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## **ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY**

### **Minutes**

**February 3, 2017**

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Friday, February 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kim Pekin, CPM  
Natasha Jones, MSC  
Mayanne Zielinski, CPM

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Maya Hawthorn, CPM  
Ami Keatts, M.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D. Executive Director  
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director  
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager  
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Marinda Shindler, VA Midwives Alliance  
Glenda Turner, CPM, LM, Three Sisters Midwifery, LLC

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES** – Alan Heaberlin

**ROLL CALL** –Beulah Baptist Archer

Roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

## **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

Kim Pekin moved to approve the minutes. Mayanne Zielinski seconded the motion, which carried.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Kim Pekin asked for a motion to add the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) Job Analysis Survey to the agenda. Mayanne Zielinski moved to do so, and Kim Pekin seconded. The agenda was amended and adopted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment on agenda items.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Legislative Report** – Dr. Harp provided the legislative report. No action was required.

**2. Electronic Submission of Birth Certificates to VDH--Kim Pekin, CPM**

Kim Pekin asked if the Board might have any influence with Vital Records regarding the electronic submission of birth certificates by midwives. Mayanne Zielinski had spoken with a representative in the Vital Records Registrar's office who said that two people were being hired soon to train midwives on the process of the electronic filing of birth certificates.

Dr. Harp said he would call Vital Records and inquire about the timetable for the training and implementation of electronic submissions.

**3. Medications – Can licensed midwives administer medications under the orders of a physician? -Kim Pekin, CPM**

Kim Pekin asked whether Vitamin K, required at birth, can be administered by a midwife. Dr. Harp referred to Code Section 54.1-3408 regarding the professionals who may administer medications. The answer to the question was no. For midwives to administer medications, a change in the Code of Virginia would be required. This would involve the introduction of legislation.

**4. Dual Credentials – Clarification regarding dually-credentialed midwives (RN and CPM / LM) –Kim Pekin, CPM**

Kim Pekin asked the question if a midwife that is dually-credentialed as a registered nurse is authorized to administer Vitamin K and other medications. Dr. Harp reiterated Code Section

54.1-3408 which says a nurse, pursuant to the order of a prescribing practitioner, can administer medications. The nursing license must be current and active.

## **5. 2016 NARM Job Analysis Survey Comprehensive Report**

Kim Pekin requested a review of the job analysis survey to clarify the function of a Licensed Midwife. She asked that a statement reaffirming the scope of practice in accordance with NARM 2016 be drafted to include the ordering of medical tests, conducting Well-Woman care, and prenatal screenings. This statement would be useful for midwives to send to other entities with whom they interact.

Dr. Harp advised that this request would be presented to the Executive Committee in April.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Alan Heaberlin**

**Alan provided the totals for licensed midwives in Virginia as of February 3, 2017.**

Licensed Midwives	91
Current Active	66
In-State Current Active	24
Out-of- state Current Active	1

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

June 9, 2017.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

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Kim Pekin, CPM  
Chair

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William L. Harp, MD  
Executive Director

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Beulah Baptist Archer  
Licensing Specialist