

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

**Open Session Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2020**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Committee Members</b>			
Elizabeth Reiner	Committee member (LDEM)	X	
Jessica Watkins	Committee member (consumer)	X	
Karen Webster	Committee member (LDEM)	X	
Dr. Kai Parker	Chairperson (LDEM)	X	
Julia Perkins	Committee member (CNM)	X	
Jan Kriebs	Committee member (CNM)		X
Dr. Harold Fox	Committee member (Maryland Hospital Association Representative)		X
<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Lindsey Snyder	Assistant Attorney General	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
<b>Guests:</b>			

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<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson	There were 5 Committee members present at the Open Session DEMS Advisory Committee meeting.	At 10:10 a.m. Dr. Kai Parker, Chairperson, called the Open Session to order.
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson	<p>The Committee members present reviewed the September 4, 2020 Open Session Meeting minutes.</p> <p>The Committee members present reviewed the October 16, 2020 Open Session Meeting minutes. There were no suggested changes to the October 16, 2020 minutes.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Dr. Kai Parker for the Committee's approval of the September 4, 2020 Open Session Meeting minutes with one change. The motion was voted upon by the Committee members present. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Kai Parker for the Committee's approval of the October 16, 2020 Open Session Meeting minutes. The motion was voted upon by the Committee members present. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
<b>3. Review of new applications for initial licensure as</b>	Monica Mentzer,	The Committee members reviewed four applications for initial licensure as Direct-Entry Midwives in Maryland utilizing a	

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<p><b>Direct-Entry Midwives</b></p>	<p>Manager of Practice</p>	<p>check list to ensure each applicant meets all requirements for licensure.</p> <p>1. Samantha Sewell</p> <p>2. Maureen McIver</p>	<p>1. The Committee members present reviewed the application submitted by Samantha Sewell. The application is incomplete as the official educational transcript to the Board is pending. All other requirements for licensure are met. A motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner to accept the application to recommend the applicant for licensure, pending the receipt of official transcript. The motion was seconded Jessica Watkins. There were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>2. The Committee members present reviewed the application and supporting documentation submitted by Maureen McIver. The official report of the results of the Criminal History Record Check (CHRC) to the Board's Background Review Department is pending. All</p>

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		3. Tess Brody	<p>other requirements are met. A motion was made to approve the application pending the Board's receipt of the CHRC official report showing no criminal history, by Karen Webster, and seconded by Elizabeth Reiner. There were none opposed, and no abstentions. The motion carried to approve the application upon the Board's receipt of the official report of the CHRC showing no criminal history.</p> <p>3. The Committee members present reviewed the application submitted by Tess Brody. The official report of the results of the CHRC to the Board's Background Review Department is pending. All other requirements are met. A motion was made to approve the application pending the Board's receipt of CHRC official report showing no criminal history, by Karen Webster, and seconded by Elizabeth Reiner. There were none opposed, and no abstentions. The motion</p>

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		<p>4. Nicole Williams</p>	<p>carried to approve the application upon the Board's receipt of official report of the CHRC showing no criminal history.</p> <p>4. The Committee members present reviewed the application submitted by Nicole Williams. The application is incomplete as the official educational transcript to the Board is pending and the official results of the CHRC to the Board's Background Review are also pending. All other requirements for licensure are met. A motion was made by Julia Perkins to accept the application to recommend the applicant for licensure, pending the receipt of official transcript and pending the receipt of the official CHRC results showing no criminal history. The motion was seconded Karen Webster. There were none opposed and no abstentions.</p>

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<p><b>4. Review of draft FY 2020 Report for the Licensed Direct Entry Midwives, required by the Maryland Annotated Code, Health Occupations Article, Title 8, Section 8-6C-12(a)(10) and the recommendations from the Committee to be included with the report</b></p>	<p>Lindsey Snyder, Board Counsel</p> <p>Monica Mentzer, Board Staff</p>	<p>The Committee members were presented with a draft copy of the FY 2020 Report for the Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives, required by the Maryland Annotated Code, Health Occupations Article, Title 8, Subtitle 6.C, Section 8-6C-12(a)(10) for review and discussion.</p> <p>A request for the Committee members to provide input on the following topics for inclusion in the report;</p> <p>(1)Any Committee recommendations regarding the continuation and improvement of the licensure of licensed direct-entry midwives in the State, (2)Any recommendations regarding expanding the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives, and</p> <p>(3)Any recommendations, including recommendations for legislation, regarding the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives to include vaginal birth after cesarean delivery.</p>	<p>The Committee members were provided with additional documentation from Data Collection Forms that had been received since the initial review of the Data Collection Forms at the October 16, 2020 open session meeting.</p> <p>The Committee members present discussed the Committees recommendations regarding the three topics:</p> <p>(1) Any Committee recommendations regarding the continuation and improvement of the licensure of licensed direct-entry midwives in the State.</p> <p>–The Committee members had no recommendations.</p> <p>(2) Any recommendations regarding expanding the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives.</p> <p>– The Committee members present made the recommendation to expand</p>

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			<p>the scope of practice of LDEMS to include assisting women with vaginal births after caesarian section.</p> <p>(3) Any recommendations, including recommendations for legislation, regarding the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives to include vaginal birth after cesarean delivery.</p> <p>– The Committee members present made the recommendation to expand the scope of practice of LDEMS to include assisting women with vaginal births after caesarian section.</p>
<p><b>5. Review of Informed Consent document with proposed revisions approved by Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs)</b></p>	<p>Karen Webster, Committee Member</p>	<p>The Committee members reviewed the current Board-approved LDEM Informed Consent Form and the proposed revised Informed Consent Form.</p>	<p>Karen Webster will follow-up with Jan Kriebs, Committee member, regarding suggested changes to the proposed Informed Consent Form discussed at the September 4, 2020 Open Session</p>

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			Meeting and will present the information to the Committee members at the next Committee Open Session meeting, scheduled for December 4, 2020.
<b>6. Review of the DEMS Advisory Committee Quarterly Report to the Board (1st Quarter FY '21) presented to the Board on October 28, 2020</b>	Monica Mentzer, Manager of Practice	The Committee members were provided with a copy of the Quarterly Report to the Board (1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter FY'21) presented at the Board's Open Session Meeting on October 28, 2020 for review.	The Committee members present had no questions or comments to the 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter FY '21 DEMS Advisory Committee Quarterly Report to the Board.
<b>7. Review of proposed dates for calendar year 2021 Committee meetings</b>	Monica Mentzer, Manager of Practice	Review of proposed dates for calendar year 2021 Committee meetings: January 8 (January 1, is a state holiday), February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 15 (moved to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday to have results of Data Collection Forms), November 5, December 3	The proposed dates for the Committee meetings in calendar year 2021 were discussed by the Committee members present. The dates for the meetings were accepted and there were no changes made to the proposed dates.
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Dr. Kai Parker, Committee Chairperson	Prior to the adjournment of the Open Session Agenda, Dr. Kai Parker read the Open Meetings Act Statement to close the meeting in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305.	At 12:02 p.m. a motion was made by Elizabeth Reiner and seconded by Jessica Watkins to close the Open Session meeting and proceed with the Closed Meeting Session.