

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

June 9, 2015
9:00 AM

Best Western Lake Front Hotel
Lake Room
3000 West Marina Drive
Moses Lake, WA 98837

On June 9, 2015 the Midwifery Advisory Committee met at the Best Western Lake Front Hotel, Lake Room, 3000 West Marina Drive, Moses Lake, WA and by webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA WEBINAR

SUNITA IYER, ND, LM, CHAIR
ALI TROMBLAY, LM, VICE CHAIR
ALI LEWIS, MD
CONSTANCE FREY, LM
MARGARET OSTERVOLD, PUBLIC MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT

TRINA CASTLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER
SANDIE PEARSON, PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE
KRYSTL MURPHY, AAG

MEMBERS ABSENT

ROBERT PALMER, JR., MD
COLLEEN DONOVAN-BATSON, CNM

GUESTS PRESENT IN PERSON

CYNTHIA FLYNN
LORRI CARR
EUDINE STEVENS

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 – 9:00 AM – Open Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Sunita Ayer, Chair at 9:11 a.m.

1.1 Introductions

Committee members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The committee reviewed and approved the agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed and discussed the March 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Frey asked that Item 6 Washington State Specific Component Exam include information regarding exam issues that she presented and the committee discussed during the March 17, 2015 committee meeting. Staff will update the March 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes to reflect Ms. Frey's request. The updated meeting minutes will be presented to the committee for approval at the September 15, 2015 committee meeting. Updated meeting information will be posted to listserv and to the Midwifery Program website.

1.4 Correspondence, Letter from MAWS

Committee members were provided a copy of the email from Audrey Levine, Chair, Legislative and Policy Committee of the Midwives Association of WA State (MAWS) regarding PROM. Ms. Tromblay asked why the committee was asking for input from MAWS. It was explained that at the March meeting, the committee asked for feedback from MAWS regarding PROM, the email is the feedback received. The email stated, in part, that the recommendations in the MAWS document, "Indications for Discussion, Consultation, and Transfer of Care in a Home or Birth Center Midwifery Practice" are evidence-based—or at least that was the case when this current version of the document was approved. Additionally, this document gets reviewed and revised every two years and will be up for revision in 2016. Program staff will consider including further discussion as an agenda item at a future meeting.

1.5 Announcements

Kathy Weed, Program Manager presented Sunita Iyer with a commemorative gift and thanked her for serving on the committee. Ms. Weed shared that she will begin the recruitment process to fill the position held by Ms. Iyer.

2. **PRESENTATION ON THE COORDINATED QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CQIP)** – Information was provided to the committee by Coordinated Quality Improvement Program staff, Patti Rathbun. A brief history of CQIP was provided to the committee. The purpose of CQIP is to improve the quality of healthcare services provided to patients. Ms. Rathbun explained the details and requirements of applying for a CQIP. A question was asked regarding how to get a status update on a CQIP application. Ms. Rathbun suggested that they contact Jovi Swanson of the CQIP program.

3. **RULES WORKSHOP** – Information was provided to the committee by Program Manager, Kathy Weed and sub-committee members. The committee discussed and provided feedback on appropriate elements of care for the newborn, examination requirements, applicants from non-approved schools and other parts of the chapter that are open.

Ms. Weed explained that House Bill 1773 was passed by the legislature in 2014 and has several components that require drafting rule language. Currently, Ms. Weed and the department's rules and policy office are drafting rule language relating to newborn care, examination requirements, and applicants from non-approved schools.

Committee members were presented with information about other states laws that address newborn care as well as information from MANA regarding newborn care. Ms. Tromblay shared that she finds it somewhat inconsistent to define what newborn care consists of since the current midwifery rules don't define what is consisted in the care of the mother. Ms. Iyers asked whether the rules were being drafted due to the Birth Assistant Sunrise Review or due to some insurance companies not reimbursing for newborn care. The draft rule language is being worked on due to passage of House Bill 1773 in 2014. Committee members reviewed the draft rule language and provided feedback to Ms. Weed.

Committee members reviewed and provided feedback regarding examination requirements for licensure as a midwife. Ms. Weed asked the committee for input regarding how long an applicant who fails the exam needs to wait before re-taking the exam. Various timeframes from two weeks to 30 days were shared by committee members as well as audience members.

4. **WASHINGTON STATE SPECIFIC COMPONENT EXAM** – Kathy Weed, Program Manager and sub-committee members provided an update regarding revisions made to the exam. Ms. Weed explained that Ms. Frey had worked on the exam; corrected typos; and removed questions that weren't applicable and replaced them with questions from the same question bank. Ms. Weed also explained that Ms. Tromblay took the updated exam and passed. The updated exam is a better version of the exam, however, all the question banks need updating. Ms. Weed and Ms. Tromblay are scheduled to attend and observe the NARM exam on June 11, 2015. Ms. Frey would like clarification from members on what the committee would like the exam to consist of. Ms. Frey shared that she thought the exam components should include some of the following:
- Professional issues
 - Legend drugs and devices
 - Risk assessment for pre-natal

The sub-committee will continue to work on the exam and its components and will report back at a future meeting.

5. **EXPIRED LICENSE COMPETENCIES** – Information was provided to the committee by Program Manager, Kathy Weed. The committee discussed and provided feedback to the department regarding competency standards required for practitioners whose credential has been expired for three years or longer. Ms. Weed explained that she is planning to start work to update the rule language relating to expired credentials within the next year. Committee members discussed possible requirements. Some of the ideas offered by committee members included:

- Local peer review
- Continuing education
- Emergency procedure course

Ms. Weed thanked the committee for the input. She also shared that their discussion was a good starting point, and that it will be re-visited again as part of a future rules package.

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Information was provided to the committee by Executive Director, Trina Castle.

6.1 Current Budget Report – Trina Castle, Executive Director, presented the updated budget report. The current biennium ends on June 30, 2015. The budget report reflects a deficit due to costs associated with the programs disciplinary cases. Ms. Castle also shared that \$25,000 from General Funds was transferred to the program; resulting a deficit to the program of \$120,000. The department’s budget office is still working to finalize the 2015 -2017 biennium budget. Program staff will provide an update regarding the 2015 -2017 program budget at the next meeting.

6.2 Legislative Update – Trina Castle, Executive Director provided a legislative update to the committee. Ms. Castle reported to the committee that in addition to the Sunrise Review for Birth Assistants; a Notice of Sunrise Review for Banking Human Milk had been received. Both Sunrise Reviews will be posted to listserv.

Ms. Castle also reported that Substitute House Bill 1285 Requiring critical congenital heart disease screen for newborns had been signed by the Governor and is effective July 24, 2015.

7. **PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT** – Information was provided to the committee by Program Manager, Kathy Weed.

7.1 Licensing, disciplinary, and birth statistics – Kathy Weed, Program Manager provided committee members an updated report on the midwives licensing statistics, the midwives in training statistics, and the midwifery disciplinary statistics. The reports included the data from June 1, 2015 and showed the following:

Midwifery Credentials	June 2015
Active Licenses	121
Active in Renewal	35
Expired Licenses	236
Revoked Licenses	1
Suspended Licenses	2
Pending Licensure (Non-routine application)	8
Pending Licensure (Initial application in process)	20

Midwives in Training	June 2015
Active (not renewable licenses)	1 (zero)
Expired (not renewable)	3
Pending Licensure	0

The committee was also provided a report regarding current disciplinary statistics from June 1, 2014 to June 1, 2015. The report showed the alleged issues, number of cases and whether the case involved a midwife or midwife in training. The report is as follows:

Profession	Alleged Issues	Cases
Midwife	Substandard or inadequate care	6
Midwife	Patient care	7
Midwife	Practicing beyond scope of practice	3
Midwife	Unlicensed practice	5
Midwife	Failure to obtain informed consent	1
Midwife	Health and safety	2
Midwife	Violation of Federal or state statutes, regulations, or rules	2
Midwife	Filing false reports or falsifying records	1
Midwife	Failure to comply with health and safety requirement	1
Midwife	Failure to comply with patient consultation requirements	1
MIT	Failure to provide medically reasonable and/or necessary items or services	1
MIT	Immediate threat to health and safety	1
MIT	Practicing beyond scope of practice	1
MIT	Substandard or inadequate skill level	1
MIT	Violation of or failure to comply with licensing board order	1
MIT	Unlicensed practice	1

- 7.2 Business Plan - Ms. Weed presented the Business Plan for 2015 – 2017 to committee members. She explained that the Business Plan is a living document will be included on future meeting agendas. Ms. Weed encouraged the committee members to review the Business Plan and bring suggested changes to the next meeting.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – The committee requested the following items be placed on the agenda for a future meeting:

- March 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- Business Plan
- Expired license competencies – committee feedback
- Rules update – newborn care
- Report on NARM Exam
- MEAC Accreditation
- Sunrise Reviews

9. ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled committee meeting is September 15, 2015. Updated meeting information will be posted on the Midwifery website.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kathy Weed
Program Manager

Sunita Iyer, Chair
Midwifery Advisory Committee