

**ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY
MINUTES**

OCTOBER 27, 2005

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Leslie Payne, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leslie Payne, CPM, Chair
Peggy Franklin, CPM, Vice-Chair
Deren Bader, CPM, DrPH
Sheryl Rivett

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wade Neiman, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Nicole Gordon, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Ann Hughes, MSV
Melanie Gerheart, VA OBGYN
Becky Bowers-Lanier, CMA
Karin Talbert, AAP VA
J. Canaan, HOJN
Brynne Potter, CPM, Midwives Pac

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED AUGUST 23, 2005

Ms. Franklin moved to approve the minutes dated August 23, 2005. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Bader moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Status of Midwifery regulations and approval of the Midwifery application. This item was moved to #1 on the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Melanie Gerheart, representative for the Virginia Society of OBGYN commented on the Society's opposition to the use of medication by licensed midwives.

Karen Talbert, representative for the Virginia Society of Pediatrics also commented on their opposition to the use of medication by licensed midwives.

Ann Hughes, representative for the Medical Society of Virginia also commented on its opposition to the use of medication by licensed midwives.

NEW BUSINESS

1. REGULATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Ms. Yeatts stated that the regulations have been approved by the Department of Planning and Budget and are awaiting approval by the Governor's office. Dr. Bader moved to accept the midwifery application. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Yeatts suggested contacting the midwifery professional society when the regulations become final to facilitate the widest distribution of the regulations as possible.

2. MEDICATIONS IN MIDWIFERY

Dr. Bader explained the original legislation requesting licensure of midwives and the intent to pursue use of medications sometime after licensure. The Advisory Board members explained the use of certain medications in the birthing process and stated that they were only for the last stages of birth and not for induction of labor. They recognized the need to educate the public on this issue. There was some discussion on midwives obtaining controlled substances. Dr. Harp explained that legislation was passed mandating the licensure of midwives and the issue before the Board at this time was public safety. The Commonwealth Midwives Association informed the Board that they did not wish to have midwives prescribe medications, but to possess and administer. Representatives of CMA indicated that they would prefer regulations to delineate current law to allow for the use of medications. No language for legislation has been prepared at this time.

3. POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO THE ISSUE OF MEDICATIONS

The Advisory Board agreed to prepare a report to the full Board regarding the use of medications and related safety issues for presentation at the Board's November 17, 2005 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled meeting date was scheduled for February 6, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Dr. Bader moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board of Midwifery. The motion was seconded and carried.

Leslie Payne, CPM. Chair

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon,
Recording Secretary