



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

March 1, 2016
9:00 AM

Department of Health – Kent
Creekside Two at CenterPoint
20425 72nd Avenue S., Suite 310, Room 307
Kent, WA 98032

On March 1, 2016 the Midwifery Advisory Committee met at the Department of Health, Creekside Two at CenterPoint, 20425 72nd Ave S., Suite 310, Room 307, Kent, WA and by webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

CONSTANCE FREY, LM, CHAIR
ALI TROMBLAY, LM, VICE CHAIR
KAT BARRON, LM
ALI LEWIS, MD
MARGARET OSTERVOLD, PUBLIC MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER
TRINA CRAWFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SANDIE PEARSON, PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE
KRYSTL MURPHY, AAG
JOANNE MILLER, CREDENTIALING SUPERVISOR

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA WEBINAR

COLLEEN DONOVAN-BATSON, CNM

MEMBERS ABSENT

ROBERT PALMER, JR., MD

GUESTS PRESENT VIA WEBINAR

EUDINE STEVENS
LESLIE GESNER
LORRI CARR
NANCY SPENCER
TINA TSIKALIS

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 – 9:00 AM – Open Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Constance Frey, Chair at 9:07 a.m.

1.1 Introductions

Committee members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Amended Agenda

The committee reviewed and approved the amended agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of December 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the December 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Frey asked that Wendy Gordon be listed as an expert consultant and member of the exam sub-committee under Item 4. The year referenced in Item 9 was corrected from 2015 to 2016. Ms. Frey asked staff post draft meeting minutes to the web. The committee approved the meeting minutes as corrected.

1.4 Announcements

Ms. Pearson shared that she is working on finalizing meeting arrangements for the June 13, 2016 meeting scheduled to be held in Spokane. Information regarding making travel arrangements will be mailed to committee members once the arrangements have been finalized.

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

2.1 Current Budget Report – Trina Castle, Executive Director, presented the updated budget report. The report provided indicates revenue continues to lag behind expenditures. Ms. Castle also clarified that General Funds were not included in the budget report presented. Committee members asked questions regarding how complaints and disciplinary investigations affect the budget and whether the costs associated are typical compared to other professions. Ms. Castle shared that the costs associated with complaints and disciplinary actions are relatively typical. Members asked if a quarterly review of complaints was possible. Ms. Castle will provide data about current and historical disciplinary cases and information on the disciplinary review process and the role of MAC members at a future meeting. The committee requested the budget be presented as a Consent Agenda item in the future. Program staff will include the budget report under the Consent Agenda at future meetings.

2.2 Citrix – Trina Castle, Executive Director provided an update regarding Citrix. The department began rolling out Citrix to seven boards. There have been several

unforeseen technical glitches with Citrix so the department has put a hold on boards, commissions, and committees using Citrix at this time. Committee members are encouraged to set up a folder on their computers to be used for committee related business. An update will be provided at a future meeting.

- 2.3 Legislative update – Trina Castle, Executive Director provided committee members with a legislative update regarding the following bills that may affect the midwifery profession if passed:
- Senate Bill 6534 – relating to establishing a maternal mortality panel – if this bill passes it would require a licensed midwife be a member of the panel
 - Senate Bill 6149 – relating to providing reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women
 - House Bill 2681 – relating to authorizing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense contraceptives

3. PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT - Information was provided to the committee by Program Manager, Kathy Weed.

- 3.1 Business Plan - Ms. Weed presented the Business Plan for 2015 – 2017 to committee members. The committee reviewed and discussed changes to be made to the Business Plan. Changes to the Business Plan include adding language to the renewal cards relating to subscribing to the agency listserv under Objective B for Goal 3. Also for Goal 3 under Objective C the committee added department support and participation with programs such as Smooth Transitions. Program staff will update the Business Plan per the committee’s request. The Business Plan is a living document and will be included on future meeting agendas.
- 3.2 Licensing Stats – Joanne Miller provided an updated report on the midwives licensing statistics. The report showed the following:

Midwifery Credentials	March 2016
Total Active Licenses	162
Total Expired Licenses (cumulative)	257
Total Denied	1
Total Pending Licensure	8
Total Revoked	1
Total Suspended (includes voluntary surrender)	4

- 3.3 Birth Assistants – California law, Washington guidelines. Ms. Weed provided information to the committee regarding California midwife assistants. California midwife assistants are not licensed, but can perform some tasks. California is still working on regulations but will not be licensing midwife assistants. Ms. Weed also discussed creating guidelines for Washington midwives so that when they task a birth assistant with duties, they are not inadvertently aiding and abetting

unlicensed practice. Ali Tromblay and Ms. Weed will continue to work this issue to create guidelines as appropriate.

4. **MIDWIFERY EDUCATION ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (MEAC) ACCREDITATION RECOMMENDATION** – The committee discussed making a final recommendation to the department on utilizing the Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC) accreditation as the standard for approving midwifery schools within the Midwifery Program. Colleen Donovan-Batson shared that she is in support of using MEAC accreditation standards. Ms. Frey shared that she is also a strong supporter of having a national credentialing body review midwifery schools as long as they are accredited in 2014 or later. This guarantees that the updated accreditation standards meet Washington requirements. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept MEAC standards for schools that attest to 2014 or later MEAC accreditation as a Washington State approved school.
5. **LEGEND DRUGS AND DEVICES** – Information was provided to the committee by Constance Frey, Chair. The committee discussed and provided feedback to the department on the use of epinephrine for newborns in the legend drugs and devices rule. The committee discussed the pros and cons of using epinephrine in newborns. Stakeholder input from other parts of the state were accepted via the webinar. The committee agreed that the full suite of the neonatal resuscitation options be available during an out of hospital birth. The committee will consult the Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission per RCW 18.50.115 and will provide an update at the next committee meeting scheduled for June 13, 2016.
6. **WASHINGTON STATE COMPETENCY EXAM** – Information was provided to the committee by Constance Frey. The committee received an update on the exam sub-committees work to update the state exam. Exam sub-committee members include Constance Frey, Colleen Donovan-Batson, and Ali Lewis. Ms. Frey shared that the sub-committee met and began writing questions for the exam.
7. **DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS** – Information was provided to the committee by Constance Frey, Chair regarding the roles and responsibilities of the committee and how the department can meet committee expectations. Ms. Frey shared that there is a lot of work that needs to be done between the MAC’s quarterly meetings. A list of “action items” will assist in keeping the committee on task. Ms. Frey suggested having sub-committees meet between the quarterly MAC meetings. Sub-committees will meet on April 26, 2016. The exam sub-committee will meet in the morning of April 26 and the rules sub-committee will meet the afternoon of April 26. Sub-committee members are as follows:
 - Exam Sub-Committee – Ali Lewis, Constance Frey, Colleen Donovan-Batson, Wendy Gordon (consultant), Kathy Weed
 - Rules Sub-Committee – Ali Tromblay, Margaret Ostervold, Kat Barron, Kathy Weed

8. **CONSENT AGENDA – GENERAL INFORMATION** – A copy of the current issue of “The Sentinel News for DOH Employees” was provided to board members.

9. **MEETING WRAP UP AND ADJOURNMENT**

9.1 Agenda Items for next meeting – The committee discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:

- Quarterly review of complaints and cases – historical and current
- Disciplinary review process and role of MAC
- Smooth Transitions – partnership between MAC and Midwifery Program
- Review of DOH literature regarding licensed midwives
- Birth assistant update
- Birth center inspections
- Rules review – legend drugs and devices; update on language

9.2 Action items/meeting minutes emailed and reviewed—Action items identified at meeting assigned to appropriate staff.

9.3 Next meeting location – The next committee meeting will be held in Spokane, WA. Program staff are finalizing meeting location details. Committee members will be emailed information on making travel arrangements once the meeting location had been finalized.

The committee adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled committee meeting is June 13, 2016 and will be held in Spokane, WA. Updated meeting information will be posted on the Midwifery website.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kathy Weed
Program Manager

Constance Frey, Chair
Midwifery Advisory Committee