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ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY Minutes September 29, 2017

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Friday, September 29, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center; 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia, 23233.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Pekin, CPM, Chair
Maya Gunderson, CPM
Natasha Jones, MSC
Mayanne Zielinski, CPM

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ami Keatts, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

William L. Harp, M.D. Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT:

Pamela H. Pilch, JD, Birth Rights Bar Assoc.

CALL TO ORDER

Kim Pekin called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES – Alan Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ROLL CALL –Beulah Baptist Archer called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF THE October 7, 2016 and June 9, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Maya Hawthorne Gunderson moved to approve the October 7, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Maya Hawthorne Gunderson moved to approve the June 9, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayanne Zielinski moved to amend the agenda to include a review of Guidance Document 85-28. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr Harp asked for a volunteer to read the letter from Degra Nofsinger, CPM, President of the Virginia Midwives Alliance.

Pamela H. Pilch, JD, read the letter regarding the concerns of CPM's that Medicaid recipients may not have access to midwifery care by CPM's in Virginia in the near future due to changes in the MCO exemption policy.

Dr. Harp noted that the Advisory Board on Midwifery, nor the Board of Medicine, has no authority in a policy implemented by another state agency. As the professional society, the Virginia Midwives Alliance should take the lead on this issue to communicate its concerns to the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

NEW BUSINESS

1. NARM (North American Registry of Midwives) 2016 Job Analysis Survey – Kim Pekin

Maya Hawthorn Gunderson spoke about the first portion of the NARM 2016 Job Analysis that includes the responses of midwives to earlier and current surveys. She also reviewed current tasks in the profession and provided statistics about licensed midwives in other states. Mayanne Zelienski and Kim Pekin also reviewed portions of the Job Analysis Survey. Mayanne Zielinski stated that she did not see any conflicts among the Job Analysis, regulations and guidance documents. Her colleagues on the Advisory Board agreed. No action was required.

2. Review of Guidance Document 85-28 – Mayanne Zielinski

The Advisory Board reviewed the guidance document and discussed the items from Prenatal Care. Ms. Zielienski noted that the tests in this section may need to be ordered at times other than “post-date pregnancy.” Mayanne Zielinski moved to amend the guidance document by striking “post-date” in the sentence that reads, “Assess and evaluate a ~~post-date~~ pregnancy by consulting or referring for...”

3. New DMAS Rules – Kim Pekin

Kim Pekin noted that new DMAS rules will make it more difficult for patients to choose a midwife to provide their healthcare and make it nearly impossible for midwives to receive Medicaid reimbursement for their services. The Advisory Board was informed by Board staff that they can reach out to their legislative representative and to DMAS to inform them of the problems these new rules will cause midwives and their potential patients. They were reminded to contact these organizations as individuals, not as members of the Advisory Board.

4. Electronic Submission of Birth Certificates- Elaine Yeatts

There was no update regarding the Department of Health Division of Vital Records progress towards the submission of electronic birth certificates by midwives. Dr. Harp said he would contact Ms. Rainey at Vital Records.

5. Discussion of Student Exemption and License Applicant Status – Dr. Harp

The Advisory Board discussed Virginia Regulation Section 18VAC85-13-145 regarding the student exemption that allows student midwives to perform tasks related to the practice of midwifery under direct and immediate supervision. The discussion shifted to the current 3-year timeframe to finish training and that it may take significantly longer than 3 years to obtain NARM certification. Mayanne Zielinski said that by NARM guidelines indicate that a student may take up to 10 years to receive certification. Kim Pekin stated that no one should take more than 10 years to obtain certification. Since the Advisory Board would elect to change the student exemption from 3 to 10 years, the last sentence of the regulation could be stricken. Maya Hawthorn Gunderson motioned to amend 18VAC85-130-45 ‘Practice while enrolled in an accredited midwifery educational program’ from 3 years to 10 years to be congruent with NARM, and to strike the last sentence, ‘For good cause shown....’ Mayanne Zielinski seconded and the motion carried.

6. Approval of 2018 Calendar – Dr. Harp

The meeting calendar was reviewed, and no changes were made.

7. Election of Officers – Kim Pekin

Mayanne Zielinski nominated Kim Pekin to remain Chair. The nomination was seconded and carried unanimously.

Maya Gunderson nominated Mayanne Zielinski to remain Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heaberlin told the Advisory Board that they would now be receiving a \$50.00 per diem payment if they are not employed by the Commonwealth.

Mr. Heaberlin provided the totals for licensed midwives in Virginia as of September 29, 2017.

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| Licensed Midwives | 83 |
| Virginia addresses | 63 |
| Out-of-state | 20 |

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Kim Pekin adjourned the meeting.

Kim Pekin, CPM, Chair

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist