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LDEMs Advisory Committee Meeting

September 9, 2016

PRESENT: Alexa Richardson, Julia Perkins, Deana Frank, Elizabeth Reiner, Jan Kriebs, Shirley Devaris, Sarah Pendley, Sharon Allen

ABSENT: Harold Fox, Kai Parker, Ann Tyminski

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. Sharon Allen announced that an email had been received from Dr. Fox stating he would not be able to attend or call in for the Meeting.

BADGES

The Committee members' personalized MBON I.D. badges have arrived. Sharon Allen distributed badges to those who were present. Members are expected to bring them to meetings and wear them when on Board property. Shirley Devaris cautioned members to be careful and not to lose them. Replacement could cost as much as $50.

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The August 12, 2016 Minutes were approved w/correction to the misspelling of Dr. Haft's name, from "Hapft" to Haft.

NOVEMBER 11, 2016 MEETING DATE

The Friday, November 11, 2016 meeting date was changed to Friday, November 18, 2016. November 11 is Veteran's Day, a national holiday and all State offices will be closed.

REGULATIONS UPDATE – SHIRLEY DEVARIS

The DEMs regulations are going to be published September 30, 2016. Shirley Devaris is going to propose some additions to the regulations. She agrees with Sarah Pendley that the DEMs' proposed medication list is too specific. She handed out a chart she designed that has columns to list the type of medication, its purpose and comments. A discussion ensued whether the LDEMs list of medications or formulary could and should be simplified. Shirley Devaris doesn't want to hold up the regulations because of the medication list.

Shirley will interface and negotiate on the DEMs' behalf with DHMH and Dr. Woods. There are some in the medical community who don't feel the DEMs are professionals nor should they should be licensed.

Shirley Devaris asked if there is a manual of maternity meds. Jan Kriebs knows there are desk references and other materials available. She will look into that and get back to Shirley.

Alexa recommended that a review of the DEMs proposed medication list/formulary take place right away. Everyone concurred and it was decided to proceed. The group also reviewed and amended the chart Shirley Devaris designed.

Sarah Pendley suggested the list of medications be reviewed in the same order as in the regulations. There are 13 items total. Shirley Devaris will check the medication list against the regulations after the group has finished its review. She also will do the chart. Shirley Devaris wants a midwives' desk reference /formulary to use to help compile the chart.

A decision was made to take the medication list out of the information packet. Shirley Devaris' chart will replace it. The chart will be more appropriately descriptive.

Commentary on the regulations ends on October 30, 2016. Shirley Devaris is extremely busy, but she will ask Mary Kay if she can continue to present the DEMs' interests in support of legislation.

HOSPITAL OUTREACH

Jan Kriebs believes the Board of Nursing should contact at least the major hospitals on behalf of the DEMs. Perhaps the Board can produce a nice letter or something similar to introduce the DEMs to the public and the medical facilities they may be utilizing.

Licensed Home Births – There is going to be an increase in home births with the licensure of DEMs. The Committee feels something in terms of outreach needs to be accomplished

Grand rounds - Members of the DEMs Committee are willing to go out and speak to targeted groups and medical facilities. They are interested in making direct contact with providers as opposed to administrators. They don't want to target hospital administrators because the word very seldom gets out in dealing with them.

Unfortunately, there are many, many sad stories about the poor reception of nurse midwives who are transporting patients. There is a disdain for out-of-hospital births. Shirley Devaris stated it's going to take a while, but once the medical community realizes that DEMs know what they're doing, things will come around. Shirley will work on getting some type of public announcement plan together.

MARYLAND DATA COLLECTION FORM

Alexa stated that the form is hopefully close to completion. The group went over the changes that were suggested and made after the August meeting.

Jan Kriebs stated that a system is needed that will link the completed data collection form to the list of licensed Direct Entry Midwives. She suggested a coversheet be made. A discussion ensued regarding how a system can be devised to enumerate the form to identify the midwife completing it, but keep the average person from knowing who the midwife was who completed the form.

Julia Parker has a student in mind that may be interested in helping to compile and assess the data once collected. She will talk with the student. Data collection is a year down the road, but the committee is willing to let someone take a look at the form to become acquainted with the data to be collected.

The data collection form has some formatting issues on page 15. There are question mark symbols on Code 905 that need to be removed. Alexa cannot see anything on screen but the symbols keep showing up when the document is printed. Alexa will try deleting Code 905 and retyping it.

INFORMATION PACKET

The information packet also has some formatting issues in the Appendix. There are the same question mark symbols there that need to be deleted. The information packet and the data collection form will be proofed and corrected before being disseminated. The information packet will be placed on the DEMs' MBON web page to make it accessible to all interested parties.

Review and discussion took place about the packet and what should be included. Excess verbiage should be eliminated. Helpful and useful information links can be put in the document and on the DEMs' web page instead of quoting other agencies. For example, the packet should not say what is "required" by CLIA or other organizations as though it is a MBON mandate. The packet should not suggest or promote individual companies or services like Quest or Lab Corp. The language should state and reference specifically what the COMAR regulations require, not what CLIA or other organizations require; however, interested individuals should know about CLIA and other organizations and that they exist. The dialogue should encourage the reader to seek additional information on their own.

List of Hospitals – This will have to be a project that the Committee undertakes or appoints someone to compile. The list the MHA has is too general. The list of hospitals needs to be specific to newly licensed midwives and the needs of their clients.

Shirley Devaris raised a question about who should be designated as the contact person at the Board for the DEMs so that applications and documents don't get lost or misplaced when they come in. Sharon Allen stated that Michelle Duell announced at a Board meeting that she (Sharon) would be the assigned staff at the Board to process applications and disseminate communications for the DEMs. Since Michelle Duell has resigned, Ann Tyminski will also be assisting. Ann is contracted for the next year and will work as an administrator with the DEMs and a few other MBON licensed groups.

LDEMs Application – Alexa, Elizabeth and Kai are assessing the application and doing dry runs, filling out the form to ensure it is complete and user-friendly.

Vital Records – Someone still needs to meet with them. They have been in the process of moving and Shirley Devaris has had trouble making contact but will continue to try.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Allen, Administrative Specialist