



**Midwifery Advisory Committee
Minutes
June 1, 2011**

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: **Committee Members attended by phone-conference.
The following location was open to the public:**

Department of Health - Tumwater
Point Plaza East, Room 131
310 Israel Rd. SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Contact Person: Kendra Pitzler, Program Manager
(360) 236-4723

Board Members: Jessica Laing, Public Member, Chair
Dana Combest, Licensed Midwife, Vice Chair
Annie Iriye, MD, OB/GYN
Sunita Iyre, ND, Licensed Midwife

Beth Coyote was not available for this meeting.

**Assistant Attorney
General:** Ebeth Baker, Assistant Attorney General

Midwifery Program Staff: Kendra Pitzler, Program Manager

Others Present: Debra Doyle, MS, CGC, State Genetics Coordinator
Karen Neidt, MPH, EHDDI
Casey Eastman, MPH, EHDDI
Laurie Geneva, MPH, EHDDI
Wendy Harrison, Audiologist, Seattle Children's Hospital
Erin Curtiss, LM

OPEN SESSION:

1. Call to Order– DISCUSSION/ACTION– Jessica Laing, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

**2. New Born Hearing Screening by Licensed Midwives — Debra Doyle -
DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Ms. Doyle works with the Department of Health's Community and Family Health Division within the Maternal and Child Health unit. The committee members reviewed a power point presentation while Ms. Doyle explained to them about the Early Hearing-loss Detection, Diagnosis and Early Intervention (EHDDI) program. Ebeth Baker, Assistant Attorney General for the midwifery program explained to members that the midwifery scope of practice does not reference care of the newborn and that the midwifery program need the Committee's advice to determine if this fits within the midwifery scope of practice.

Based on Ms. Doyle's presentation, including that this test is not diagnostic, and discussion about the midwifery training and current practices, the Midwifery Advisory Committee advised that they believe this to be within the scope of the licensed midwife.

3. Closing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.