

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 10, 2018

On a motion made, seconded and voted, the Committee entered the open session of its August 10, 2018 meeting at 10:15 a.m. Members present were Jan Kriebs, Kai Parker, Elizabeth Reiner, and Karen Webster. Others present were Michael Conti, AAG, Board Counsel; Lindsey Snyder, AAG; Monica J. Mentzer, and Ann Tyminski.

Open Session Minutes

The first item of business was to review the minutes of the June 8, 2018 meeting. Ms. Kriebs pointed out that nurse-midwife is a hyphenated word. Dr. Parker requested the last sentence of the third paragraph on page 2 be removed. She also requested that documents such as minutes reflect that she is a Doctor. On a motion made, seconded and voted, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Closed Session Minutes

On advice of Counsel, Ms. Kriebs, Acting Chair for the meeting, asked that the closed session minutes of June 8, 2018 be reviewed in open session. On a motion made, seconded and voted, the closed session minutes of June 8, 2018 were approved as read.

Code of Ethics

The next order of business was a review of the language defining patient abandonment submitted by Dr. Parker. Some members of the Committee felt this was typical language for patient abandonment. However, after further discussion, the Committee agreed to insert licensed direct-entry before midwife-client relationship, and to insert a referral rather than referrals. The definition would then read as follows: "Patient abandonment means the unilateral termination of the licensed direct-entry midwife-client relationship by the midwife without reasonable notice, and failure of the midwife to provide the client with a referral to or make reasonable arrangements with an appropriate and qualified health professional. This includes leaving a client in the intrapartum period without properly terminating care and ensuring adequate care for the mother and infant." On a motion made, seconded and voted, the definition of patient abandonment was accepted.

The remainder of the Code of Ethics regulations, as revised, were reviewed and on a motion made by Karen Webster, seconded, and voted, they were accepted. Ms. Snyder will add the definition for patient abandonment and e-mail the revisions to Mrs. Tyminski.

Mr. Conti explained that the process for the Code of Ethics regulations as revised will now be sent to Shirley Devaris, Director of Legislation and Regulations, for final preparation and presentation to the Board of Nursing for its approval. We could expect they would be presented to the Board of Nursing possibly at its October meeting.

Visitor

During the above discussion, Danage Huggins entered the meeting.

Application for Licensure

The next item of business was a review of the application for licensure submitted by Dr. Kai Parker. The Committee reviewed the application carefully and found that Dr. Parker meets the minimal

qualifications for licensure as a direct-entry midwife. On a motion made, seconded, and voted the Committee requested that the application be placed on the agenda for the Board of Nursing's August 22 meeting.

Vote: 3 for, 1 abstention.

Policy and Procedure for Electing New Chairperson

Discussion ensued regarding the policy and procedure for electing a new chair that was presented by Mrs. Tyminski. It was decided to make a few changes to the document. Changes will be made and the document will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Chair of the Committee

Ms. Kriebs expressed her view that since there were few members of the Committee present that a vote for Chair be deferred to the next meeting and that an interim chair be chosen for one month. After discussion, it was decided to cast votes for the new Chair at this meeting. Ballots were given to each Committee member. They were collected and tallied by Monica J. Mentzer with Ann Tyminski watching the count. Dr. Parker was elected Chair and Elizabeth Reiner, Vice Chair.

Quarterly Report to Board of Nursing

The quarterly report submitted to the Board of Nursing in July, 2018 was reviewed.

Expiration of Appointments

There was discussion about Ms. Kriebs' appointment to the Committee is due to end December 31, 2018. There was a mistake in Ms. Webster's appointment to December 31, 2023. Actually, she will serve until December 31, 2018 (to fill out the term of Alexa Richardson, LDEM who resigned at the June meeting) and serve a 4-year term of her own. Therefore, her term will expire December 31, 2022. Mr. Conti suggested that since the appointments to the Committee were originally staggered, that staff double check the appointment and expiration dates.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator

