

FINAL APPROVED

ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY

Minutes

September 23, 2022

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Friday, September 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center; 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia, 23233.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Banks, LM - Vice-Chair
Ildiko Baugus, LM

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ami Keatts, M.D.
Erin Hammer, LM

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD - Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM - Deputy Director for Licensure
Colanthia Opher, -Deputy Director for Administration
Erin Barrett, JD - DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Beulah Baptist Archer - Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Adrienne Ross
Misty Ward, LM

Call to Order

Rebecca Banks called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

Roll Call

The roll was called; no quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were not approved as no quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was not adopted as no quorum was present.

Public Comment

No public comment was received at the outset of the meeting. Public comment was reopened for Misty Ward later in the meeting. Ms. Ward inquired whether the Advisory Board had a mechanism to remove members who do not attend meetings. Dr. Harp explained that the Governor appoints and has the authority to remove Advisory Board members. Ms. Ward indicated she may be in touch with the Governor.

New Business

1. Periodic Review of Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Midwives

Mrs. Barrett discussed the mandatory four-year review of Chapter 130 to determine whether this regulation should be repealed, amended or retained in its current form, without impacting public safety. The review of this regulation will be guided by the principles in Executive Order 14 (as amended July 16, 2018). There were a number of comments received during the public comment period. She said only those that referenced a section of the regulations were meaningful to the process. She pointed out that authorization for midwives to possess and administer medications would be a matter for the General Assembly.

Ms. Barrett then presented her recommendations to amend or delete current language provisions in 18VAC85-130-30(10), 18VAC85-130-100(G), 18VAC85-130-110, 18VAC85-130-130, 18VAC85-130-140, and 18VAC85-130-150. Some of these provisions are in the law, and it is unnecessary to repeat them in regulation. These suggested revisions were discussed thoroughly with the members of the Advisory Board in attendance. Although a quorum was not available to make the suggested revisions a recommendation from the Advisory Board, Ms. Barrett said she will present them to the Board of Medicine with a recommendation for adoption.

2. Review of Bylaws for Advisory Boards

Erin Barrett presented the uniform Bylaws for all Advisory Boards that the full Board approved at its June meeting. Since the Bylaws are slated to become effective on September 29, 2022, this was for information only.

3. Discuss Process for Additions to High Risk Pregnancy Disclosures Guidance Document

Rebecca Banks stated that Guidance Document 85-10 on Disclosures in High-Risk Pregnancy Conditions needed to be updated. Dr. Harp provided general guidance on the process for updating guidance documents. Ms. Banks and Ms. Baugus indicated they would forward a few items that they believed required revision and any additions as well. Historically, updates to this document have been addressed by an ad hoc committee consisting of equal numbers of Advisory Board members and Board of Medicine members. The committee would be appointed by the Board of Medicine

President. Further detail about the process will be sought from Ms. Barrett, DHP Senior Policy Analyst.

4. Approval of 2023 Calendar

The 2023 meeting was not approved as no quorum was present.

5. Election of Officers

Officers were not elected as no quorum was present.

Announcements

License statistics

Beulah Baptist Archer provided the license count for licensed midwifery, as follows:

Current active midwives in Virginia	79
Current active out of state	29
Current inactive out of state	1
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Total	109

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is February 10, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

With no other business to conduct, Rebecca Banks adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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William L. Harp, MD Executive Director

