

Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee
Maryland Board of Nursing
4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Open Session Committee Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2021

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Committee Members			
Elizabeth Reiner	Committee member (LDEM) and Co-Chairperson, 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	
Jan Kriebs	Committee member (CNM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2022	X	
Roxann Gordon	Committee member (CNM) Appointment ends 12/31/2024		X
Dr. Harold Fox	Committee Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Board Staff			
Michael Conti, AAG	Board Counsel		X
Margaret Lankford, AAG	Board Counsel	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice, Board Staff	X	
		X	
Guests:			
Pam Kasemeyer	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Maryland Section; The American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter; the Maryland State Medical Society (Med-Chi)	X	
Jennifer Witten	Vice President, Government Policy, Maryland Hospital Association	X	
Caitlyn McDonough	Association of Independent Midwives of MD (AIMM) and the MD Families for Safe Birth	X	
Jane Krienke	Maryland Hospital Association	X	
Traci LaValle	Senior Vice-President, Maryland Hospital Administration	X	
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1. Call to Order	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff member</p>	<p>There were 6 Committee members present meeting the requirement for a quorum.</p> <p>The meeting was held by conference call and the call-in information and agenda were posted on the Board's website.</p>	<p>At 10:07 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Kai Parker.</p>
2. Review and Approval of the October 1, 2021 open session meeting minutes	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>In discussion, Committee members reviewed the September 3, 2021, open session meeting minutes.</p>	<p>A motion was made to accept and approve the October 1, 2021 open session meeting minutes by Jan Kriebs. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harold Fox. There were no Abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried to accept and approve the October 1, 2021, open session minutes.</p>
3. Review of Memorandum to the Board and preparation of the accompanying study report with recommendations to be presented to	<p>Margaret Lankford, AAG, Board Counsel</p>	<p>Ms. Lankford provided general guidance to the Committee members regarding the request from Delegate Ariana Kelly, to this Committee to conduct a study, and provide recommendations, regarding HB 1032's proposed changes to the statute, Title 8, Subtitle 6c of the Health Occupations Article, governing the scope of practice of</p>	<p>Margaret Lankford assisted the Committee to summarize the information this study was request to focus on (four key areas) and to include: -The provisions of HB 1032 from the 2021 Legislative Session</p>

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<p>the Board by a Committee member on October 27, 2021.</p>		<p>Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives (“LDEMs”) in the State of Maryland. Specifically, the Committee must consider whether HB 1032’s proposed changes are within the knowledge, skills, education, and experience of LDEMs. HB 1032’s proposed changes to change LDEMs’ statutory scope of practice to permit LDEMs in Maryland to provide care for individuals choosing to have a vaginal birth after Cesarean Section delivery (“VBAC”), under certain conditions (<i>i.e.</i>, a single previous Cesarean Section, via a low transverse incision, occurring at least 18 months prior to the current expected delivery date) so long as the LDEM consults with a healthcare practitioner (<i>i.e.</i>, physician, APRN-CRNP, or APRN-CNM) during the course of treating such patient. The Committee must report on its review and recommendations regarding HB 1032’s proposed changes and why the majority of the Committee members agree with these findings. Further, the Committee should consider whether there are any other protections that may be recommended to be put into place or removed from HB 1032.</p> <p>Ms. Lankford added that the report and recommendations from this Committee’s study, should be addressed to the Maryland General Assembly and reviewed by the Maryland Board of Nursing (the</p>	<p>-Scope of practice for CPMs permitted to provide vaginal birth after Cesarean delivery (“VBAC”) services in other states -Potential risks associated with LDEMs providing VBAC services in an out-of-institution setting; and -The expansion of the scope of practice of Maryland LDEMs to include VBAC</p> <p><u>Note:</u> The term Certified Professional Midwife (“CPM”) refers to an individual who has obtained certification to practice as a professional midwife from a national accrediting body. The term LDEM refers to a CPM who has been licensed to practice in the State of Maryland. Other states often use the term CPM to refer to their licensed midwives.</p>

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	<p>Jan Kriebs, CNM, Committee member</p> <p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board Staff</p>	<p>“Board”) at their October 27, 2021 open session meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Kriebs requested the document drafted by this Committee (<i>i.e.</i>, final report and recommendations) of the study include that the Committee sought information and support from others, including Certified Professional Midwives (“CPMs”) and LDEMs.</p> <p>Dr. Parker requested the Committee members review the document provided by Ms. Karen Webster, LDEM, and Committee member. Ms. Webster drafted this document with Ms. Paige Barocca, LDEM and President of the Association of Independent Midwives of Maryland (“AIMM”). Dr. Parker noted that, while AIMM provided input into this drafted document, the Committee members will need to review and determine independently if this Committee supports this document and its contents.</p> <p>The document was sent to the Committee members email this morning for review and discussion. In discussion, Committee members reviewed and discussed the key provisions of the document provided by Karen Webster, LDEM, Committee member.</p>	

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	Margaret Lankford, AAG, Board Counsel	Ms. Lankford reminded the Committee that it will need to vote on the final document to be presented to the Board for and then to the Maryland General Assembly ("MGA"), and that the majority of the vote will need to agree to the final report and recommendations of this Committee.	
	Jan Kriebs, CNM, Committee member	Ms. Kriebs commented that the scope of practice is defined by the profession and the State's described scope of practice for LDEMs in Maryland is defined in State's statute and the MGA is considering changes to the State's scope of practice.	
	Dr. Harold Fox, Committee member	Dr. Harold Fox suggested the second to last sentence in the third paragraph (noting some Maryland Hospitals have repeat cesarean rates of up to ___%) be removed from the document. Dr. Fox noted that the data for VBAC success rate does not provide for low transverse incisions and that, while repeat C-Section is an increased risk, it may not be the same as for individuals screened out to be at low risk. Dr. Fox further noted that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) opinion article, reviewed and provided as one of the resources reviewed by this Committee, cites numerous papers that gives the full data and ACOG's position regarding this topic.	

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	Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee Co-Chairperson	Ms. Reiner asked if the Committee may need to include clarification as to why CPMs in Maryland may also be LDEMs, and that in most states we (LDEMs) are called CPMs. Dr. Parker agreed that is should be mentioned in the document for clarity to those who will be reading the report and recommendations.	
	Margaret Lankford, AAG, Board Counsel	Ms. Lankford agreed that clarification would be preferable and helpful.	
	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson	Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson, believes that additional time will be necessary for the Committee members to finalize their report with recommendations and that this will occur at the October 15, 2021, open session Committee meeting. At that time the Committee members will vote on the final document.	
	Karen Webster, LDEM, Committee member	Ms. Karen Webster agreed to make the suggested changes to the draft document and provide the updated document to the Committee for final review and a vote at the Committee's next meeting, scheduled for October 15, 2021.	
	Caitlyn McDonough,	Ms. McDonough stated she will provide to the Committee letters from AIMM and	

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	<p>AIMM, Maryland Families for Safe Birth</p> <p>Jennifer Witten, Vice- President of Governmental Affairs, Maryland Hospital Association</p> <p>Caitlyn McDonough, AIMM, Maryland Families for Safe Birth</p> <p>Margaret Lankford, AAG, Board Counsel</p>	<p>Maryland Families for Safe Birth that are in support of HB 1032 and expansion of the scope of practice for LDEMs in Maryland, to include along with the letters of opposition to HB 1032 that have been provided to the Committee Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, regarding the expansion of the scope of practice for LDEMs in Maryland.</p> <p>Ms. Witten stated that the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) submitted a letter of opposition to expanding the scope of practice. Dr. Harold Fox noted, as the representative of MHA on the Committee, that he is in agreement with this opinion and is in opposition of this process.</p> <p>Ms. Caitlyn McDonough asked if it is still the will of the Committee that the letters will be attached and included with the Committee's report and recommendations.</p> <p>Ms. Lankford asked that the document be updated to reflect all of the changes discussed and attach all letters that were received from stakeholders to the Committee's report, as previously promised by the Committee.</p>	

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<p>4. Review of renewal applications received to the Board with documentation of requirements for 20 CEUs.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee Co-Chairperson</p>	<p>Ms. Reiner asked that all of the changes be made to the Committee's report and recommendations document and that the Committee review the final version of the document at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Reiner reported to the Committee that she had to leave the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to attend a conference.</p> <p>Dr. Harold Fox reported that he would need to leave the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The remaining Committee members present (4) maintained a quorum.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Jan Kriebs to recommend to the Board to accept the renewal application, and additional documentation submitted for the requirement of 20 acceptable CEUs, as meeting the minimum requirement for license renewal, for Brittany Coffman, LDEM (DEM00019). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were</p>
	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>The Committee members were provided with the 2021 renewal applications with documentation of the required 20 CEUs for review and discussion.</p>	
	<p>Monica Mentzer, Board Staff</p>	<p>1. Brittany Coffman, LDEM (DEM00019), additional documentation of the requirement for 20 CEUs was submitted to the Board for review.</p>	

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	<p>Margaret Lankford, AAG, Board Counsel</p> <p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>2. Grace Mueller, LDEM (DEM00016)</p> <p>Ms. Lankford clarified the renewal application requirement for CEUs to be acceptable would need to have been obtained during the two year renewal period.</p> <p>Dr. Parker clarified that the acceptable certificate of completion of the 20 CEUs required for licensure renewal are not able to include those required for meeting the Bridge program requirements for initial licensure.</p> <p>3. Nicole Williams, LDEM (DEM00030)</p>	<p>no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>The renewal application for Grace Mueller, LDEM (DEM00016) was tabled by the Committee. The documentation submitted with the renewal application did not meet the requirement of 20 acceptable CEUs.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer will contact Ms. Mueller to request that the renewal applicant submit additional documentation for an additional 6 acceptable CEUs for licensure renewal be submitted.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jessica Watkins to recommend to the Board to accept the renewal application, and additional documentation submitted for the requirement of 20 acceptable CEUs, as meeting the minimum requirement for license renewal, for Nicole Williams, LDEM (DEM00030). The motion was seconded by Karen Webster. There were no</p>

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		<p>4. Maureen McIver, LDEM (DEM00031)</p> <p>5. Karen Carr, LDEM (DEM00025)</p>	<p>abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jan Kriebs to recommend to the Board to accept the renewal application, and additional documentation submitted for the requirement of 20 acceptable CEUs, as meeting the minimum requirement for license renewal, for Maureen McIver, LDEM (DEM00031). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made by Karen Webster to recommend to the Board to accept the renewal application, and additional documentation submitted for the requirement of 20 acceptable CEUs, as meeting the minimum requirement for license renewal, for Karen Carr, LDEM (DEM00025). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p>

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		<p>8. Valerie Monterrey, LDEM (DEM00034)</p> <p>9. Karen Webster, LDEM (DEM00008)</p> <p>Elizabeth Reiner was able to call in to the meeting to review this renewal application to maintain a quorum for a vote to take place.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Karen Webster to recommend to the Board to accept the renewal application, and additional documentation submitted for the requirement of 20 acceptable CEUs, as meeting the minimum requirement for license renewal, for Valerie Monterrey, LDEM (DEM00034) The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jessica Watkins to recommend to the Board to accept the renewal application, and additional documentation submitted for the requirement of 20 acceptable CEUs, as meeting the minimum requirement for license renewal, for Karen Webster, LDEM (DEM00008). The motion was seconded by Jan Kriebs. There was one abstention (Karen Webster). There were none opposed. The motion carried.</p>

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<p>6. Committee member assignments</p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Chairperson</p> <p>Jessica Watkins, Committee consumer member</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board Staff</p>	<p>The Committee members briefly discussed the committee assignments noting the Ms. Jessica Watkins, Committee consumer member, will have completed her first 4 year appointment on the Committee on December 31, 2021.</p> <p>Ms. Watkins expressed to the Committee that she would be interested in a second term reappointment to the Committee.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer reported that she has been in contact with the Ms. Jane Krienke, of the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA), regarding a recommendation for a MHA member to be considered for a Committee appointment by the Board, as Dr. Fox will be completing his second 4 year term on December 31, 2021. The two Committee members who are LDEMS, Ms. Elizabeth Reiner and Dr. Kai Parker will also be completing their second 4 year terms on December 31, 2021. As per Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Section 8-6C-11(b)(3)(i) states: "The Board shall appoint the licensed direct-entry midwife members of the Committee from a list of qualified individual submitted to the Board by AIMM."</p>	

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<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>Karen Webster, LDEM, Committee member</p>	<p>Ms. Karen Webster offered to contact AIMM President, Ms. Paige Barocca, LDEM, to seek a list of qualified LDEMs to be considered for an appointment to the Committee and to report the information to the Committee by the November 5, 2021 Committee meeting.</p>	<p>At 11:56 a.m., a motion was made by Jan Krebs, to close the open session meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Webster. The motion to adjourn the open session meeting carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker closed the meeting with thanking the Committee members for their work on the study requested by Delegate Kelly and to the interested stakeholders providing input to the Committee.</p>	
	<p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer will prepare the agenda for the October 15, 2021 meeting and submit a request for approval to post the open session agenda on the Board's website.</p>	