

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 11, 2019**

On a motion made and seconded, the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the "Committee") meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kai Parker at 10:35 a.m. Present at the meeting were Committee members Kai Parker, Jan Kriebs, Elizabeth Reiner, Karen Webster, and Jessica Watkins. Also present were Katherine Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel; Monica J. Mentzer, Director of Practice; Christina Scott, Policy Analyst; and Ann Tyminski, Administrator. Absent were Harold Fox and Julia Perkins.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on September 13, 2019 were reviewed and accepted with one correction.

Third Quarter Report

The third quarter report of the Committee to be presented to the Board of Nursing at its October 23 meeting was read and approved.

Application

The application of Rachel Cipryk was reviewed. On a motion made by Elizabeth Reiner that she correct the first page of her application by spelling her last name correctly and filling in the gender and ethnicity questions, and provided her background check is negative, the application will be found to meet the minimum qualifications for a direct-entry midwife and will be recommended to the Board of Nursing that this individual be licensed as a direct-entry midwife. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins and the application was unanimously approved.

Data Collection Forms

The Committee had received all the required data collection forms except for two. Those missing data collection forms were for licensees who have indicated they will not renew their licenses in Maryland. Ms. Giblin said that nevertheless they were expected to submit their data. Ms. Giblin will draft a Notice of Non-Compliance to be sent to the two licensees. The Committee members separated into teams and recorded the data that is to be collated and put into a letter to the Maryland Board of Nursing by its October 23 meeting.

Continuing Education

The continuing education submitted by the following licensees for purposes of renewal of their licenses was reviewed:

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Amy E. Miller – 21.8 CEUs
Susan L. Blaum-Natale – 26 CEUs
Grace L. Mueller – 47 CEUs
Brittany Coffman – 30.5 CEUs
Elizabeth Reiner – 36 CEUs
Shanna Mastrangelo – 115 CEUs
Shawna DeWitt – 40 CEUs
Claudia Booker – 58 CEUs
Rebecca Banks – 36 CEUs
Kai Parker – 46.5 CEUs
Karen Webster – 25.5. CEUs

Ms. Reiner moved to approve the continuing education as submitted and to recommend the approval to the Maryland Board of Nursing. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted. The Committee was awaiting e-mailed copies of Karen Webster's continuing education. When that was received and reviewed, Jan Kriebs moved to accept Ms. Webster's continuing education as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote. Ms. Webster recused herself from this vote.

There is still concern about the timeliness of presenting continuing education for Committee review. It was suggested that prior to the 2021 renewal period, a notice be placed on the Board of Nursing website under Direct-Entry Midwives to state that all continuing education must be presented to the Committee by September 1 of the renewal year to ensure that the Committee can review the continuing education and address any issues that may have arisen.

Resignation

The resignation of Ann Tyminski from the Board of Nursing effective November 5, 2019 was noted. Kai Parker will contact Karen E. B. Evans, Executive Director to find out who will take over the administrative functions of the Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator