

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (THE "COMMITTEE")
TO THE MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING (THE "BOARD")
April 3, 2020

The Committee meeting was called to order by Dr. Kai Parker at 10:10 am. The meeting was held remotely by conference call in light of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.'s declaration of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency in Maryland on March 5, 2020 in response to the spread of COVID-19. Present at the meeting were Committee members: Dr. Harold Fox, Dr. Kai Parker, Elizabeth Reiner, Jessica Watkins, and Jan Kriebs. Also present were Assistant Attorney General - Board Counsel Lindsey Snyder and Board staff, Director of Practice Monica J. Mentzer. Absent were Committee members Julia Perkins and Karen Webster.

Minutes

The minutes of the Committee 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.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2020 meeting was made by Dr. Harold Fox, the motion was seconded by Jan Kriebs, all Committee members present voted in favor, there were no nays, no abstentions. The motion carried and passed to approve the March 7, 2020 minutes.

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 application for Monika Karaosman was reviewed by the Committee members and the Committee determined that the applicant met the minimum requirements for licensure as a direct-entry midwife. A motion was made by Dr. Harold Fox, to recommend Monika Karaosman to the Board for licensure as a direct-entry midwife, the motion was seconded by Elizabeth Reiner, all Committee members present voted in favor, there were no nays, no abstentions. The motion carried and passed to recommend Monika Karaosman to the Board for initial licensure as a direct-entry midwife.

The application for Hannah Morgan was reviewed by the Committee members and the Committee determined that the applicant met the minimum requirements for licensure as a direct-entry midwife. A motion was made by Jan Kriebs to recommend Hannah Morgan to the Board for licensure as a direct-entry midwife, the motion was seconded by Dr. Harold Fox, all Committee members present voted in favor, there were no nays, no abstentions. The motion carried and passed to recommend Hannah Morgan to the Board for initial licensure as a direct-entry midwife.

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

Monica Mentzer advised the Committee that on March 8, 2020, upon review of the potential candidates on the list, three individuals met the minimum requirements for the Administrator III contractual position. The list of the three applicants meeting the minimum requirements for the position was provide to the Board's

Executive Director and Human Resources liaison. Monica Mentzer will follow-up on the status of the applicants with the Executive Director and Human Resources liaison to obtain any additional information on the status of the three potential applicants for the Administrator III contractual position and will provide an update at the next Committee meeting.

Committee Member Assignments

1. Updates to the direct-entry midwife Renewal Application – there were no additional suggestions to update the Renewal Application.

2. Committee members whose terms will be expiring soon – the Committee discussed which members will be concluding their terms this year, and what steps the Committee wants to take to look for candidates to recommend to the Board for appointment. There is one Committee member (Julia Perkins) who will be finishing her term on December 31, 2020. There are four Committee members (Dr. Harold Fox, Elizabeth Reiner, Dr. Kai Parker, and Jessica Watkins) who will be finishing their appointments on December 31, 2021. Monica Mentzer read the portion of the Nurse Practice Act governing appointments of members to the Committee (Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Title 8, Subtitle 6C, Section 8-6C-11(b)(3)(i) and (ii) and 8-6C-11(g)(1) through (6)). Dr. Harold Fox will be completing his second term and will speak to the Maryland Hospital Association to seek a replacement for his position as the representative from the Maryland Hospital Association on the Committee per Health Occ. 8-6C-11(b)(2)(iii). Jan Kriebs offered to check with the Nurse Midwife Affiliate organization to see if there are any Certified Nurse Midwives interested in an appointment to the Committee per Health Occ. 8-6C-11(b)(2)(ii). Elizabeth Reiner offered to present the topic of the need for direct-entry midwife Committee members at the AIMM meeting.

Other Business

1. Elizabeth Reiner suggested that an AIMM member interested in the Committee as a potential candidate for an appointment be asked to attend an upcoming Committee Open Session meeting. Monica Mentzer suggested that any interested candidates for the Committee be identified by the end of this FY'20 (June 30, 2020) to allow for time for the recommendation for potential applicants to be presented to the Board.

2. Elizabeth Reiner wanted the Committee to know AIMM was concerned they were unable to get information regarding how to contact licensed direct-entry midwives to get information out from their professional association to all licensees. Monica Mentzer explained the process for a member of the public to obtain a mailing list of licensees—it can be done through the Board's Fiscal Department. The request can be made by going to the Board's website, and to INFO on the menu bar, and to Mailing List, under Board Services and Links. Lindsey Snyder noted that it is best for AIMM to obtain this list so they can distribute information directly to licensees, because it is not a function of the Board as a regulatory body to distribute information about professional associations to licensees.

3. Elizabeth Reiner asked if the next Committee meeting could be held by a ZOOM platform because the meeting could then include seeing the members as opposed to the conference call only format. Monica Mentzer offered to check with the Board's IT Department, but noted that the platform for Committee meetings open to the public is now offered by conference call with the Maryland Department of Health Department IT Division or through Google Hangouts.

4. Dr. Kai Parker asked each of the Committee members and Board staff members in attendance today how they were in regards to the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis.

Adjournment

There were no further Committee items for discussion. A motion was made by Jan Kriebs to close the meeting at 11:05 am, the motion was seconded by Elizabeth Reiner, all were in favor, no nays, or abstentions. Monica Mentzer reminded the Committee the next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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