

DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2017 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The January 13, 2017 meeting of the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Committee Chairperson, Alexa Richardson. Those present were: Harold Fox, Elizabeth Reiner, Deana Frank. Committee members absent were: Jan Kriebs, Julia Perkins, Kai Parker, and staff member, Sharon Allen. Others present were: Katie Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel, in place of Sarah Pendley, AAG; and Ann Tyminski, Administrator. Present via phone: Caitlin McDonough.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 16, 2016 meeting were approved as read.

LETTER TO NEW LICENSEES

The draft letter to new licensees, revised by Sarah Pendley, was read and approved to be presented to the Maryland Board of Nursing at its January 25 meeting.

MEMO REQUESTING CONTACT WITH VITAL RECORDS

A memo requesting the Maryland Board of Nursing to authorize contact be made to Geneva Sparks, Registrar, Vital Records by Richard Proctor, Interim Executive Director, regarding problems with the current policy of issuing birth certificates for home births was reviewed and accepted with the addition of the Direct-Entry Midwifery statutory requirement to issue birth certificates. The memo will be presented to the MBON at its January 25 meeting. Ms. Richardson indicated she would be in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have.

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously voted, the Committee moved into Closed Session to discuss applications for licensure at 11:00 a.m. Ms. McDonough discontinued her telephone attendance at this point. The Committee came out of Closed Session at 11:40 a.m. to continue its Open Session meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSUMER MEMBER

The Committee reviewed two additional consumer member applications. After discussion, they agreed to forward three names to the MBON, one of which the Board may choose to be the new Consumer Member for the Committee. Those names were ranked as follows: (1) Jessica Watkins, (2) Lindsay Jones, and (3) Stephanie Snyder.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO STATUTE

Discussion regarding possible proposed changes to the DEMs statute was tabled. Ms. Richardson requested the Committee members to review the statute prior to the February meeting and come prepared to discuss possible changes for the 2018 legislative session.

Doctor Fox did suggest placing in statute a requirement that someone from the Direct-Entry Midwifery Committee be a member of any hearing that the BON holds with regard to possible disciplinary action against a Direct-Entry Midwife.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR RENEWAL

The Committee discussed briefly what types of continuing education should be approved for the renewal of Direct-Entry Midwifery licensure. The consensus was that any approved DEM accrediting body's continuing education courses should be approved. This item will be on the February 2017 meeting agenda for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann E. Tyminski".

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator