

OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

The February 10, 2017 meeting of the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee was called to order by Alexa Richardson, LDEM, Chairperson, at 10:10 a.m. Also present were: Jan Kriebs, Harold Fox, Elizabeth Reiner, Jessica Watkins, Kai Parker, Julie Perkins, Sharon Allen. Guest: Carla Lol, nursing student. Mrs. Tyminski arrived at 10:15 a.m.

The Committee's newest consumer member, Jessica Watkins, was introduced and welcomed. Sabita Persaud, Board of Nursing President, presented Carla Lol, a Masters in Nursing Student, to observe the proceedings.

**Minutes** – The minutes of the January 13, 2017 open session minutes were reviewed and approved as read.

**BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUE** – Sarah Pendley, AAG, reported on her conversation with the Board Counsel for Vital Records. She said that the law requires a local health officer to sign off on birth certificates no matter how they are submitted. Vital Records may interpret its own statute and regulations, and the reference in the DEMs statute points to the Vital Records' act. Therefore, reporting of births must be in compliance with Vital Records' direction. The board counsel for Vital Records reported that Vital Records does not wish to include midwives as reporters of births. Discussion ensued regarding whether Geneva Sparks, Registrar, Vital Records, could be invited to a meeting of the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee. Mrs. Tyminski was requested to ask Mr. Proctor to attempt to set up such a meeting. Since midwives (both DEMs and CNMs) are anxious to resolve this issue, the March meeting of the DEMs will be offered to Ms. Sparks. Mr. Proctor will be asked to attend. If this date is not suitable, then a request will be made for an alternate date where key DEMs and CNMs can meet with Ms. Sparks. That meeting will also include Mr. Proctor if he is available.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE-** Although the statute requires 20 CEUs for renewal of a license, there are no continuing education regulations for the Direct-Entry Midwives. Mrs. Tyminski suggested that CEU regulations be drafted since continuing education is a big issue with the legislature. Ms. Richardson recommended that the most appropriate thing to do, so as to not create duplicate requirements between renewal of licensure and renewal of NARM certification, is to state that approved CEUs for MBON LDEM renewal would be the same as those accepted by NARM which is the CPM national accrediting body.

Discussion continued as to whether there should be additional CEU requirements other than national certification by NARM. Mrs. Tyminski was requested to work on language for DEMs CEU requirements, and there will be further discussion at the March meeting.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO STATUTE OR REGULATIONS** – The Committee commenced a review of the current statute to prepare for the 2018 Legislative Session. The Committee desires to clarify the language of 8-6C-03. Some of the language is contrary to the list of problems cases that are included. This language severely limits the terms under which a LDEM can accept a patient or continue to treat a patient. It is suggested to remove “history of” and change to “if any of the following disorders or situations is found to be present at the initial interview or if any of the following disorders or situations occur as prenatal care proceeds.....”

The Committee recommends changing #30 on the list of disorders or situations in 8-6C.03 to “primary genital herpes simplex virus infection: primary genital infection during pregnancy, or active genital lesions at the time of delivery.”

8-6C.08 (f) (2) (ii) – Should read: (ii) To the accepting health care [team] **provider**, a verbal summary of the care provided to the patient by the licensed direct-entry midwife.

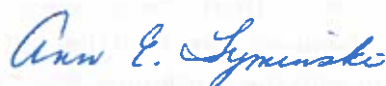
Because time was running short, the Committee will defer the remainder of the statute review to its March meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION** - On a motion made, seconded and unanimously voted, the Committee entered into closed session at 11:36 a.m. for the purpose of discussing applications for licensure. The visitor was requested to leave.

Ms. Richardson was interested in the investigative process which was explained further by Ms. Pendley.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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