

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (THE "COMMITTEE")
TO THE
MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING (THE "BOARD")
March 6, 2020**

The meeting began at 10:33am. Present at the meeting were Committee members Elizabeth Reiner, Karen Webster, and Jessica Watkins. Also present were Assistant Attorney General- Board Counsel Lindsey Snyder and Board Director of Practice Monica J. Mentzer. Absent were Committee members Kai Parker, Julia Perkins, Jan Kriebs and Harold Fox. The Committee did not have a quorum of members in attendance. Therefore, the Committee could not vote on any items considered.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2020 were reviewed. The final version of the minutes will be presented at the next Committee's meeting for review and approval.

Review of two new direct-entry midwife applications received by the Board

The Committee reviewed the direct-entry midwifery applications submitted by Monika Karaosman and Hannah Morgan. The applications appeared complete and both applicants appeared to meet minimum requirements for licensure as a direct-entry midwife. However, the Committee will review the applications again at their next meeting and make recommendations to the Board regarding licensure, assuming a quorum of members is present.

Inquiry from Maryland Department of Health Vital Statistics re: birth registration worksheets

Monica Mentzer received an email from the Maryland Department of Health- Vital Statistics Administration (the "Administration") which indicated that the birth registration worksheet has been updated. The Administration requested a list of direct-entry midwives in Maryland so the Administration can distribute the new worksheet to those licensees. Monica Mentzer directed the Administration to the appropriate contact within the Board so the Administration can obtain the requested information.

Additional items to be placed on the 3rd Quarter FY '20 Report to the Board at the open session board meeting scheduled for April 22, 2020

The Committee members discussed whether any additional items should be added to the 3rd Quarter FY'20 Report regarding the Committee to the Board at the Open Session Board meeting scheduled for April 22, 2020. The Committee did not have any suggested additions to the Report.

Administrator III Contractual Position – posting closed 2/25/2020

The Board staff received applicants for the Administration III Contractual Position. The applications were reviewed for minimum qualifications, and those candidates that met minimum qualifications will be forwarded to the Executive Direction and Human Resources for next steps.

Committee Member Assignments

1. Updates to the direct-entry midwife Renewal Application

The Committee reviewed the current direct-entry midwife initial application. The application was last updated in 2016. Elizabeth Reiner suggested adding completion of a NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate Program as an alternate education requirement under Section III of the application.

Other Business

Jan Kriebs asked about sending a letter about when LDEMs should turn in license renewal applications. Karen Evans said we could send out reminder emails at 3 months and 30 days beforehand, as is their standard practice for nurses.

Karen Carr, LDEM applicant, said that she was told she would be granted a license, but she wanted to know when she could expect it. Karen Evans said that she and Lindsey had previously discussed and agreed it was appropriate that Karen Carr's license be issued. Karen Evans asked Monica Mentzer to license her on Monday when she returns to the office. At that point Karen Evans had to leave the meeting.

Language needed for changes to the regulations was discussed. Jaray Richardson passed out copies of the statute for us to keep and bring to future meetings. Lindsey Snyder told us the section that needed to be changed was Regulation 10.64.01.15. Kai Parker suggested that we use the same language from the statute to insert into the regulation. Following that suggestion, we decided on the phrase "shall have completed the NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate Program". Jan Kriebs recommended that we insert it as B2 of that section, and have the current B2 become B3.

Kai Parker also brought up that we need to make sure that students are protected as well. Elizabeth Reiner pointed out the section that pertains to students is 8.6C.06, which only requires a student to be engaged in an "approved clinical midwife educational experience" under the supervision of an LDEM. We were satisfied that it didn't require an update. Jessica Watkins agreed to type up the proposed change and email it to Lindsey Snyder and Monica Mentzer to review. It would need to be sent to Karen Evans by Feb 16th, 10 days before open session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Jan Kriebs moved to adjourn at 11:25am. Jessica Watkins seconded, and it was unanimously approved. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Watkins, Committee member