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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 six Committee members present, meeting the requirement for a quorum, when the meeting was called to order by Dr. Kai Parker. Roxann Gordon attended after the meeting started, at approximately 10:30 a.m. Dr. Harold Fox stated he would have to leave the meeting early.</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 10:03 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Kai Parker.</p>
2. Review and Approval of the October 8, 2021 open session meeting minutes	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>In discussion, Committee members reviewed the October 8, 2021 open session meeting minutes. Dr. Kai Parker requested a change to item on page 4 of the document to include clarification of the following language: "Since two of the three main contributors of this document were on this Committee, this document would be presented as a Committee document. We will continue working on the document and present it as a Committee document."</p>	<p>A motion was made to accept and approve the October 8, 2021 open session meeting minutes, with the suggested changes, by Jan Kriebs. The motion was seconded by Dr. Karen Webster. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried to accept and approve the October 8, 2021 open session minutes, as amended.</p>
3. Review of Memorandum to the Board and Committee's study report to be presented to the	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson, and the Committee members were provided with an updated version of the letter to Delegate Ariana Kelly and the Maryland General Assembly, that was provided by Karen Webster, with all of the</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer will make the suggested changes to the document.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept and approve the Committee's</p>

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<p>Board by a Committee member on October 27, 2021.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Committee, Co-Chairperson</p> <p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>changes discussed at the last Committee meeting on October 8, 2021, to review and discuss before the Committee will vote as to whether or not to approve the report and recommendations.</p> <p>On review, there was one suggested change to the document (edit the name of BLaden to Bladen Street on the top of page 1).</p> <p>Ms. Reiner suggested a few minor changes to the Memorandum to the Board, including: (1) adding CPM to credentials for both Ms. Reiner and Ms. Karen Webster as presenters; (2) capitalizing Vaginal Birth After Cesarean ("VBAC"); and (3) for consistency throughout the document, the use of the abbreviation "DEMAC" to refer to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Kai Parker suggested a change in the wording of the sentence at the top of page 2 of the study report, for clarification to read: "At those meetings, there was lengthy discussion about the risk of uterine rupture, which occurs less than one percent (1%) of the time for women with a low lying incision."</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the letter should be signed by the Committee</p>	<p>study report on VBAC, in response to Delegate Kelly's request, as well as the Memorandum to the Board, informing the Board of the Committee's study report, by Karen Webster. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. Dr. Harold Fox opposed. There were no abstentions. The motion carried by majority vote to accept and approve the Committee's study report on VBAC and the Memorandum to the Board.</p> <p>The Committee members who agreed to present the Memorandum to the Board and the Report and Recommendations from the Committee were reminded of the date and time of the Board meeting (October 27, 2021, beginning at 9:00 A.M.) and where to find the call-in information for the open session meeting on the Board's website.</p>

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<p>4. Review of renewal applications received by the Board with documentation of requirements for 20 Continuing Education Units (“CEUs”)</p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>Chairperson, Dr. Kai Parker on behalf of the Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Parker noted that the Committee’s final report and recommendations in the letter and memorandum to the Board, and the results of the study conducted by this Committee, are representative of the Committee’s decisions.</p>	
	<p>Dr. Harold Fox, Committee Member</p>	<p>Dr. Fox posed the question on whether and how his vote in opposition would be noted.</p>	
	<p>Margaret Lankford, AAG Board Counsel</p>	<p>Ms. Lankford advised that, because the report passed by majority vote of the Committee, the study report would be considered the Committee’s report. Ms. Lankford further advised that the Committee’s vote, including Dr. Fox’s opposition, would be noted in the meeting minutes.</p>	
	<p>Dr. Harold Fox, Committee Member</p> <p>Roxann Gordon, Committee member</p>	<p>Dr. Harold Fox reported that he would be unable to attend the remainder of the meeting. Dr. Fox left the meeting.</p> <p>Roxann Gordon joined at approximately 10:30 a.m.</p>	

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	<p>Monica Mentzer, Board Staff</p>	<p>The remaining Committee members present (6) maintained a quorum.</p> <p>The Committee members were provided with the 2021 renewal applications received by the Board, with documentation of the required 20 CEUs for review and discussion.</p> <p>1. Grace Mueller, LDEM (DEM00016), additional documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs was submitted to the Board for review.</p> <p>2. Aza Nedhari, LDEM (DEM00024), additional documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs was submitted to the Board for review.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner 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 Grace Mueller, LDEM (DEM00016). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner to recommend to the Board to accept the renewal application, and additional documentation submitted for the requirement of 20 acceptable CEUs, as meeting</p>

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		<p>3. Shawna DeWitt, LDEM (DEM00012), additional documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs was submitted to the Board for review.</p> <p>4. Marilee Pinkleton, LDEM (DEM00009), additional documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs was submitted to the Board for review.</p>	<p>the minimum requirement for license renewal, for Aza Nedhari, LDEM (DEM00024). The motion was seconded by Karen Webster. 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 Shawna DeWitt, LDEM (DEM00012). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were no 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 Marilee Pinkleton, LDEM (DEM00009).</p>

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		<p>5. Nicole Jolley, LDEM (DEM00015), the Committee reviewed the documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs submitted with the renewal application to the Board to review.</p> <p>6. Deanna Kopf, LDEM (DEM00002), the Committee reviewed the documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs was submitted with the renewal application to the Board to review.</p>	<p>The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Reiner. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner 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 Jolley, LDEM (DEM00015). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were no abstentions and none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner 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 Deanna Kopf, LDEM (DEM00002). The motion was seconded by</p>

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		<p>7. Kai Parker, LDEM (DEM00017), the Committee reviewed the documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs was submitted with the renewal application to the Board to review.</p> <p>8. Ryann Morales, LDEM (DEM00020), the Committee reviewed the documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs was submitted with the renewal application to the Board to review.</p>	<p>Karen Webster. 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 Kai Parker, LDEM (DEM00017). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There was one abstention by Dr. Kai Parker, and there were none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner 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 Ryann Morales, LDEM (DEM00020). The motion was seconded by Roxann Gordon. There were</p>

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		<p>9. Rachel Cipyk, LDEM (DEM00022), the Committee reviewed the documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs was submitted with the renewal application to the Board to review.</p> <p>10. Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM (DEM00007), the Committee reviewed the documentation of the requirement for a minimum of 20 CEUs was submitted with the renewal application to the Board to review.</p>	<p>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 Rachel Cipyk, LDEM (DEM00022). The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were no 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 Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM (DEM00007). The motion was seconded by Roxann Gordon. There was one abstention by Elizabeth</p>

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	<p>Margaret Lankford, AAG Board Counsel</p> <p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM (Committee Co-Chairperson)</p>	<p>Ms. Lankford advised that individuals who did not timely submit their renewal applications would need to be moved to “non-renewed” status upon expiration.</p> <p>Elizabeth Reiner had some questions for the Committee regarding the licensure renewal requirements for Direct-Entry Midwives in Maryland. For example, Ms. Reiner pointed out, and questioned, that the renewal application requires supporting documentation requirements (<i>e.g.</i>, transcripts) for 20 CEUs, but did not require supporting documentation for the required 4 hours of peer review. Ms. Reiner also identified that the renewal application asks for the applicant to include copies of their current NARM certification and CPR and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) cards.</p> <p>In addition, Ms. Reiner noted that the renewal applications, mailed out to licensees in July, three months prior to expiration, do not indicate a deadline for the licensee to submit the renewal application to permit sufficient time for the Committee and Board to review the CEU documentation and approve the renewal application prior to expiration of the license.</p>	<p>Reiner. There were none opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>The Committee will need more time to review the topics brought to the attention of the Committee members by Elizabeth Reiner and the items will be added to a future Committee agenda.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="562 337 730 477">Margaret Lankford, AAG Board Counsel</p> <p data-bbox="562 737 730 876">Jan Kriebs, CNM, Committee member</p>	<p data-bbox="789 191 1402 298">Ms. Reiner suggested that the renewal application should indicate that it needs to be submitted by October 1.</p> <p data-bbox="789 337 1415 701">Ms. Lankford advised that if the Committee wants LDEMs to be provided with a "grace period," to permit the license to remain active pending review and approval of a renewal application submitted before the expiration of the license, then this would require a statutory change. Ms. Lankford further advised that making the application clearer regarding the process is permissible without a statutory or regulatory change.</p> <p data-bbox="789 737 1402 1386">Jan Kriebs noted that, when the initial bill was drafted to establish licensure for Direct-Entry Midwives, the legislature looked at the renewal requirements for CEUs that were in place for non-nurses (e.g., Electrologists). That would need a change in the law to change the current renewal requirement for licensed Direct-Entry Midwives regarding the CEU requirements to renew their license. The renewal requirement for Certified Nurse Midwives ("CNMs") in Maryland is that the Board must have a copy of current national certification by the national accrediting body on file or the advanced practice license as a CNM will not be renewed. There is no CEU requirement for CNMs because completion of CEUs is already</p>	

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	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM (Committee Co-Chairperson)</p> <p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>required for CNMs to maintain their national certification. Ms. Kriebs proposes that the Committee ask the Board for a change in laws to prevent a catastrophe and accept a current NARM certification for the renewal of the Direct-Entry Midwife license because NARM mandates 30 hours of CEUs every 3 years and, therefore, it is unnecessary to submit and review 20 CEUs with the licensed Direct-Entry Midwives' license renewal applications every two years. In addition, Ms. Kriebs noted that the current law also does not allow or provide for a 30 day grace period for the licensed Direct-Entry Midwives to have their licenses renewed.</p> <p>Ms. Reiner suggested specific changes to the LDEMs' licensure renewal application to clarify: (1) requirements for supporting documentation to verify completion of peer review study and other requirements; and (2) the question regarding whether the LDEM renewal applicant is licensed in any other health care profession, besides direct-entry midwifery, in this State or any other state.</p> <p>Dr. Kai Parker noted that it is very important to continue the discussion of these items of concern at the next meeting.</p>	

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<p>5. Review of Annual Data Collection Forms for Committee Report to Board</p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board Staff</p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker asked the Committee to move to review the 30 Annual Data Collection forms that are required, by law, to be submitted by each licensed Direct-Entry Midwife by October 1, of each calendar year.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer reported to the Committee that the report documents were reviewed, removing any identifier information and assigning a random number (#1 - #30) to maintain confidentiality, before they were submitted to the Committee members to review. The last data collection form, for the total number of 30, was received on the morning of October 15, 2021.</p> <p>The Committee members were each assigned to review a specific question or questions and to add up the responses for each assigned question or questions to report the results of their review to the Committee. The assignments were:</p> <p>Questions 1, 2, & 3 – Jan Kriebs Question 4 – Elizabeth Reiner Question 5 – Karen Webster Question 6 – Dr. Kai Parker Question 7 – Jessica Watkins Question 8 – Roxann Gordon Question 9 – Reviewed by the Committee member coding or recording for any complications resulting in the morbidity or</p>	<p>The Committee members reported the responses to the questions they were assigned to review on the Annual Data Collection forms (#1 - #30) to all of the Committee members.</p> <p>Margaret Lankford, Board Counsel, assisted in recording the Committee's findings from the Annual Data Collection Reports.</p>

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<p>6. Quarterly Report to Board</p>	<p>Margaret Lankford, AAG, Board Counsel</p>	<p>mortality of a mother or neonate (outcomes codes as 104, 204, 205, and 206) throughout the entire form.</p> <p>Margaret Lankford reported to the Committee that she would be able to provide assistance to record the data reviewed and to work on the letter due to the Legislature by December 1, 2021. Ms. Lankford is aware that the document will need to be reviewed at the next Committee meeting, scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2021, and be approved by the Board at its next open session meeting on November 17, 2021.</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer will make the changes as suggested and will present the 1st Quarter FY '22 Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Report to the Board on October 27, 2021.</p>
	<p>Monica Mentzer, Board Staff</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer provided the Committee members with a copy of the 1st Quarter FY '22, Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee Report to the Board, to be presented to the Board of October 27, 2021, for review and discussion.</p>	
	<p>Elizabeth Reiner, LDEM, Co-Chairperson</p>	<p>Ms. Reiner had a few suggested, non-substantive changes to the document.</p>	

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7. Adjournment	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson	Dr. Kai Parker thanked the Committee members for their participation in the study and in today's meeting to review the 2021 Annual Data Collection forms.	At 12:35 p.m., a motion was made by Jessica Watkins, to close the open session meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Webster. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion to adjourn the open session meeting carried.