

**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee
Maryland Board of Nursing
4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Open Session Committee Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2022**

Approved by the Committee on January 6, 2023

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Committee Members			
Jessica Watkins	Committee member (Consumer) 1 st Term ended 12/31/2021; Reappointed by the Board to 2 nd Term on 1/26/2022; 2 nd Term ends 12/31/2025	X	
Karen Webster, LDEM	Chair, Committee member (LDEM) Current Term ends 12/31/2022		X
Brittany Coffman, LDEM	Committee member (LDEM) Appointed by the Board on 1/26/2022; 1 st Term ends 1/31/2026	X	
Jan Kriebs, CNM	Committee member (CNM) 2 nd Term ends 12/31/2022	X	
Roxann Gordon, CNM	Committee member (CNM) 1 st Term ends 12/31/2024	X	
Dr. Monica Buescher, MD	Committee member (MHA Representative) Appointed by the Board on 1/26/2022; 1 st Term ends 1/31/2026		X
Paige Barocca, LDEM	Committee member (LDEM) Appointed by the Board on 6/22/2022; 1 st Term ends on June 30, 2026	X	
Board Staff			
Michael Conti, AAG	Board Counsel		X
Margaret Lankford, AAG	Board Counsel	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice, Board Staff	X	
Additional Board Staff			
Iman Farid	Health Policy Analyst	X	
Karen E.B. Evans	Executive Director	X	
Guests:			

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<p>2. Minutes – Review and approval of the November 4, 2022, open session meeting minutes</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee members with the November 4, 2022 open session minutes for review and discussion.</p> <p>Ms. Jessica Watkins had joined the meeting at this time.</p> <p>In discussion, Committee members reviewed the November 4, 2022 open session meeting minutes and did not note any changes necessary.</p>	<p>A motion was made to approve the November 4, 2022 open session meeting minutes, as written and with no changes, by Paige Barocca, LDEM. The motion was seconded by Jessica Watkins. There were none opposed and one abstention by Brittany Coffman, who was absent at the November 4, 2022 Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>3. Committee assignments</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer informed the Committee that she will notify the Maryland Board of Nursing (the "Board") regarding of upcoming vacancies in membership on the Committee, for which the Board must appoint new members.</p> <p>Specifically, the Board will need to appoint a new members to the Committee for following Committee members whose terms will expire on December 31, 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Karen Webster, LDEM, and 2. Ms. Jan Kriebs, CNM <p>In addition, Ms. Mentzer will notify the Board that the Maryland Hospital Association representative, as Dr. Monica</p>	<p>There is no action required by the Committee at this time</p>

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		<p>Buescher, MD, resigned from the Committee and, therefore, the Board will need to solicit another appointment for this position from the Maryland Hospital Association.</p>	
<p>4. Update on Status of Amendment to Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.64.01.15B, adding NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate Program as an acceptable Education Program for an applicant to qualify for licensure as a licensed direct-entry midwife, in conformance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. 8-6C-13(b)(2)(ii)</p>	<p>Iman Farid, Health Policy Analyst (Board Staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Farid thanked the Committee for their patience with the lengthy process to update the Maryland Code of Regulations ("COMAR") regulations with the amendments approved by the Board last year. The approved amendments would update COMAR 10.64.01.15B to add the NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate Program as an acceptable education program for an applicant to qualify for licensure as a licensed direct-entry midwife, conforming with the statute at § 8-6C-13(b)(2)(ii).</p> <p>Ms. Farid reported that all necessary forms have been completed and approved internally for submission. Ms. Farid reported that the Board was advised to hold off submitted all proposed regulatory change requests until February of the new calendar year 2023.</p>	<p>There is no action required by the Committee at this time.</p>

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<p>5. Review of proposal to provide an Individual Transfer Care Plan template as a resource for licensed DEMs</p>	<p>Margaret Lankford, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>Ms. Lankford advised the Committee that, when statute and regulation are not aligned, the statute controls. In other words, even as the Board and Committee await for this amendment to COMAR 10.64.01.15B to be finalized, applicants may still pursue licensure as a direct-entry midwife via the NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate program pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-6C-13(b)(2)(ii).</p>	
	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board staff)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with a copy of the updated Individual Transfer Care Plan template document, proposed and drafted by Ms. Paige Barocca, LDEM, for review and discussion.</p>	
	<p>Margaret Lankford, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>Ms. Lankford provided the Committee with additional information, including her review of the statute (Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. Title 8, Subtitle 6C) as well as NARM's requirements.</p> <p>Specifically, Maryland statute requires an LDEM to use the following five forms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General written plan for emergency transfer and transport of patients and newborns, which must be developed by each LDEM, but reviewed and approved by the Committee and Board (Md. Code 	

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		<p>Ann., Health Occ. § 8-6C-08(a)-(c), (f));</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Patient specific plans of care, which must be developed by each LDEM for each patient (Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-6C-08(b)(4)); 3. Patient specific transfer plan, which the must be developed by each LDEM for each patient (Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-6C-08(d)); 4. Standard transfer of patient care form, which is developed by the Board in consultation with stakeholders to be used by each LDEM (Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-6C-08(e)); and 5. Informed Consent Agreement, which is developed by the Board in consultation with stakeholders to be used by each LDEM (Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-6C-09). <p>In addition, Ms. Lankford advised that NARM requires its Certified Professional Midwives (“CPMs”) to develop and use the following forms, some of which overlap with Maryland’s statutory requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practice Guidelines, which are specific descriptions of protocols that reflect the care given by a CPM; 2. Emergency Care Form, which is a form that must be individualized for each client to convey basic contact 	

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	<p>Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member)</p> <p>Margaret Lankford, AAG (Board Counsel)</p>	<p>information in the event of the client's transfer to a hospital;</p> <p>3. Informed Disclosure, which must be provided to a client at initiation of care addressing the CPM's training, experience, credentials, services offered, transfer and consultation protocols, and other necessary information regarding the CPM's general practice; and</p> <p>4. Informed Consent Form, which must be used when a client wishes to make a choice outside of the CPM's plan of care for that client.</p> <p>With this additional information, Ms. Barocca led the discussion of the proposed update to the Individual Transfer Care Plan template document.</p> <p>The Committee discussed any additional changes that would need to be made to the document.</p> <p>Ms. Lankford advised the Committee that she will look at the revised Individual Transfer Care Plan and assure that the document is compliant with applicable laws and otherwise legally sufficient.</p>	<p>Ms. Barocca agreed to update the draft document, as discussed, and to provide a copy of the revised Individual Transfer Care Plan template to the Committee for further review at the Committee's January meeting, scheduled for January 6, 2023.</p>

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<p>6. Adjournment</p>	<p>Jan Kriebs, CNM (Committee member)</p>	<p>Ms. Kriebs requested a motion to adjourn the December 2, 2022 open session Committee meeting.</p> <p>The next scheduled Committee meeting is January 6, 2023.</p> <p>Ms. Kriebs notified the Committee that she would not be able to attend the next Committee meeting on January 6, 2023.</p>	<p>At 11:34 a.m., a motion was made by Roxann Gordon, CNM, to close the December 2, 2022 open session meeting. The motion was seconded by Brittany Coffman, LDEM. The motion to adjourn the open session meeting carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p>