

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2019

On a motion made and seconded, the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the "Committee") meeting was called to order by Kai Parker at 10:17am. Present at the meeting were Committee members Kai Parker, Harold Fox, Karen Webster, Elizabeth Reiner and Jessica Watkins. Also present were Katherine Giblin, AAG, Board Counsel and Monica J. Mentzer, Director of Practice. Absent were Julia Perkins and Jan Kriebs.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on November, 2019 were reviewed and accepted.

Follow-up to two LDEMs Data Collection Forms, initially not submitted

Monica Mentzer called and sent letters via certified mail. Both midwives responded and the data was all zeros, so no data will need to be changed on the annual report to the legislature.

Follow-up to LDEM renewal application, missing 1 CEU, documentation provided

Monica Mentzer contacted the midwife, who did submit the missing documentation.

Review of two initial LDEM applications

Katrina Nakao - Motion to approve application was made by Jessica Watkins, seconded by Harold Fox, and unanimously approved.

Aza Nedhari - Motion to approve the application pending completion of the application was unanimously approved. Monica Mentzer will send back the application.

Issue with the education requirements

While reviewing applications, it was discovered that the education requirements in the regulations differ from those in the statute. The regulations and the application for licensure need to be updated to reflect the statute. Harold Fox also pointed out that the application is confusing because it requires to list a High School and the highest level of education, when it is normally assumed one has completed High School if they have a Master's degree.

Board Approved Continuing Education Providers for Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee section of BON web site

Monica Mentzer was going to follow up on whether the CE providers were posted to the BON web site. We discussed requiring all renewal applications to be due by September 1st to ensure their CEUs can be reviewed in time. We decided sending a statement with the renewal application was the best way to communicate that change. Katherine Giblin said she would draft a cover letter to accompany the renewal application.

Second Quarter Report to the Maryland Board of Nursing (the "Board") for the period from Oct. 1, 2019-Dec. 31, 2019 will be due to the board at the January Open Session Board Meeting

Monica suggested that we put more info into these reports that highlight the work we are doing. She will send out a sample quarterly report for us to look at and make suggestions of items to include.

Other Business

Elizabeth Reiner brought up a concern of due process for an applicant who had a hearing in October. She was meant to hear back in 30 days but hasn't. Katherine Giblin said there is no deadline for the board to issue a final order. There is an internal goal of 90 days, but there is no legal requirement.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Harold Fox moved to adjourn at 11:18am. Jessica Watkins seconded, and it was unanimously approved. The next meeting is scheduled for January 3rd, 2020, only if necessary. Otherwise we will plan to meet on February 7th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Watkins, Committee member

