

VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
High-Risk Pregnancy Disclosure Work Group

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Friday, January 31, 2014

Department of Health Professions

Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Dunnivant called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Siobhan Dunnivant, MD, Chair  
Christian Chisholm, MD  
David Giammittorio, MD  
Kim Lane, CPM  
Kim Pekin, CPM  
Bettie Sheets, CPM

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director  
Jennifer Deschenes, JD, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director, Licensure  
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager  
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Policy Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Clair Cummings, MSV  
Marinda Shindler, CMA  
Glena Turner, CPM, LM, CMA

EMERGENCY EGRESS INSTRUCTIONS

Dr. Dunnivant provided the emergency egress instructions and welcomed the members of the Work Group and the public.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and a quorum declared.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2013 MINUTES

Dr. Chisholm moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2013. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

There was no public comment.

Dr. Dunnivant asked for introductions all around. Ms. Yeatts explained that the document recommended by the Work Group would be presented at the meeting of the Advisory Board on Midwifery February 7, 2014. If the Advisory Board's review suggests any changes, its language will be emphasized when presented to the Full Board of Medicine on February 20, 2014. Ms. Yeatts noted that once the Full Board adopts the submission as a guidance document, it will be posted as soon as feasible.

The Work Group agreed that each disclosure statement should follow the same format: the preamble, disease process, rate of the phenomenon, associated risks to mother and child, and then end with a disclaimer statement. The members favored a bulleted format when possible and also agreed that footnotes should be included where pertinent. They will also be useful when revisions of the document take place.

After a brief discussion about the need to address additional risks that were not included in the law and regulations, such as advanced maternal age, the members agreed that the list is not meant to be all inclusive or exhaustive, but to address the complications that seen in home births. The members also agreed that this is a living document and should be regularly reviewed and updated if it was to be of any value to the midwifery community and the individual seeking care.

Break 2:55 – 3:08

The meeting reconvened and the members reviewed each of the revised disclosure statements. Dr. Dunnivant asked that all statements that needed additional revision be completed and submitted to Ms. Opher within 48 hours. After formatting, she will send them to the Work Group members for one last review.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:42 p.m.

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Siobhan Dunnivant, MD  
Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

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Colanthia M. Opher  
Recording Secretary