

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 7, 2020

On a motion made and seconded, the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the "Committee") meeting was called to order by Kai Parker at 10:25am. Present at the meeting were Committee members Kai Parker, Karen Webster, Jan Kriebs and Jessica Watkins. Also present were Karen Evans, Executive Director, Maryland Board of Nursing, Jaray Richardson, Manager of Certification Division and Karen Carr, LDEM applicant. On the phone were Lindsey Snyder, AAG, Board Counsel, Monica J. Mentzer, Director of Practice, and Committee Member Elizabeth Reiner. Absent were Julia Perkins and Harold Fox.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2019 were reviewed and accepted on a motion made by Jan Kriebs and seconded by Karen Webster

Discussion of the statutes and regulations pertaining to educational requirements for an initial DEM license.

Karen Webster started the discussion by saying the PEP process is no longer prohibited and how the statute and regulations do not currently match. She said it has implications for students as well, that midwives can now accept students doing the PEP process. Kai Parker agreed, saying we need to fix the discrepancy. Monica Mentzer stressed the importance of referring back to the statute. Lindsey Snyder said it is our job to recommend to the board these proposed changes. As part of the process there is time for public comment before it would pass and be signed off by the secretary. Kai Parker asked if we could work on it during this meeting. It was agreed that we would come up with the language if time allowed for other business. Karen Evans said if we could get it done fast enough, we could present it during open session on Feb 26th.

Review of 2nd Quarter FY '20 Reported to the Board at the 1/22/2020 Open Session Board meeting and items for the 3rd Quarter FY '20 Report to the Board (due April, 2020)

We reviewed the report and Monica Mentzer asked us to consider any other information we would like to include in these Quarterly Reports going forward. She asked if anyone thinks of anything to add, we can send it to her email.

Update on COMAR 10.64 Code of Ethics

Monica Mentzer said that Rhonda Scott, Deputy Director, said it just needs to be signed by the governor, and that is likely to happen in February.

Update on the posting of the Administrator III position

Monica Mentzer said the position has been approved and the job will be posted within 3 weeks.

Committee Member Assignments

Monica Mentzer pointed out that most people on the committee will be finishing their 2nd term in December 2021. Karen Webster, Jan Kriebs and Jessica Watkins are eligible for a 2nd term. Jan Kriebs suggested inviting AIM members to join our meetings to see if any of them might want to join when we need new members.

Other Business

Jan Kriebs asked about sending a letter about when LDEMs should turn in license renewal applications. Karen Evans said we could send out reminder emails at 3 months and 30 days beforehand, as is their standard practice for nurses.

Karen Carr, LDEM applicant, said that she was told she would be granted a license, but she wanted to know when she could expect it. Karen Evans said that she and Lindsey had previously discussed and agreed it was appropriate that Karen Carr's license be issued. Karen Evans asked Monica Mentzer to license her on Monday when she returns to the office. At that point Karen Evans had to leave the meeting.

Language needed for changes to the regulations was discussed. Jaray Richardson passed out copies of the statute for us to keep and bring to future meetings. Lindsey Snyder told us the section that needed to be changed was Regulation 10.64.01.15. Kai Parker suggested that we use the same language from the statute to insert into the regulation. Following that suggestion, we decided on the phrase "shall have completed the NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate Program". Jan Kriebs recommended that we insert it as B2 of that section, and have the current B2 become B3.

Kai Parker also brought up that we need to make sure that students are protected as well. Elizabeth Reiner pointed out the section that pertains to students is 8.6C.06, which only requires a student to be engaged in an "approved clinical midwife educational experience" under the supervision of an LDEM. We were satisfied that it didn't require an update. Jessica Watkins agreed to type up the proposed change and email it to Lindsey Snyder and Monica Mentzer to review. It would need to be sent to Karen Evans by Feb 16th, 10 days before open session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Jan Kriebs moved to adjourn at 11:25am. Jessica Watkins seconded, and it was unanimously approved. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Watkins, Committee member