

**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee
Maryland Board of Nursing
4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**

**Open Session Committee Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2020**

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Committee Members			
Elizabeth Reiner	Committee member (LDEM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Jessica Watkins	Committee member(consumer)Appointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Karen Webster	Committee member (LDEM) Appointment ends 12/31/2023	X	
Dr. Kai Parker	Chairperson (LDEM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Julia Perkins	Committee member (CNM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2020	X	
Jan Kriebs	Committee member (CNM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2022	X	
Dr. Harold Fox	Committee member (Maryland Hospital Association Representative) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Board Counsel			
Lindsey Snyder	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Board Staff			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Guests:			
Paige Barocca, LDEM		X	
Karen Carr, LDEM		X	

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Roxann Gordon, CRNM, RN			X
1. Call to Order	Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson	All Committee members were present at the Open Session DEMS Advisory Committee meeting.	At 10:04 a.m. Dr. Kai Parker, Chairperson, called the Open Session to order.
2. Approval of Minutes	Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson	The Committee members present reviewed the November 6, 2020 open session meeting minutes.	A motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner and seconded by Jessica Watkins for the Committee's approval of the November 6, 2020 open session meeting minutes with one change to Section 5 of the minutes. The motion was voted upon by the Committee members present. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.
3. Review of new applications for initial licensure as Direct-Entry Midwives	Monica Mentzer, Manager of Practice	<p>The Committee members reviewed the status of four pending applications for initial licensure as Direct-Entry Midwives in Maryland.</p> <p>1. Samantha Sewell</p>	<p>1. The Committee members reviewed the application submitted by Samantha Sewell at its November 6, 2020 meeting. Since the November 6, 2020 meeting, a copy of Ms. Sewell's official educational transcript was</p>

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		<p>2. Maureen McIver</p>	<p>received by the Board. All other requirements for licensure are met and the application is complete. A request to the Board to accept the Committee's recommendation for initial licensure as a DEM will be presented by Monica Mentzer to the Maryland Board of Nursing at the December 16, 2020 open session meeting.</p> <p>2. The Committee members reviewed the application and supporting documentation submitted by Maureen McIver at the November 6, 2020 meeting. The official report of the results of the Criminal History Record Check (CHRC) to the Board's Background Review Department is pending. All other requirements are met. Monica Mentzer will follow-up with the Board's Executive Director regarding the receipt of the official report of the CHRC to the Background Review Department showing no criminal history. If the results are received and there is no</p>

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		3. Tess Brody	<p>criminal history, a request to the Board to accept the Committee's recommendation for initial licensure as a DEM will be presented by Monica Mentzer to the Maryland Board of Nursing at the December 16, 2020 Open Session Meeting.</p> <p>3. The Committee members reviewed the application submitted by Tess Brody at the November 6, 2020 meeting. The official report of the results of the CHRC to the Board's Background Review Department is pending. All other requirements are met. Monica Mentzer will follow-up with the Board's Executive Director regarding the receipt of the official report of the CHRC to the Background Review Department showing no criminal history. If the results are received and there is no criminal history, a request to the Board to accept the Committee's recommendation for initial licensure as a DEM will be</p>

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		<p>4. Nicole Williams</p>	<p>presented by Monica Mentzer to the Maryland Board of Nursing at the December 16, 2020 Open Session Meeting.</p> <p>4. The Committee members reviewed the application submitted by Nicole Williams at the November 6, 2020 meeting. Since the November 6, 2020 meeting, Ms. Williams' official educational transcript has been received by the Board. The official results of the CHRC to the Board's Background Review is pending. All other requirements are met. Monica Mentzer will follow-up with the Board's Executive Director regarding the receipt of the official report of the CHRC to the Background Review Department showing no criminal history. If the results are received and there is no criminal history, a request to the Board to accept the Committee's recommendation for initial licensure as a DEM will be presented by Monica Mentzer to the Maryland Board of Nursing at the</p>

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<p>5. Review of AIMM proposed changes to "Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife" document.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, Committee member</p>	<p>Elizabeth Reiner provided the Committee with an updated draft Informed Consent document with suggested changes proposed by AIMM members for the Committee members to review and discuss.</p> <p>The Committee members were provided with a link to the currently approved and posted document "Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife".</p> <p>Committee members and guests provided input to the suggested AIMM changes to the Informed Consent document.</p>	<p>The document title will need to be changed to the current title "Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife" and further discussion of the proposed changes to the document will be discussed at the January 8, 2021 meeting.</p>
<p>6. Committee duties</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer, Manager of Practice</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer provided an update that the proposed Direct-Entry Midwives Code of Ethics has been posted on the Maryland Register and the comment period will end on December 7, 2020.</p> <p>The Committee requested clarification on the process for future proposed changes/additions to regulations governing the practice of direct-entry midwifery. Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-6C-12(a)(7), one of the duties of the</p>	<p>The Committee will discuss possible proposed regulatory changes at its future meetings.</p>

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		<p>Committee is to make recommendations to the Board regarding regulations relating to the practice of direct-entry midwifery that are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Direct-Entry Midwifery Practice Act. Generally, after the Committee makes regulatory recommendations, the Board will review the recommendations and vote on whether or not to approve them. If approved, the Board will submit the proposed regulatory changes to the MDH Regulations Coordinator. Thereafter, the proposed regulation will be submitted for the Secretary's approval and, if approved, will be published in the Maryland Register for a public comment period. If there are no oppositions during this process, the regulation will be adopted. The process may vary depending on specific circumstances surrounding the regulatory changes.</p>	
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>Prior to the adjournment of the open session to go into closed session, Dr. Kai Parker read the Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting under the Open Meetings Act in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305.</p>	<p>At 11:48 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Harold Fox and seconded by Jan Kriebs to close the open session meeting and proceed with the closed session meeting. The motion passed unanimously, there were no nays and no abstentions.</p>