

Open Session Minutes  
Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee  
October 13, 2017

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Those present were Alexa Richardson, Chairperson; Harold Fox; Jan Kriebs; Elizabeth Reiner; Julia Perkins; and Jessica Watkins. Present by telephone was Kai Parker. Also present were Sarah Pendley, AAG, Committee Counsel; Monica J. Mentzer; Shetarah Goodwin; Ann Tyminski; and guest, Dianne Sellers.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the September 10, 2017 meeting were read and approved with one correction.

**Legislation**

Mrs. Tyminski advised the members to take the completed revisions to the Practice Act to their associations with the request that the Associations present proposed legislation for the 2018 legislative session. They were cautioned to not add any substantive changes to the proposal if they want the legislation to pass without opposition.

**Legislative Report**

Mrs. Tyminski was requested to draft the required legislative report due to the Joint Legislative Committees by December 1. The draft will be sent to all Committee members to review and add input if necessary. The report will be presented to the Board of Nursing at its November meeting and sent to the legislature by the due date of December 1. It was decided the Committee would not meet in November and December because any applications that might come in would not be approved by the Board of Nursing until its January meeting.

**2017 Meetings**

The November 17 meeting will be held only if there is an application. The December 8 meeting was cancelled.

**2018 Calendar**

The Committee agreed to set meetings for the second Friday of each month during 2018. However, meetings will be held every other month commencing in January. Meetings will be held in the off months only if there is sufficient business to justify a meeting.

**Closed Session**

The Committee left open session at 10:55 a.m. to discuss an application, came out of closed session at 11:05 a.m. to review the data collection forms and compile the data. Mrs. Tyminski will include the compiled data in the Legislative Report. There were some suggestions for the data

collection form: double space; add in counties; site practice act on form. It was noted that 2018 data will be more interesting since this years' data only consists of 5 ½ months of data at most.

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**Additional Business**

Ms. Reiner explained that she was concerned that hospitals still do not recognize the fact that direct-entry midwives are licensed professionals who sometimes will be transferring mothers and infants to hospitals. She suggested letters be sent to all hospitals in Maryland who have prenatal or obstetric units. It was explained that a letter could be drafted for the Board of Nursing's Executive Director's signature. Ms. Kriebs volunteered to obtain the list of hospitals from Dr. Lee Woods at DHMH. She also will gather the information for the University of Maryland's Hospital System. Once that information is received, Mrs. Tyminski will draft the appropriate letter to be presented to the Board of Nursing for approval.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator