

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 8, 2019**

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the "Committee") was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Chairperson, Dr. Kai Parker. The meeting was held at the Maryland Board of Nursing, (the "Board"), 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215. Present at the meeting were Committee members Dr. Kai Parker, Dr. Harold Fox, Jessica Watkins, and Elizabeth Reiner. Present by telephone was Jan Kriebs. Staff members present were Ann Tyminski, Administrator; Monica J. Mentzer, Director of Practice; and Lindsey Snyder, AAG, Board Counsel. Members of the general public present were Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Puckett and Baby daughter, Stella.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 8, 2019 meeting were read and accepted on a motion made by Dr. Fox and seconded.

Data Collection Form

Jessica Watkins presented a revised data collection form for review. After a lengthy discussion that was mostly centered around just what licensed direct entry midwives are required to report to the legislature, it was decided that the form was not yet ready to present to the Board of Nursing. Ms. Watkins will incorporate the suggested changes into the form, send the revised document out to all members prior to the May meeting. It is hoped that the Committee members will have any further suggestions prepared so that the form can ultimately be approved at the May meeting to enable it being presented in final form to the Board of Nursing at its May meeting to ensure that it can be posted on the website prior in a timely manner. One of the biggest discussion points involved clients who have only partial care in Maryland. It was made clear that the legislators are interested in any care received in Maryland.

Secure E-mail

Several members expressed inability to access the documents sent through the secure e-mail. Mr. Stallsmith was informed, came to the meeting, and attempted to resolve the issues. It was again expressed to the Committee the importance of using the secure e-mail.

Checklist

Since Ms. Karen Webster was not present at the meeting, there was no checklist to review and discuss.

New Licensee Application

The application for licensure as a direct-entry midwife of Ryann Morales was reviewed. It was found that Ms. Morales met the minimum qualifications for licensure. On a motion made by Elizabeth Reiner, seconded and unanimously voted, the application will be presented to the Board of Nursing at its March 20 meeting.

Brittany Coffman

Mrs. Tyminski informed the Committee that the Board of Nursing had approved the application of Brittany Coffman at its February meeting and that Ms. Coffman is a licensed Direct-Entry Midwife.

Visitor Request

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Puckett requested a moment with the Committee and explained that they had a birth previously which ended in the death of their infant and extremely dangerous period of sepsis for Mrs. Puckett when she was finally transferred to the hospital. They have been trying to find some place that will hear their complaint since the person involved presented herself as a Certified Professional Midwife and is still seeing patients. She has not sought licensure as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland to their knowledge. They were directed to the Board's website's complaint form. Mrs. Tyminski suggested they send the completed form directly to her, and she will pass it on to Investigations.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. on a motion made by Dr. Fox and seconded Jan Kriebs. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator