

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

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Committee Members</b>			
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
<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Lindsey Snyder	Assistant Attorney General	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
<b>Guests:</b>			
Iman Farid	Health Policy Analyst	X	
Shannon Bolden	Doctoral student	X	

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<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee chairperson	There were six Committee members present at the open session DEMS Advisory Committee meeting.	At 10:06 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Kai Parker, chairperson.
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee chairperson	The Committee members present reviewed the February 5, 2021, open session meeting minutes.	A motion was made by Jessica Watkins and seconded by Elizabeth Reiner, for the Committee's approval of the February 5, 2021 open session meeting minutes. The motion was voted upon by the Committee members present. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.
<b>3. Review of application for initial licensure as a Direct-Entry Midwife</b>	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee chairperson	The Committee members present reviewed the application of Chloe French, for initial licensure as a Direct-Entry midwife in Maryland. The Committee members also reviewed the additional documentation that the applicant submitted that was not available to the Committee members at the February 5, 2021 Committee meeting and all additional documentation from the Midwifery Education Accreditation Counsel (MEAC) and the Clinical Director of the Maternidad La Luz Midwifery Education	A motion was made by Karen Webster to accept the application for Chloe French as complete and meeting all of the minimum requirements for initial licensure as a Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland and to recommend to the Board to accept the applicant for licensure. The motion was seconded by Jan Kriebs. The motion carried; there were

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		<p>Program that was obtained by Monica Mentzer. The checklist for review of an application was utilized to review the application for Chloe French.</p>	<p>none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
<p><b>4. Review of AIMM proposed changes to “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” document.</b></p>	<p>Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee chairperson</p>	<p>The Committee members present were provided with a copy of the proposed changes by the Association of Independent Midwives of Maryland (AIMM) to the “Informed Consent and Disclosure for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” document. The Committee members were provided a copy of the current approved Informed Consent document. The Committee members present reviewed and discussed all of the proposed changes item by item.</p> <p>The Committee members’ discussed the following revisions to the document:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hospital Transfer section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Committee recommends changing the last sentence of section B to: "If the midwife recommends that the client or baby transfer to a hospital, and if the client refuses, the midwife is required under law to call 911 and transfer."</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Liability Insurance section:</li> </ol>	<p>A motion was made by Jan Kriebs that the Committee approve the changes proposed by AIMM, with the additional changes as recommended by the Committee and present the document to the Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Reiner. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.</p> <p>Elizabeth Reiner will make the recommended changes as discussed to the document and will provide a copy of the updated document to Monica Mentzer prior to March 15, 2021.</p>

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<p><b>5. Review of HB 1032</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer, Board staff member</p>	<p>-The Committee recommends the following language: "<b>Liability Insurance</b> I understand that the midwife, _____, DOES or DOES NOT (midwife circle one) maintain professional liability insurance (medical malpractice insurance)."</p> <p>3. Filing a Complaint section: -Committee recommends adding a period to the end of the sentence in this section.</p> <p>4. The Committee recommends standardizing the document so it is gender neutral, by using the terms "midwife" and "client" exclusively throughout.</p> <p>Monica Mentzer provided the Committee members present with a copy of House Bill (HB) 1032, which proposes to expand the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives to permit the midwife to assume responsibility for a patient's pregnancy and birth care if the patient had a prior cesarean section under certain conditions.</p>	



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		<p>Monica Mentzer notified the Committee members that the Expense Reports for today's meeting will be sent to the Committee members present by U.S. Postal Service from the office on Monday, March 8, 2021, and to be sure to sign and date the Expense Reports before returning them in the U. S. Postal Service.</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting for the Committee is April 2, 2021.</p>	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	Dr. Kai Parker, LDEM, Committee chairperson		At 11:33 a.m. a motion was made by Jan Kriebs to close the open session meeting. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Reiner. The motion carried; there were none opposed and no abstentions.