

**ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY**

**Minutes**

**February 8, 2008**

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Friday, February 8, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leslie Payne, CPM, Chair  
Peggy Franklin, CPM, Vice-Chair  
Wade Neiman, MD  
Deren Bader, CPM, DrPH  
Sheryl Rivett

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director  
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
LaFonda Parham, Licensing Specialist  
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Trinlie Wood, Commonwealth Midwives Alliance  
Becky Bowers-Lanier, Commonwealth Midwives Alliance  
Jessica Jordan, Virginia Chapter, ACNM  
Sara F. Krivanec, International Cesarean Awareness Network  
Jeff Buthe, MSV

**CALL TO ORDER**

Leslie Payne called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

## **EVACUATION PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS**

Let it be noted for the record that Leslie Payne announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2007**

Dr. Wade Neiman moved to approve the minutes dated June 8, 2007. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. Deren Bader moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Public comments were made on agenda items as they were discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **#1. Report of 2008 General Assembly as of 1/28/08**

Ms. Yeatts reviewed and explained the Report of the 2008 General Assembly as of 1/28/08.

### **#2. Senate Bill Number 201- Amendment and Reenactment of 54.1-2957.10**

Ms. Yeatts reviewed Senate Bill Number 201-Amendment and Reenactment of code section 54.1-2957.10.

### **#3. Letter from Certified Nurse Midwives regarding lack of practice guidelines for Certified Professional Midwives**

Dr. Harp discussed with the Advisory Board a letter from a group of Certified Nurse Midwives regarding lack of practice guidelines for Certified Professional Midwives. The content of the letter was discussed in detail.

**---DRAFT UNAPPROVED---**

Sara F. Krivanec, International Cesarean Awareness Network and member of the public, commented on the letter stating that restricting home VBAC's would undermine women's choices. She also commented that the safety of VBAC specifically and homebirth in general with a licensed CPM is well-documented.

Jessica Jordan, Virginia Chapter, ACNM, commented that the standards of ACNM do not prescribe what types of patients they may care for, which varies from practice to practice, depending on many factors. The CPM credential has its own standards and CPM's in Virginia follow the National Association of CPM standards which require practice guidelines for their practice. She urged the Board to carefully consider the letters as having misunderstanding as a basis for the conclusions/recommendations.

After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Franklin moved to recommend ~~the letter to go~~ to the Full Board ~~and~~ that no changes be made to the regulations. The motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Deren Bader will present on behalf of the Advisory Board at this meeting.

**#4. Letter from Skyline RPCC regarding Medicaid enrollment and coverage for Certified Professional Midwives**

Dr. Harp discussed with the Advisory Board a letter from Skyline RPCC regarding Medicaid enrollment and coverage for Certified Professional Midwives. This letter was discussed along with the above letter regarding concerns about the practice parameters for Certified Professional Midwives.

**#5. Election of Officers**

Leslie Payne moved to elect Dr. Deren Bader as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Deren Bader moved to elect ~~Leslie Payne~~ Peggy Franklin as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

**#6. 2008 Board Meeting and Informal Conference Dates**

The dates of the 2008 Board Meetings and Informal Conferences were presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Becky Bowers-Lanier, Commonwealth Midwives Alliance, announced that there will be a formal meeting at the state level to develop guidelines on transport issues. She also mentioned that the Alliance is working on a resource guide.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

June 6, 2008

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Bader moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

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Leslie Payne, CPM, Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

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LaFonda Parham, Licensing Specialist