

The Private Practice and Non-profit caucuses held a joint meeting at the 64th Annual OSLHA convention in Columbus, Ohio. Thirty-seven members attended the meeting. A brief summary of similarities /differences was presented including:

Definition of Non-Profit/Private Practice
Limits of Non-Profits/ Private Practice
Concerns of Non-Profits/Private Practice

An open forum discussion included the following topics:

- Topic 1: Recruitment & Retention of Staff
- Topic 2: Maximizing 3rd Party Reimbursement
- Topic 3: Increasing Referral Bases

The discussion was lively with positive suggestions on how these groups could be helped by OSLHA. It was also clear that this group was active in supporting OSLHA. It was determined that Non-Profit and Private Practices could benefit from:

- Understanding settings; Supporting the profession (Business track at convention)
- Training of coding, insurance/reimbursement, and referral procedures
- Developing mentoring options for different regions in Ohio
- Representation at GAC

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