

Music Therapist Advocacy: HILL DAY

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

TIME: 9:00 AM – 4:30PM

**Location: Room 431 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street, Annapolis MD 21401**

Number of CMTE and Cost:

- 6 CMTE's
- FREE (Students and Professionals)
- Presenters: MDSTF Co-Chairs Niki Runge, MCAT, MT-BC & Tatyana Martin, MT-BC

Course Description:

This FREE, 6 CMTE presentation hosted by Maryland Music Therapy State Task Force will discuss the advocacy work which has led to the bill HB1458- THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS- MARYLAND MUSIC THERAPISTS ACT. Participants will learn the necessary skills to communicate effectively when meeting with legislators and staff about the bill. This will include introductions and talking points. Attendees will participate in meetings with MD legislators (in groups) to discuss the bill and answer questions about music therapy to gain support. A wrap-up debriefing meeting will include sharing of experiences and reviewing of successful strategies for future advocacy tasks, including Hill Visit follow-up correspondence.

Learning Objectives:

1. Define advocacy and how it can positively impact music therapy.
2. Identify legislative issues related to music therapy practice in MD.
3. Demonstrate the skills necessary to communicate effectively with state legislators.
4. Outline successful strategies for future advocacy efforts.

Course Schedule:

8:30am: Registration

9:00am-9:45am: Overview of MD MT Licensure Bill

9:45-12:00pm: Strategies for Success, Talking Points and Role Plays

12pm-1pm: Lunch Break

1pm-3:30pm: Hill Meetings with Legislators and Staff

3:30pm-4:00pm: Meeting Debriefing and Follow-up Plans

4:00pm-4:30pm Questions and Follow-up Tasks

(*Note: Short breaks will be taken throughout the morning and afternoon.)

Music Therapy Advocacy: Hill Day is approved by the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT) for 6 Continuing Music Therapy Education credits. The MAR-AMTA P#065 maintains responsibility for program quality and adherence to CBMT policies and criteria.

Cancellation/refund policy: If the workshop is cancelled by Maryland Music Therapy State Task Force, participants will be notified 7 days prior to the event on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

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