

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairperson, Alexa Richardson. Also present were committee members: Jan Kriebs, Jessica Watkins, Julie Perkins, Harold Fox, and Kai Parker. Elizabeth Reiner was present via telephone. Staff members present were: Sarah Pendley, AAG; Ann Tyminski, Administrator; and Shetarah Goodwin, Administrative Officer.

Ms. Goodwin, a new staff member, was introduced to all. She is assigned to Advanced Practice and part of her duties are support to Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee.

Minutes

The Minutes of the June 9, 2017 meeting were read and approved. A letter to the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) was to be sent after the June 9 meeting. Because of pressures of licensing advanced practice nurses, Mrs. Tyminski had been unable to draft the letter. The Committee directed that the letter to MHA be sent enclosing a copy of the General Written Care Plan for Direct-Entry Midwives to be shared with member hospitals.

Renewal Application Form

The draft renewal application form for the 2017 renewal of DEMs licenses was reviewed in depth. Several changes were made to the draft. Mrs. Tyminski will send a revised form to Ms. Richardson and Ms. Pendley for their review. The renewal applications should have gone out in July, but due to the revisions they will not be sent out until after the August meeting.

Data Collection Form

The Direct-Entry Midwives are obligated to fill out and send into the Board of Nursing offices the Data Collection Form prior to October 1. The Committee will then review the forms at its November meeting, and aggregate data as required by law, will be forwarded to the Legislature by December 1.

Comparison of NARM Bridge Requirements vs. Maryland Bridge Requirements

Ms. Richardson presented a comparison of NARM Bridge requirements and Maryland Bridge requirements. After discussion, Ms. Kriebs indicated she would take the comparison to the Executive Committee of Maryland's affiliate of ACNM. The Committee decided to revisit the comparison at its August meeting. In the meantime, Ms. Richardson will reach out to stakeholders regarding possible Adoption of the NARM Bridge requirements.

Filing of Birth Certificates

It was reported that the associations have been actively at work on the problem of filing birth certificates by Health Officers rather than by nurse midwives or direct-entry midwives. Nurse midwives will have the ability to file online shortly and the Department of Vital Statistics is working toward DEMs being able to file online soon. In the meantime, DEMs can now file with paper documents.

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Closed Session

A motion was made and unanimously voted to enter Closed Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss applications. The Committee came out of Closed Session at 11:50 a.m. to return to Open Session.

Proposed Changes to Practice Act

Mrs. Tyminski requested Ms. Richardson to let her know exactly where the Practice Act review ended. In the meantime, Mrs. Tyminski will prepare the suggested changes for DEMs Committee to review in August.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator
Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee