



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

December 7, 2022
10:00 AM

On December 7, 2022 the Midwifery Advisory Committee met by webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

ROBIN VAZQUEZ, PUBLIC MEMBER, CHAIR; STEVEN MAYNARD, MD; KAREN SWIFT, CNM;
KATHERINE SAUERLENDER, LM, VICE CHAIR; RACHEL COOK, LM, APRIL HAUGEN, LM

MEMBERS ABSENT

ALEX HAMLING, MD

STAFF PRESENT

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER; JAMES CHANEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; LISA KELLY, AAG
HOPE KILBOURNE, POLICY ANALYST

OTHERS PRESENT

CRYSTAL OGLE, WARM

DEBRA GLEISNER

MELISSA KUNDUR

ZALE NOAH

LYDIA KOROMA

CYNTHIA FLYNN

JOHANNA MARTINEZ

CATHERINE RONER-REITER

LYNETTE PETTIBONE

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 – 10:00 AM – Open Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

1.1 Introductions

Committee members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

1.2 Reasonably safety determination for meetings

The committee moved and made a determination to host hybrids meetings throughout 2023. The meetings will offer a public space as well as offering a virtual option. The factors considered for offering virtual meetings were the high levels of transmission on COVID in the community, inability to social distance in available facilities, and the lack of ability to enforce masking for the public.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Committee members voted in favor of approving the agenda as presented.

1.4 Approval of the September 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the September 14, 2022 meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 14, 2022 meeting minutes.

1.5 Public comment opportunity

There were no comments directed to the committee at this time.

2. PRESENTATION ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MED PREFERRED PROGRAM – The committee received a presentation on the Washington State Department of Transportation Medical Preferential Loading program by Zale Noah.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Medical Preferential Load program provides exemption from the standard “first-come first-served” policy when a customer has a medical condition where an extended wait on the dock would cause detrimental risks to their health.

WSDOT has been developing the online format of the Medical Preferential Loading program to improve efficiency and sustainability. The online format is projected to rollout in early 2023 as a designated webpage on the WSF website, replacing the current system of faxing the applications to ferry terminals. Current applications authorize preferential loading for 90 days, which will be decreasing to 30 days, with an added option for travelers with chronic or long-term conditions to apply for an annual permit. More updates will follow as WSDOT rolls out the program updates.

3. PRESENTATION ON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DISCIPLINE PROCESS

Lydia Koroma, Supervising Staff Attorney, Office of Investigative and Legal Services presented information to the committee on the disciplinary process. The presentation

included information on the authorization and investigation process as well associated timelines. Ms. Koroma also included information regarding the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA).

4. RULES WORKSHOP – The committee briefly discussed rules relating to SSB 5765 which allows for licensing extensions for limited prescriptive authority and medical devices and implants. Ms. Weed will continue working on the draft language and opportunities to provide input will happen in future months.

5. PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE – Information provided to the committee for possible action by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

5.1 Weekly legislative calls – Ms. Weed asked for a committee representative for the 2023 legislative calls that take place weekly on Wednesday morning. Ms. Vazquez volunteered to be the legislative representative.

5.2 2023 meeting dates –The following dates were approved for committee meetings:
March 8, 2023
June 14, 2023
September 13, 2023
December 13, 2023

5.3 Select chair and vice chair for 2023 –Robin Vazquez was elected Chair and Katherine Sauerlender was elected Vice-chair.

6. MEETING WRAP-UP

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

- Rules update
- WA State DOT update

7. ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kathy Weed
Program Manager

Robin DeRegt, Chair
Midwifery Advisory Committee