

## **FINAL APPROVED**

### **ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY**

#### **Minutes**

**May 28, 2021**

#### **Electronic Meeting**

The Advisory Board on Midwifery held a virtual meeting on Friday, May 28, 2021 hosted at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center; 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kim Pekin, CPM, Chair  
Rebecca Banks, CPM, Vice-Chair  
Erin Hammer, CPM  
Natasha Jones, MSC, Citizen

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ami Keatts, M.D.

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Michael Sobowale, LL.M., Deputy Director  
Colanthia Morton Opher, Deputy Director  
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Ben Traynham, JD, MSV  
Idiko Baugus, CPM  
Jeni Rector, The Village Midwives  
Pamela Pilch, Esq., VFAM  
Karen Kelly, LCPM

#### **Call to Order**

Kim Pekin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### **Emergency Egress Procedures**

Dr. Harp announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

#### **Roll Call**

The roll was called, a quorum was declared.

## **Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2021**

Rebecca Banks moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2021 meeting. Erin Hammer seconded. By roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

## **Adoption of the Agenda**

Natasha Jones moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Banks. By roll call vote, the agenda was approved as presented.

## **Public Comment on Agenda Items (15 Minutes)**

Pamela Pilch, from Virginia Families for Access to Midwifery (VFAM) asked the Advisory Board keep their organization abreast of regulatory Licensed Certified Midwives legislation.

Ben Traynham, Esq., provided a brief discussion of House Bill 1913, which advocates for and protects doctors seeking a safe haven for assistance when reporting effects of career fatigue.

## **New Business**

### **1. Summary of Legislation from the 2021 General Assembly**

Dr. Harp discussed bills of interest that were passed into law in the 2021 General Assembly with particular attention to the legislation providing for Virginia to join the Occupational Therapy Interstate Compact. He also specially highlighted HB1817 which establishes autonomous practice for certified nurse midwives with 1,000 practice hours.

### **2. Chart of regulatory and Policy Actions for Board of Medicine**

Dr. Harp briefly reviewed the calendar dates of future policy and regulatory actions to be taken by the Board of Medicine subsequent to various bills from the 2021 General Assembly.

### **3. HB 1953 Licensed Certified Midwives**

During a discussion of this legislation, Karen Kelly, LCPM, was called upon by the Chair to provide clarification on the education and American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) credentials for licensed certified midwives and certified nurse midwives. She explained that hospital experience is not required for licensed certified midwives.

### **4. Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Guidance Document 85-10**

Kim Pekin led the discussion. Mr. Sobowale informed the Advisory Board that the final changes approved by the Ad Hoc Committee have been completely incorporated into the

final revised document. Dr. Harp explained that a thirty (30) day public comment period takes place prior to posting of the final guidance document.

### **Announcements**

Ms. Archer provided the licensing report. The Advisory Board has a total of 100 licensed midwives, 72 of which are currently in Virginia, and 27 current, active midwives have out-of-state addresses. There is 1 inactive out-of-state licensee.

Kim Pekin announced that her term on the Advisory Board will end in June 2021. Dr. Harp advised that she may continue to serve on the Advisory Board until a replacement is named.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next scheduled meeting date and time is October 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business to conduct, Kim Pekin adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

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Kim Pekin, CPM, Chair

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William L. Harp, Executive Director

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