WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2018
9:00 AM

On September 11, 2018 the Midwifery Advisory Committee met in person and by webinar at the Department of Health Office in Kent located at Creekside Two at Centerpoint, 20425 72nd Ave S, Suite 310, Room 309, Kent, WA 98032. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT
MARGARET OSTERVOLD, PUBLIC MEMBER
ROBIN DEREGT, MD
KAT BARRON, LM
ALEX HAMLING, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT
CONSTANCE FREY, LM, CHAIR
KAREN SWIFT, CNM
VIVIANNE FISCHER, LM

OTHERS PRESENT
SHANNON MITCHELL
ROXANNE SPRING

STAFF PRESENT
KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER
TRINA CRAWFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
KATIE WOLT, POLICY ANALYST
SIERRA McWILLIAMS, AAG

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – 9:00 AM – Open Session

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Kat Barron, LM at 9:25 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 the June 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed and moved to approve the June 5, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Committee members voted in favor of approving the June 5, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

2. PRESENTATION ON COMMITTEE WORK – Kathy Weed, Program Manager, provided information to the committee about their role and recent committee work. Ms. Weed reminded the committee that they have an advisory role to the department, the makeup of the professional members is created by the legislature, and that the majority of midwifery rules have recently been updated.

3. DISCUSSION ON PHARMACOLOGY AND EPIDEMIOLOGY COURSES – The committee discussed whether the epidemiology course offered by Coursera and the obstetric pharmacology course offered by Mercy in Action met licensing standards required by the Certified Professional Midwife route to licensure. The committee requested additional information from the course instructors. Ms. Weed will invite instructors to a future meeting to discuss course rigor.

4. PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT – Kathy Weed, Program Manager provided information to the committee.

4.1 Business Plan – Ms. Weed provided members information on the 2017 – 2019 Business Plan. She shared that currently all targets are being met. The committee made no changes to the Business Plan at this time.

Ms. Weed asked members to provide her with any suggested updates or changes to the 2017 – 2019 Business Plan.

4.2 Rules Update – Ms. Weed provided members with a rules update. The rules on legend drugs and devices has been presented to the Medical and Pharmacy Commissions. Both commissions are supportive of the proposed language. Ms. Weed shared that the next step will be to finalize the language and hold a public hearing later this year.

4.3 Recruitment update, member terms – Ms. Weed shared that an LM had been appointed to replace the position currently held by Ms. Frey. April Haugen has been appointed and her term will begin March 1, 2019.

4.4 Licensing statistics – Licensing stats were not available for this meeting. Ms. Weed will bring them to the next meeting in December.

4.5 Facilities and Inspection updates – Ms. Weed shared that she is meeting with staff from the birth center and construction review programs to increase
information and transparency around creating and licensing birth centers. Improvements include webinars to discuss application procedures and updating webpages to enhance ease of use.

5. **DISCUSSION ON LICENSED MIDWIVES AND PEDIATRICIANS** – Committee members discussed some of the gaps in how information is transferred between healthcare professionals and brainstormed ways to increase relationships and information flow. Kat Baron, LM, will work with Alex Hamling, MD, to create a form that will help midwives provide pertinent information to the receiving pediatrician. Ms. Barron will share that information with both associations and midwifery community groups.

6. **TRAINING ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** – Ms. McWilliams gave committee members a presentation and training on the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). The OPMA is designed to promote government transparency and accountability. Ms. McWilliams explained how email conversations could be considered a meeting, and suggested board members avoid clicking on “reply all” when responding to emails regarding board business. She also explained that private meetings in small groups to discuss board issues are not allowed under the OPMA.

7. **REPRODUCTIVE PARITY RECOMMENDATIONS** – Ms. Weed shared the recommendations put forth by the Governor’s Interagency Council on Health Disparities to address reproductive health for priority populations. The committee did not have any input regarding the recommendations.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA** – There were no items placed on the consent agenda for the committee to review at this time.

9. **MEETING WRAP UP AND ADJOURNMENT**

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

- Credentialing timelines and licensing stats
- General discipline process overview
- Communications with hospitals
- Roberts Rules

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The committee adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  

Approved:

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Kathy Weed
Program Manager

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Constance Frey, Chair
Midwifery Advisory Committee