

OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MAY 11, 2018

**Call to Order**

The May 11, 2018 meeting of the Direct-Entry Midwifery Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jan Kriebs. Present were Harold Fox, Jessica Watkins, Monica J. Mentzer, Shetarah Goodwin, Katie Giblin, AAG, and Ann Tyminski. Present via telephone were Kai Parker, Elizabeth Reiner and Julie Perkins. Absent: Alexa R. Richardson and Michael Conti, AAG, Board Counsel.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the April 13, 2018 meeting were approved with changes. Ms. Kriebs requested that the minutes reflect that she could not participate via telephone because the telephone call-in system was not working with the call-in numbers that appeared on the website. Ms. Giblin requested a change under the statute paragraph per Mr. Conti. That change was to delete the last sentence of the second paragraph.

**Financial Disclosures**

Mrs. Tyminski explained that filling out financial disclosures is very important if one wishes to remain on a Committee. All Committee members have now fulfilled their obligation.

**AIMM Submission**

The Committee reviewed the two resumes submitted by AIMM to replace Alexa Richardson as a DEM member of the Committee. The two nominees are Karen Webster, DEM Lic. # 00007 and Deanna Kopf, DEM Lic. #00002. The Committee voted unanimously to request the Board of Nursing to appoint one of these direct-entry midwives to serve on the Committee as replacement for Alexa Richardson effective immediately following the Committee's June 8, 2018 meeting. The Committee put forward both names without preference as both individuals meet the requirements for DEM members on the Committee.

**Possible Additional Changes to Practice Act**

Mrs. Tyminski reported that following the April meeting she spoke with Ms. Devaris about the Committee's suggestion that a change to the DEMs Practice Act be submitted to the General Assembly in 2019. This change would be to remove the requirement to transfer a patient when a patient's hemoglobin is low and to place that requirement under a consult requirement. Ms. Devaris had informed Mrs. Tyminski that there would be no legislation presented through the Board of Nursing for the 2019 session.

After discussion of the matter, the Committee requested that Mrs. Tyminski again approach Ms. Devaris with this issue, noting that it is a matter of having the law reflect best practice rather than leaving something in the law that does not reflect best practice. The language that was agreed upon was:

8-6C-03 (18): Severe anemia, defined as hemoglobin less than 10 g/dL at the onset of care or before third trimester labs; and

8-6C-04 (22): Severe anemia, defined as hemoglobin at or less than 9 g/dL at the time of or after third trimester labs;

**Ethics Regulations**

The Committee reviewed the Ethics Regulations proposal as drafted by Mr. Conti. Ms. Giblin presented them on behalf of Mr. Conti. The Committee had a discussion as to whether "Patient" or "Client" should be defined, as Direct-Entry Midwives refer to their patients as clients. Ms. Giblin indicated that the regulations were drafted similar to the regulations for nurses. It was decided to leave the definition as "Patient". There was similar discussion as to whether a patient is always a woman. Ms. Kriebs felt "Abandonment" should be defined. She suggested that someone look to see how AIMM defines abandonment. Others felt it was not necessary to define abandonment. It was decided that the regulation proposal would be reviewed again at the June 8, 2018 meeting. Ms. Kriebs asked that the Committee members review the regulations prior to the meeting and send their suggested changes or additions to Ann Tyminski and Shetarah Goodwin so that they can compile a list ahead of the meeting.

**June 8, 2018**

The Committee decided to meet on June 8, 2018 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed ethics regulations again and making final changes so that they can be submitted for promulgation. The Committee will be prepared to review any applications that may be received.

**Closed Session**

On a motion made, seconded and voted the Committee left open session at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a brief closed session. Following closed session, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator

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