

Direct- Entry Midwives Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2016

The January 8, 2016 meeting of the Direct-Entry Midwives Advisory Committee was held in the Board of Nursing Board Room at 10:00 a.m.

Those present were the following Members: Jan Kriebs, CNM, MSN, FACNM; Alexa Richardson, CPM; Deana Frank-Consumer Member; Kai Parker, CPM (via telephone); Elizabeth Reiner, CPM (via telephone); Caitlin McDonough (representing AIMM), Anna Jeffers, Board of Pharmacy; and Harold Fox, MHA.

Also present: A'Lise Williams, Director of Nursing Practice.

Those in attendance introduced themselves, stated their work setting, and their involvement with the Direct-Entry Midwives Advisory Committee. Ms. Richardson gave an update on the progress of the Stakeholder meeting. This group has held two meetings thus far, and the final meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2016.

A draft interim report was distributed to DEM Advisory Council members who were present at the meeting. This report will be presented to the Board of Nursing through A'Lise Williams at the next full BON meeting. The report included the term expiration dates for the various Committee members. Deana Frank and Julie Perkins terms expire in 2016; Kai Parker, Harold Fox, and Elizabeth Reiner terms expire in 2017; and Jan Kriebs and Alexa Richardson terms expire in 2018.

The Informed Consent Documentation has been worked on but is not completed. Ms. Richardson raised her concern that stakeholders were attempting to use the documents that the Workgroup was working on for the purpose of limiting women's birth choices. Overall, the group is making solid progress in the designated areas of informed consent documents, standardized transfer forms and the formulary. The group is also working on appropriate language for the documents that will have some combination of medical terms and will also include simpler language in layperson terms for understandability and accuracy.

The Formulary is almost complete. Much of the discussion pertained to various antibiotics for Group B Strep. Doctor Fox and Jan Kriebs raised concerns regarding which antibiotics would be included in the formulary. The formulary will be a simple list of medications. It will not list details for use of those medications. However, the workgroup report to the BON should include details on how the Committee arrived at the medications to be on the list. There is also a provision that allows DEMs to use medications not listed on the formulary when they act as an agent of a licensed prescriber. The Board of Pharmacy approved the provision after review.

Anna Jeffers, who represented the Board of Pharmacy, stated that the draft formulary had been reviewed by an internal pharmacist who had no concerns thus far. As the interim report is to go to the Board of Nursing at their meeting of January 20, 2016 any changes should be submitted as soon as possible.

The Statute says, "obtain and administer". It is hoped that the practical implications of this language is clarified through regulation and policy. After discussion of three potential options for obtaining medications, i.e., (1) directly ordering from wholesalers; (2) Standing order through DHMH-Public Health; or (3) Coordination with licensed prescribers, Ms. Williams agreed to check with

wholesalers for information that is required from a DEM. A question arose as to whether the BON will issue license number suffixes.

The next item was a review of the Draft Application. The BON will request MEIMSS to review a list of hospitals and labor and delivery functions. Doctor Fox will work with MHA to verify phone numbers and point of contact for each hospital.

There was discussion of the Data Collection Form. The Committee clarified that the last person to treat a client and who initiates transfer is the individual who should provide the data report on that client. This will avoid duplicate submissions. A list of morbidities is to be added. Reported requirements are to be defined to make language standard. Transfers are to be listed by type of timing- during labor, postpartum, etc. Breastfeeding report to be moved to its own section. Report should be status as of last visit at 6 weeks, to be consistent with MANA stats.

Ms. Williams updated the Committee that Shirley Devaris, BON Legislative Officer, is working on the regulations.

The next and final meeting of the Stakeholders will be held January 29, 2016 in the Board of Nursing Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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