

DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson, Alexa Richardson. Those present were Alexa Richardson, Jan Kriebs, Harold Fox, Jessica Watkins, Elizabeth Reiner, Monica J. Mentzer, and Ann Tyminski. Those absent were Kai Parker and Julia Perkins.

Minutes

The open session minutes of the August 11, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Bridge Education

The next item of business was discussion of the approved Maryland Bridge education program compared to the MERA/NARM Bridge program. It was noted that the American College of Gynecologists has approved the MERA/NARM Bridge program. After discussion the Committee felt that substituting the MERA/NARM Bridge program for the Maryland Bridge education program made good sense since it would put the Maryland Direct-Entry Midwife applicants at the national standards. This change in the educational standards will need to be put into the proposed practice act legislation. Mrs. Tyminski was also requested to include language that there would be updated proposed legislation offered by the Association in the annual report to the legislature.

Proposed Legislation

The proposed legislation language was reviewed and some language was revised. Mrs. Tyminski was requested to run this by Shirley Devaris even though the legislation would not be sponsored by the Department. Rather the Direct-Entry Midwives are requesting the associations to sponsor the revisions. Ms. Richardson will take the revised language to the lobbyists for the associations.

Birth Certificates

It was announced that Certified Nurse Midwives had received a letter from Vital Records regarding their ability to provide birth certificates once again. It is hoped a similar letter will be sent to the Direct-Entry Midwives soon.

Data Collection Forms

To date the Committee had received only two data collection forms. It is hoped that the remaining required forms will have been received by the October 13th meeting. Ann will attempt to provide a form that will capture the essential data. The legislature will be notified that no significant conclusions can be drawn from the first data collection because of the small pool of information that is available in the first six months of data.

Annual Report

It was determined that the annual report would provide much the same information provided to the Board of Nursing on a quarterly basis and will include the summary of the data collection. The number of Direct-Entry Midwives licensed by meeting the minimum qualifications for licensure in 2017 will also be included. There will also be a reference to proposed legislation to be sponsored by the Associations.

Committee Appointments

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It was noted that the appointments for Harold Fox and Kai Parker expire on December 31, 2017. Both wish to seek reappointment. Dr. Kai Parker is working on her requirements to be licensed in Maryland as a Direct-Entry Midwife. The Committee requests seeking Board of Nursing approval for these reappointments.

The Committee also requests that Ms. Richardson be reappointed as Committee Chair. There was discussion as to the fact that many Direct-Entry Midwives who will be applying for licensure in Maryland actually do not reside in Maryland. That will be a problem with attempting to fill Committee appointments in the future. Mrs. Tyminski will discuss this issue with Director of Legislation, Shirley Devaris.

Closed Session

The Committee entered into closed session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss an application, came out of closed session at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator