

Direct Entry Midwives Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2016

The June 10, 2016 meeting of the Direct Entry Advisory Committee was held on June 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Nursing Board Room. The meeting was called to Order at 10:09 a.m. by Alexa Richardson, Committee Chair. Those present were: Harold Fox, MD; Julie Perkins; Kai Parker; Deana Frank; Jan Kriebs, Shirley Devaris, Sarah Pendley, Sharon Allen. Present by telephone were: Caitlin McDonough and Elizabeth Reiner. Absent: Michelle Duell; Ann Tyminski.

The minutes of the May 13, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Richardson moved that the paragraph regarding malpractice insurance be struck from the minutes. This motion was seconded and approved. The minutes were approved with this change.

Ms. Allen reported that the Committee member ID Badges were ordered and received. However, there were issues with the badges, such as the wrong address, which made the badges unacceptable. She is confident that the badges, in correct order, will be available for the July meeting.

Ms. Perkins reported that she had been left off all e-mails and requested she be added to the e-mail list.

The minutes of the Stakeholders meeting of February 19, 2016 were reviewed along with a discussion about the formulary. On a motion made and seconded, the Stakeholders meeting minutes were accepted.

Ms. Devaris gave an update on the Direct Entry Midwives regulations. She is in the process of preparing and reviewing the forms that accompany the regulations through the process. She said it will be at least two months before there is approval of the regulations. She does expect some resistance, but felt she could handle those issues should they arise. The fee was discussed. She said if there was opposition to anything, she would ask for letters of support, but for now, her advice is to see how the regulations move through the process. Ms. Richardson asked if there would be resistance from the public, would Ms. Devaris keep the Committee apprised? She indicated she would do that.

Next, there was discussion about the reports due by December 1 to the Department and the Legislature. The Committee will not be able to meet all the requirements; some of the requirements are premature because the regulations are not passed. The Committee can respond that the data is not available as yet. She also advised the Committee if they want legislative changes, information is needed now.

Ms. Devaris also spoke of the Nursing Board's correction bill for 2017 session. The correction bill will include all license and certification types who come under the Board of Nursing. She further mentioned some of the corrections that will be submitted.

The revised Data Collection Form was reviewed. It was greatly improved from the May meeting. Ms. Richardson took the lead in the review. It was suggested a letter be drafted to the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene regarding the statistics form to distinguish between CNMs,

DEMs, and OTHER. OTHER could be a family member. Ms. Devaris will reach out to Vital Records to amend the birth certificate language.

Each category of the Data Collection Form will be separate. Ms. Richardson explained that the reasons for transfer were adopted from the California form because California has all of the codes and reasons for transfer in place. As the Committee went through the process, suggestions for change were noted and will be incorporated in another version of the Form. There was specific discussion about #11 which separates out total transfers during labor. Ms. Kreibs gave examples of types of problems that could arise to challenge the structure of #11. Her suggestion was to list the type of transfer separately. This caused a lengthy discussion, and Committee members offered various scenarios of how data collection could be negatively and positively affected. Ms. Richardson offered to reach out to someone in California to see how they handle the problem. The Committee decided the best alternative for now is to report each transfer and each outcome once; mother only; newborn only; and then mother and newborn. A final decision on this item will be deferred until after Ms. Richardson contacts California for input.

Ms. Pendley offered to study the Peer Review statute and the Public Information Act to see how that legislation could impact the data collection form. Dr. Fox suggested that revealing such data as infant and/or maternal deaths could have a negative result and perhaps could be used against Direct Entry Midwives. There was no resolution to Dr. Fox's comments.

The proposed application process submitted by Mrs. Tyminski and included here as Attachment A was reviewed. It was pointed out the Board of Nursing has discretion in reviewing applicants who have positive Criminal Background Checks. Ms. Richardson suggested the application be put on the website to allow the applicants to apply with the understanding that the applications would only be reviewed but the applicant would not be eligible for licensure until the regulations are passed. After discussion, it was decided that a notice be posted on the website outlining what the Committee has accomplished as well as the requirements for licensure. Ms. Richardson expressed her desire to commence the application process at least a few months ahead of time.

The To Do List that had been requested by the Committee was reviewed and changes made. Some of the To Do Items had been completed. The revised To Do List is attached to the minutes as Attachment B. Ms. Richardson requested a list of hospitals having obstetric units. Telephone numbers that should be used by the DEMs who wish to transfer a patient should be provided. Dr. Fox suggested that the Maryland Hospital Association may have such a list. Ms. Allen will contact MHA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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