

ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY

Minutes

February 6, 2009

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deren Bader, CPM, DrPh, Chair
Peggy Franklin, CPM, Vice-Chair
Leslie Payne, CPM
Wade Neiman, MD
Freedra Cathcart, BA, FLMI

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT:

Gina Bass, Virginia Birth PAC
Kim Mosny, CPM, LM, CMA
Kim Pikin, Student Midwife, Gentle Homebirth Services
Joanna L. Dacas, CMA
Brynne Potter, CPM, CMA
Melanie Gerheart, VA Section, ACOG
Ann Hughes, Medical Society of VA
Marilee Pinkleton, CPM, TLC Birth

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Bader called the meeting to order.

Let it be noted for the record that Dr. Bader announced the Emergency Evacuation Procedures prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Neiman moved to approve the minutes dated October 10 2008. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Peggy Franklin moved to adopt the agenda, with the addition of Transfer of Care as an item. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Guests were introduced; however there was no public comment on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

#1. Legislative Report

Dr. Harp discussed some bills from the General Assembly that held some interest for the Advisory board.

#2. HB 2163

HB 2163 was discussed specifically. The Chair allowed the public to engage in discussion of this bill. CMA suggested that the bill might resolve some of the issues the Board of Medicine had with high risk pregnancies. The lobbyist for CME and the lobbyists for MSV gained an understanding of language that might be acceptable to both parties. The language included inserting “when appropriate” as a qualifier for discussing “information on health risks”, changing “C-section” to “Cesarean section.”

#3. HB 2167

HB 2167 was discussed, and noted that it failed to pass in the House.

#4. Report from the Board workgroup on midwifery

Items 4, 5 and 6, were discussed as one item. Dr. Harp gave a report on the Ad Hoc Meeting, which consisted of Dr. Piness, Dr. Bader, Elaine Yeatts and Dr. Harp. He indicated that the meeting resulted in improved understanding of high risk issues by the representatives of both professions. The proposed strategy to move forward was presented as requiring a change in the law, followed by the promulgation of regulations. The discussion that followed included

options of removing the language from the law that prohibits a required consultation, to describing a plan for consultation in regulation, to having the Alliance set guidelines. The suggestion was also made to include a refusal form for clients that refused a physician consultation. Freeda Cathcart moved to recommend to the Full Board to wait and see if HB 2163 passes. Regardless, further meetings of the workgroup in an expanded iteration should continue working on this issue. The motion was seconded and carried.

#5. Medication in midwifery

Discussed under item #4. Authority to administer oxygen and pitocin was seen as a part of the strategy to move forward on issues.

#6. Transfer of Care

Discussed under item #4. Progress between the professions at the Board of Medicine was seen as a signal to the professions in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 5, 2009. Ms Cathcart asked to consider another date if possible. Ms. Morton-Opher will e-mail the advisory board members to check dates and get back with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Neiman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Deren Bader, CPM, Dr Ph, Chair

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Tamara Farmer, Licensing Specialist