015**

If participants cancel prior to October 15, 2015, they can receive a 50% refund. Cancellations after that date will not be refunded.

If registering after October 15, 2015, please register on-site.

Contact [PAState.Task.Force@gmail.com](mailto:PAState.Task.Force@gmail.com) with any questions.

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