

OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (THE "COMMITTEE")  
TO THE MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING (THE "BOARD")  
September 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kai Parker at 10:09 a.m. The meeting was held remotely due to Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.'s declaration of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency in Maryland on March 5, 2020 in response to the spread of COVID-19. Present at the meeting were Committee members: Dr. Kai Parker, Dr. Harold Fox, Jan Kriebs, Elizabeth Reiner, Jessica Watkins, Julia Perkins, and Karen Webster. Also present were Assistant Attorney General- Board Counsel Lindsey Snyder and Board Staff, Manager of Practice, Monica J. Mentzer, and in attendance from the public: Maureen McIver and Paige Barocca.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on July 10, 2020 were reviewed. A suggestion to edit the minutes was made by Karen Webster to note that AIMM meetings have been held virtually since the COVID-19 Pandemic. A motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2020 meeting, with the one change as noted, was made by Jan Kriebs; the motion was seconded by Julia Perkins. All Committee members present voted in favor, there were no nays, no abstentions. The motion carried and passed to approve the July 10, 2020 minutes, with the change made to note that AIMM has had virtual meetings since the inception of the COVID-19 state of emergency.

### **Data Collection Forms**

Monica Mentzer updated the Committee that Data Collection forms were sent by U.S. postal service mail to all licensed direct-entry midwives ("DEMs") on June 29, 2020, and are due to the Board by October 1, 2020. To date, two responses have been received and two were resent, having been returned to sender due to insufficient addresses. Dr. Kai Parker reported she did not receive the document and requested Monica Mentzer to resend the document. This request was acknowledged and the document will be resent on 9/8/2020 by U.S. Postal Service. The Data Collections forms may be returned electronically to [MBON.LDEMS@maryland.gov](mailto:MBON.LDEMS@maryland.gov) , by fax to: 410-358-3530, or by the U.S. postal service to: The Maryland Board of Nursing, 4140 Patterson Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215.

### **Annual Report**

Monica Mentzer reported the data for FY '20 Annual Report (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) notes 7 Initial Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives, and 15 Renewals of Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives.

### **Discussion of revisions to Informed Consent Agreement**

Karen Webster reported that AIMM is working on the potential revisions to the Informed Consent Agreement and that she will forward any suggestions for revisions to Monica Mentzer, at: [MBON.LDEMS@maryland.gov](mailto:MBON.LDEMS@maryland.gov) when they are available to be placed on an upcoming agenda for review by the Committee.

### **Quarterly Reports**

Monica Mentzer provided the Committee members with a copy of the Quarterly Report to the Board for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY '20 (April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020) that was presented on July 22, 2020 to the Maryland Board of Nursing members at its Open Session Board meeting. Request for items to be placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY '21 Report July 1, 2020 – 9/30/2020) will be presented to the Maryland Board of Nursing at their October 28, 2020 Open Session Board meeting. Any items to be placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report to the Board will be due at the next Committee meeting, scheduled for October 16, 2020.

#### **General discussion/Questions**

Jan Kriebs asked the Committee members if there would be any opportunity for AIMM to promote Anti-Racism training materials to home birth providers that are required, by law, to be completed by CRNMs. Karen Webster noted that CPMs are required to complete cultural competency courses. Jan Kriebs offered to send additional information to Monica Mentzer for review and further follow-up on the training requirements before the next Committee meeting.

Maureen McIver had a question for the Committee regarding the requirements for CEUs on the application for initial Direct-Entry Midwife Licensure. The question was addressed by Lindsey Snyder who provided Ms. McIver and the Committee members a reading of the information in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Title 8, Section 8-6C-13(b) Certification and clinical requirements.

#### **Adjournment**

Dr. Kai Parker reviewed the required Open Session Meeting Act statement for the Committee to adjourn the open session meeting and move into a closed session. A motion was made by Jan Kriebs and seconded by Karen Webster to adjourn the open session meeting at 10:36 a.m. and move into closed session. All Committee members present voted in favor to adjourn the open session meeting; there were no nays, no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Mentzer, Board staff member