

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 12, 2019

On a motion made by Elizabeth Reiner, seconded by Jessica Watkins, the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dr. Kai Parker at 10:25 a.m. Present at the meeting were Committee members Dr. Kai Parker, Elizabeth Reiner, Karen Webster, Jessica Watkins, and Julia Perkins. Also present were Monica J. Mentzer, Director of Practice; Lindsey Snyder, Assistant Attorney General – Counsel to the Board of Nursing; and Ann Tyminski, Administrator. Absent were Harold Fox, MD and Jan Kriebs, RN, CNM.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on May 10, 2019 were reviewed. Ms. Reiner suggested that her concern was not that EMT response was slow, but rather, that emergency responders and licensed direct-entry midwives need to have a proactive relationship and procedure to be utilized in the case of an emergency and transfer of infant and mother. Ms. Reiner then moved to accept the May 10, 2019 minutes with that change. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved with the suggested change.

Checklist

The New Direct-Entry Midwife Licensee Checklist was presented by Julia Perkins with the changes the Committee had previously requested. In the review process, the Committee discussed that the last tab should read, “Complete a minimum of 4-hours’ peer review according to NARM standards.” Although the checklist was originally created to be sent out with the new licensee letter, the Committee felt that additionally, the checklist should be posted on the website under “Forms and Documents” so that all direct-entry midwives will have access to that form. Jessica Watson moved to accept the New Direct-Entry Midwife Licensee Checklist with the correction and to post the corrected version on the website. Karen Webster seconded the motion and the motion passed. When the correction has been made, the checklist will be presented to the Board of Nursing for its approval.

Confidentiality Agreement

The Confidentiality Agreement that all Board of Nursing Committee members are requested to sign was presented to the Committee. After questions, all five committee members who were present at the meeting signed the agreement.

Articles

Three articles that Ms. Mentzer thought would be of interest to the Committee were read and discussed. The article, "Maryland Newborns To Be Screened for Four Additional Conditions" by the Maryland Department of Health spoke to the fact that additional disorders that Maryland newborn babies will be screened for are: Pompe disease, Fabry disease, Mucopolysaccharidosis type I (MPS I) and Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). Ms. Webster said that Pennsylvania and Delaware have a lot of information regarding newborn screenings but Maryland does not have much information. Ms. Mentzer referred the DEMs to the Maryland Maternal and Child Bureau for information.

The next article reviewed was "Distance from Home Birth to Emergency Obstetric Services and Neonatal Outcomes: A Cohort Study". The conclusion of the study was that there is no increased risk of adverse neonatal outcomes for those who planned a home birth more than 30 minutes from emergency obstetric services in this context." The study was partially funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research through a planning grant. Ms. Reiner remarked that reading that study makes one feel better about serving rural clients.

"Home and Birth Center Birth in the United States, "Time for Greater Collaboration Across Models of Care" was the final article reviewed and discussed. The Committee found the article interesting from a Public Health standpoint. Ms. Reiner found that the authors had collaborated with ACOG interesting. It was pointed out that this article as well as the article above dealt with low risk healthy women.

Nursing Board Per Diem Compensation Rates

The policy on compensation rates for Committee members was reviewed. Because expense sheets are time sensitive, it was suggested that members take at least one expense form home to fill in if they call in to a meeting.

Next Meeting

Although the next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2019, the Committee will hold that meeting only if there are urgent items to consider. The Committee will hold a meeting as scheduled on October 11, 2019 to review and compile the data collection information that is required to be presented to the Board of Nursing by November 1, 2019 and to the Legislature by December 1, 2019.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Webster moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski, Administrator