

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Alexa Richardson, LDEM, Chair. Present were: Jan Kriebs, Jessica Watkins, and Elizabeth Reiner. Kai Parker was present via telephone. Absent were: Harold Fox and Julia Perkins. Staff present were: Sarah Pendley, AAG, Board Counsel; Ann Tyminski, Administrator; Monica Mentzer, Director of Advanced Practice; and Shetarah Goodwin, Administrative Officer I.

Introduction

Mrs. Tyminski introduced the new Director of Advanced Practice, Monica Mentzer.

Minutes

The open session minutes of the July 14, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Report to Board

The quarterly report written for the July Board of Nursing meeting was approved.

Maryland Hospital Association Letter

A letter written to the Maryland Hospital Association alerting their member hospitals of the Direct-Entry Midwife Plan of Care was read and approved. Mrs. Tyminski reported that MHA plans to advise its member hospitals through its newsletter of the possibility of transfers from home births to their hospitals from time to time.

Renewal Application

The renewal application was again reviewed with further suggested changes. Mrs. Tyminski plans to mail the renewal application with accompanying documents before the end of August. The revised instructions will be included with the renewal application.

Comparison of Maryland Bridge Program with US MERA/NARM Bridge Program

Ms. Richardson reported that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG-CPM) supports the NARM Bridge Program. Ms. Kriebs reported that the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) also supports the NARM Bridge program. Because not all Committee members were present, it was requested that further discussion about the NARM Bridge program be placed on the Committee's September agenda.

Proposed Revisions to Practice Act

The Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to the DEMs Practice Act as submitted by Mrs. Tyminski. The Committee will work with the Association regarding a possible bill submission for the 2018 legislative session. Ms. Richardson will ask the Association when its deadline for submission of material for a bill occurs. Since the Committee had not completed its review of the entire Act, Mrs. Tyminski requested all members to review the Act and come prepared to make suggestions at the September meeting. Mrs. Tyminski will send out an e-mail to all Committee members attaching the work that has been completed to date.

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Closed Session

The Committee left open session at 10:48 a.m. to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing an application for licensure and to review the Data Collection Forms of two licensees. Closed session ended at 11:59 a.m. and the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator