

OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
November 17, 2017

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Alexa Richardson at 10:05 a.m. Present were Harold Fox; Jan Kriebs, Kai Parker; Jessica Watkins, and Julia Perkins. Elizabeth Reiner was present via telephone. Staff present were Monica J. Mentzer, Shirley Devaris, Sarah Pendley, and Ann Tyminski.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the October 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with the change regarding holding meetings every other month in 2018 commencing with January. Meetings will be held in the off months **only** if there is sufficient business to justify a meeting.

**Reappointments**

Mrs. Tyminski reported that the Board has approved the reappointments for Harold Fox, Elizabeth Reiner, and Kai Parker for another term ending on December 31, 2021. Ms. Richardson's appointment as Chair of the Committee was also approved. All were given letters of approval.

**Draft Letter to Hospitals**

The Committee reviewed and recommended changes to the draft letter to be sent to Hospital Administrators, with copies to Directors of Nursing, Obstetrics, and Pediatrics regarding the possibility of mothers and infants being transferred from home delivery to their hospitals. Ms. Kriebs is still working on the list of appropriate hospitals to which such letters would be sent. The letter will be redrafted and brought back to the January meeting for review. It was suggested the list of hospitals be updated yearly.

**Quarterly Report to the Board**

The quarterly report to the Board of Nursing regarding activities of the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee dated October 16, 2017 was reviewed.

**Required Report to Senate and House Committees**

Mrs. Tyminski and Ms. Devaris jointly prepared the report required by Statute that the Board send to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and Health and Government Operations Committee answering the specific questions outlined in The Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Title 8-6C -10 giving the statistics gathered from the required Data Collection submissions. A copy was given to the Committee members for their review. The report was approved by the Board of Nursing at its October meeting and signed by Executive Director, Karen B. Evans. The reason the report was submitted to the Board of Nursing in October was that the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee had decided to not meet in November or December. The November DEMs meeting was then rescheduled when two applications for licensure were ready for the Committee's review had come in to the BON offices. The Committee asked for two revisions to the report. They were: (5) The number, reason for, and outcome of each nonemergency hospital transfer during the intrapartum or postpartum period. The Committee wished the answer to be: "Suspected intrauterine restricted growth or macrosomia; multiple gestation; and client request for pain management – 3. Outcome: positive for all. The other revision was (9) A brief description of any complications resulting in the

Morbidity or mortality of a mother or neonate. **There was 1 fetal demise at term diagnosed at onset of labor and confirmed on transfer to hospital. The case was peer-reviewed.**

#### **Birth Certificates and Metabolic Screen Cards**

The Committee directed Mrs. Tyminski to respond to a new licensee's inquiry regarding birth certificates and metabolic screen cards by sending a copy of the Vital Record's letter. This information will be prepared to be posted on the DEM's website at some time in the future. Metabolic screen card information may be provided by AIMM.

#### **Continuing Education Review**

The Committee reviewed the continuing education for Shanna Mastrangelo and Elizabeth Reiner and found the CEUs to be acceptable for renewal of licensure.

#### **Executive Director**

Ms. Karen Evans, Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, stopped in to the meeting to introduce herself and thank the Committee for its hard work.

#### **Regulations**

Ms. Devaris gave each Committee member a copy of the regulations pertaining to the practice of Direct-Entry Midwifery. She also expressed concerns that people who are not licensed continue to deliver babies in the home. She said she receives calls about the public's concerns. Mrs. Tyminski also agreed there were many such calls. However, when she had been able to obtain a name from the caller and then research that name on the web, it is usually a doula that is being complained about and after questioning, the complainant does not have first-hand knowledge about a doula delivering a baby. Usually the complainant has heard of someone or has seen an advertisement.

Ms. Devaris left the meeting at 11:10 a.m. There being no further open session business, the Committee went into Closed Session at 11:11 a.m., came out at 11:20 a.m. and ended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski,  
Administrator