

# ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY Minutes

## June 16, 2023

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center; 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia, 23233.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ami Keatts, M.D. - Chair

Rebecca Banks, CPM, -Vice-Chair (Joined Remotely)

Erin Hammer, CPM Ildiko Baugus, CPM

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D. Executive Director

Michael Sobowale, LLM., Deputy Executive Director, Licensure Erin Barrett, JD, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Colanthia Morton Opher, Deputy Executive Director, Administration

Roslyn P. Nickens, Licensing Supervisor Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Marinda Schindler, Virginia Midwives Alliance

### CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Keatts called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

### EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

#### ROLL CALL

Roll was called; a quorum was established.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ildiko Baugus moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2022 meeting. Rebecca Banks seconded. The motion passed.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Keatts considered a request to accommodate Erin Barrett's presentation of items on the agenda first so she could attend other scheduled meetings. Ildiko Baugus moved to adopt the meeting agenda with the accommodation requested. Erin Hammer seconded. The motion passed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## 1. Report on Status of Regulatory / Policy Actions

Erin Barrett presented on the status of the regulatory actions for the Advisory.

## 2. Draft Revised Guidance Document 85-10

Erin Barrett discussed the revisions made to the Guidance Document on high-risk disclosures by licensed professional midwives for high-risk pregnancy conditions at the May 18, 2023 Ad-Hoc Committee meeting. The revised Guidance Document will not be ready for presentation at the June full Board meeting but will be presented at the August Board of Medicine Executive meeting.

Erin Hammer pointed out that a reference citation, "(Price 2014)", found on page 24 in the revised Guidance Document should be stricken from the document.

At the end of the discussion, Ms. Baugus moved to recommend that the Board vote to adopt the revisions made to Guidance Document 85-10. Ms. Hammer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. **SB1275**

Dr. Harp informed the Advisory that a meeting is being planned for the month of July to be chaired by a member of the full Board, and comprising of licensed midwives and a medical doctor from the advisory board, a licensed midwife from the community, and medical doctors in the community of OBGYNs to come up with best practices as the law requires.

In response to a question from Ildiko Baugus as to what midwives will be able to do under this law beginning July 1, 2023, Erin Barrett stated that the Executive Committee of the Board should be able to issue formulary and offer best practices to certified midwives in August.

### **Announcements**

## **Licensing Statistics**

Beulah Archer reported a breakdown of the licensing statistics for licensed professional midwives as of June 16, 2023, as follows:

Current active in Virginia Current Active Probation Current Active- Out of state		77
		1
		33
Inactive	Out of state	1
Total for Li	112	

## Next Scheduled Meeting

October 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

# Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, Dr. Keatts adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.