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

**Open Session Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2023**

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
<b>Committee Members</b>			
Paige Barocca, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: June 22, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
Tess Brody, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026	X	
Brittany Coffman, LDEM	Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 26, 2022 – December 31, 2025		X
Dr. Mairi Breen Rothman, CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 31, 2023 – January 31, 2027	X	
Roxann Gordon, CNM (Chair)	Chair, Certified Nurse Midwife Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024		X
VACANT	Representative of Maryland Hospital Association Member 1 <sup>st</sup> Four-Year Term: January 31, 2022 – December 31, 2026 <b>Note:</b> Vacancy because prior member resigned. A member appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed. Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-6C-11(g)(4).		
Jessica Watkins	Consumer Member 2 <sup>nd</sup> Four-Year Term: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General	X	

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Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General		X
<b>Guests (Members of Public), if Applicable</b>			
Diana Shu	Maryland Hospital Association	X	
Ann Burke	Maryland Hospital Association	X	
Hadassah Bellot		X	
Shannon Serrano		X	

Agenda Item (Subject)	Responsible Party	Discussion	Results
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member, leader of meeting)  Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)	Ms. Barocca volunteered to lead the meeting in absence of Ms. Roxann Gordon, CNM, Committee chairperson. The following Committee members were present at the time the meeting was called to order, sufficient for a quorum: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tess Brody, LDEM;</li> <li>2. Jessica Watkins, Consumer Member;</li> <li>3. Paige Barocca, LDEM;</li> <li>4. Mairi Rothman, CNM.</li> </ol> The meeting was held via conference call and the call-in information and agenda were posted on the Board's website at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.	Jessica Watkins, Consumer Member moved and Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion to call the meeting to order. The motion passed unanimously with no objections or abstentions. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.
<b>2. Approval of Open Session Meeting Minutes from Committee Meeting on January 6, 2023</b>	Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member, leader of meeting)	The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from its Open Session meeting on January 6, 2023  The Committee reviewed the January 6, 2023 minutes, as written and presented, without any changes or additions.	Jessica Watkins, Consumer Member moved and Tess Brody, LDEM, seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Committee's Open Session meeting on

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			January 6, 2023, as written and reviewed. The motion passed unanimously, with no objections and one abstention.
<p><b>3. Committee member appointment by the Maryland Board of Nursing –Dr. Mairi Breen Rothman, CNM, DM, FACNM (effective date January 31, 2023)</b></p>	<p>Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member, leader of meeting)</p>	<p>Ms. Barocca welcomed Dr. Mairi Rothman, CNM, DM, FACNM to the Committee. Dr. Rothman was appointed by the Board at its Open Session Board meeting on January 25, 2023, with an effective date of appointment noted as January 31, 2023. This is Dr. Rothman’s first term of appointment to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>There is no action required by the Committee at this time.</p>
<p><b>4. Review of proposal to provide an Individual Transfer Care Plan template as a resource for licensed DEMs</b></p>	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p> <p>Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member, leader of meeting)</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer provided the Committee with the updated draft document “Individual Transfer Care Plan for the Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife” to review and discuss. This template form is for guidance purposes only, and it must be individualized for each client.</p> <p>Following review and discussion of the updated draft document “Individual Transfer Care Plan” for Practice of Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives, the Committee requested that that the heading (which reads “TEMPLATE FOR GUIDANCE PURPOSES ONLY”) and the Disclaimer (which explains the nature of the document and that it is for guidance purposes only) be highlighted in yellow and that the line for the “Date” on page 3 of the document be</p>	<p>Ms. Tess Brody, LDEM, moved and Ms. Jessica Watkins, Consumer Member, seconded to motion to approve the “Individual Transfer Care Plan” template to be made available as guidance to Maryland Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives with non-substantive changes, as discussed. The motion passed unanimously, with no objections and one abstention.</p>

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	<p>Monica Mentzer (Board Staff)</p>	<p>lengthened to be the same as the Client Name and Client Signature lines. There were no additional recommended changes to the document.</p>	<p>Ms. Mentzer will make the requested changes to the “Individual Transfer Care Plan” and present the document to the Practice and Education Committee, scheduled to meet on February 10, 2023 to obtain additional approval, and then to the full Maryland Board of Nursing as its next scheduled Open Session Board meeting on February 22, 2023 for final approval.</p>
<p><b>5. Public Business</b></p>	<p>Paige Barocca, LDEM (Committee member, leader of meeting)</p>	<p>Ms. Barocca asked the Committee to review the Appendix attachment to the Informed Consent for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland for any necessary changes that may be needed to the Appendix portion of the document.</p> <p>Ms. Barocca will provide the suggested changes to the Appendix page of the approved Informed Consent for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife.</p>	<p>This item was tabled for further discussion regarding the Appendix attachment to the currently approved Informed Consent for Birth with a Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife in Maryland.</p>



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	(Committee member, leader of meeting)	The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.	FACNM seconded to adjourn the Committee's Open Session meeting. The motion passed unanimously with no objections or abstentions. The Committee adjourned at 11:25 a.m.