

## MINUTES

### DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 12, 2017

The May 12, 2017 meeting of the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Alexa R. Richardson, Chair. Those in attendance were: Harold Fox, Jessica Watkins, and Kai Parker. Also present by telephone were Jan Kriebs and Elizabeth Reiner. Staff persons present were Sarah Pendley, AAG; and Ann Tyminski, Administrator. Absent was Julia Perkins who was out of town.

The minutes of the April 14, 2017 meeting were approved as read except for a typo under Practice Act Review. Corrected language is "Ms. Devaris reported she would like to retire at year's end."

The Committee reviewed the marked-up standard renewal application used by nursing and electrology that had been changed to reflect the practice for DEMs. The Committee rejected the application and has requested that a renewal application similar to the initial application be prepared. Mrs. Tyminski will work on this and collaborate with Ms. Richardson. Ms. Pendley requested that the new language regarding disciplinary questions be incorporated and that the home and business addresses appear consecutively so the licensee can choose which address will appear in the Board's records.

The updated list of continuing education providers was reviewed and approved with slight changes. The Committee voted that the list would be presented to the BON at its May 24 meeting.

A question was raised as to whether a meeting had yet taken place between DHMH officials and the Midwifery Association regarding the cumbersome process for filing information for birth certificates. No one has heard that the meeting has been scheduled. Ms. Richardson related that she has filed several births in the past month, and the process is very long and time-consuming.

The Committee next discussed how the NARM bridge program could be used as acceptable continuing education for initial licensure. Ms. Richardson will provide the committee with a comparison of the current NARM bridge requirements and current DEMs bridge requirements. The Committee considered Ms. Devaris' suggestion at April's meeting that a focus group be formed to study this issue. After discussion, the Committee decided that a focus group was not necessary since stakeholders had previously gathered, and the requirements for continuing education for initial licensure are clear in the statute. The main problem has been that the suggested continuing education courses that appear in the initial application material continue to change or stop being offered at all.

Mrs. Tyminski requested clarification of the process when a person does not renew the license and fails to send in the Data Collection form. The answer is that the person is then put on inactive status.

The quarterly report that was submitted to the Board of Nursing in April was reviewed. The members felt the report accurately depicted the Committee's first quarter activities.

A review of the Practice Act for possible legislative changes in the 2081 session was continued from April's meeting. Since meeting time had run out, this process will be continued at the June 9 meeting and hopefully will be concluded at that time. Ms. Pendley reported that Ms. Devaris had sent out an e-mail that she needed legislative proposals by May 24. However, the DEMs changes could possibly be presented through the Association if DHMH does not wish to include those changes in its legislative package. Members were requested to continue their review of the Act and submit any suggested changes to Mrs. Tyminski or Ms. Richardson as soon as possible.

Ms. Reiner asked if the investigative report of one of the applicants had been completed. Mrs. Tyminski and Ms. Pendley both reported that they had expected the report for the May meeting but it had not been received. The Committee has requested that Mrs. Tyminski ask the Deputy Director or the Executive Director to intervene in this matter.

There being no further business for the time allotted, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. Ms. Kriebs indicated she would not be available for the June meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator