

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 10, 2019

On a motion made by Harold Fox, seconded by Jan Kriebs, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Elizabeth Reiner at 10:05 a.m. Present at the meeting were Committee members Jan Kriebs, Dr. Harold Fox, Elizabeth Rainer and Jessica Watkins. Also present were Monica J. Mentzer, Director of Practice, Lindsey Snyder, AAG, Committee Counsel, Ann Tyminski, Administrator and Caitlin McDonough, guest. Absent were Dr. Kai Parker, Chairperson, Karen Webster, and Julia Perkins.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2019 were reviewed. Jan Kriebs moved to accept the minutes as presented, Harold Fox seconded. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Data Collection Form

The data collection as revised was approved with one minor correction. Jessica Watkins corrected the form at the meeting so that it could be presented to the Board of Nursing at its May meeting. On a motion made by Jan Kriebs and seconded by Harold Fox, the Data Collection form was accepted by the Committee as corrected.

New Direct-Entry Midwife Licensee Checklist

The New Direct-Entry Midwife Licensee Checklist was reviewed and some changes were made. Mrs. Tyminski will scan and send the marked up checklist to be amended by Julia Perkins and Karen Webster. The Committee will review the corrected checklist at its next meeting.

Updates to Board of Nursing Website

Under the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee page of the Board of Nursing's website, suggested changes such as removing the first paragraph describing the passage of the legislation allowing licensure, inserting the License requirements as outlined in statute, and explaining the powers and duties of the Committee were reviewed and by a motion made and unanimously voted were approved by the Committee. The changes will be presented to the Board of Nursing for approval once the revised list of Board-approved continuing education vendors is prepared.

Informational:

The quarterly report to the Board of Nursing from January 1 to March 31 was reviewed.

Other Business:

Elizabeth Reiner suggested the Committee and the Board of Nursing educate emergency personnel about direct-entry midwifery and Certified Professional Midwives. She felt that Direct-Entry Midwives and emergency responders need to have a proactive relationship. Jan Kriebs said that a bigger issue is for the direct-entry midwives to educate families so that they understand that under certain circumstances the direct-entry midwife must transfer the mother, the infant, or both to the hospital.

The family is not to interfere with such transfer. Ms. McDonough said she would be willing to coordinate some education with the professional associations and the Maryland Hospital Association. She explained that such outreach is the responsibility of the associations, not the Board of Nursing and DEMs need to forge relationships themselves. Dr. Fox mentioned that hospitals are the recipients of huge lawsuits connected with home births so from a hospital's perspective when a mother, baby or both are transported they may be in distress. Doctor Fox said that the data should be reviewed. Without data people won't listen to suggestions. Ms. McDonough reiterated she and the DEMs would team up with a group of professional associations for outreach and local responders.

Mrs. Tyminski explained that local responders have their own regulations to follow and sometimes they may be out on another emergency call and cannot immediately respond. The protocol is to send the call to the next nearest available responder which may delay a response.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made to not have a June meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m. with the understanding the next meeting would be July 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator