

**Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee
Maryland Board of Nursing
4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215**

**Open Session Committee Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2021**

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Committee Members			
Elizabeth Reiner	Committee member (LDEM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Jessica Watkins	Committee member(consumer)Appointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Karen Webster	Committee member (LDEM) Appointment ends 12/31/2023		X
Dr. Kai Parker	Chairperson (LDEM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Jan Kriebs	Committee member (CNM) Reappointment ends 12/31/2022	X	
Roxann Gordon	Committee member (CNM) Appointment ends 12/31/2024	X	
Dr. Harold Fox	Committee member (Maryland Hospital Association Representative) Reappointment ends 12/31/2021	X	
Board Counsel			
Lindsey Snyder	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Board Staff			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Guests:			

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1. Call to Order	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson	There were six Committee members present at the open session DEMS Advisory Committee meeting.	At 10:05 a.m., Dr. Kai Parker called the open session Committee meeting to order.
2. Approval of Minutes	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson	The Committee members present reviewed the January 8, 2021 open session meeting minutes.	A motion was made by Jan Kriebs and seconded by Roxann Gordon for the Committee's approval of the January 8, 2021 open session meeting minutes. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.
3. Review of an Application for Initial DEM Licensure	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson	<p>The Committee members reviewed the application of Chloe French seeking initial licensure as a direct-entry midwife in Maryland.</p> <p>The applicant's official transcript for education completed from Maternidad La Luz, El Paso, Texas is pending receipt to the Maryland Board of Nursing.</p> <p>The application form indicates the applicant completed a MEAC-accredited educational</p>	<p>The Committee obtained information during the meeting from MEAC representative, Ms. Tracy Paxamore, that Maternidad La Luz is no longer a MEAC-accredited midwifery program as of the end of 2019.</p> <p>The Committee determined it is unable to make a recommendation to the Board regarding licensure with the</p>

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<p>4. Review of Information Sheet – Licensure as a Direct-Entry Midwife (Educational Requirements Sections 5.A. and 5.B. that accompanies the Application For Licensure To Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery</p>	<p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff</p>	<p>program at the Maternidad La Luz, El Paso, Texas.</p> <p>There was discussion as to whether the Maternidad La Luz, Midwifery School is currently MEAC-accredited. It is not an ACME-accredited school.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer requested the Committee members review the current Board-approved Application for Licensure to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery and the accompanying Information Sheet to ensure the educational requirements reflected on the documents are consistent with the educational requirements in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations, § 8-6C-13.</p>	<p>information currently available. The Committee will review the applicant's official transcript upon receipt. Additionally, Monica Mentzer will obtain information form the director of the Maternidad La Luz Midwifery School. The Committee will review the application again at its next meeting with this additional information.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jan Kriebs, and seconded by Elizabeth Reiner to recommend that the Board make the following revisions to the documents:</p> <p>Application- on page 2, under Education, add "Verify completion of the NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate program" as item 3.B. of the Application. The current item 3.B. (unchanged) will become 3.C.</p>

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<p>5. Review of AIMM proposed changes to “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” document.</p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>The Committee members did not have a copy of the most recent AIMM proposed changes to the Informed Consent document to review.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer provided the Committee members with a copy of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations, § 8-6C-09: Informed consent agreements, effective date October 1, 2018, document for review.</p>	<p>Information Sheet- Add “Submit evidence of completion of the NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate Program (copy of the certificate)” as item 5.B. The current item 5.B. (unchanged) will become 5C.</p> <p>The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>Elizabeth Reiner will contact Maureen McIver and Karen Webster to obtain a copy of the most recent Informed Consent document with track changes from AIMM to review at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to table the discussion regarding the Informed Consent document until the most recent proposed changes by AIMM have been provided to the</p>

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			Committee members for review.
6. Other	Monica Mentzer, Manager of Practice, Board staff member	<p>Monica Mentzer updated the Committee regarding the presentation to the Maryland Board of Nursing at its open session meeting on January 27, 2021 with the Committee's recommendations as outlined below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee proposes that the Board reduce the initial license and renewal fees charged to DEMs, in consideration of equity, to be more consistent with other licensees regulated by the Board; or 2. The Committee proposes that the Board pro-rate a DEM's first renewal fee if the licensee is due to renew within 18 months of being issued an initial license; or 3. The Committee proposes that DEMs be required to renew every two years based upon the date their license was issued. 	<p>Elizabeth Reiner and Roxann Gordon were able to attend the January 27, 2021, open session Board meeting to add to the discussion regarding the Committee's proposals and to address any questions from the Board members.</p> <p>The Board members will consider the proposals and will report back to the Committee at a later date.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer reported to the Committee a follow-up letter was sent to the constituent regarding her concerns that prompted the recommendations to the Board.</p>

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7. Adjournment	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee Chairperson	Monica Mentzer will send out the Expense Report forms and sign-in sheet to the attending Committee members to complete and return to her to submit to the Board's fiscal department.	At 11:05 a.m. a motion was made by Jessica Watkins to close the open session meeting. The motion was seconded by Roxann Gordon. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2021.