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ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY
Minutes
October 11, 2024

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia, 23233.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Banks, CPM – Vice Chair
Ildiko Baugus, CPM
Ami Keatts, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D. Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM - Deputy Executive Director, Licensure
Jennifer Deschenes, JD - Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Matthew Novak – DHP Policy and Economic Analyst
Erin Barrett, JD - Director of DHP Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Kelly Smith - Director of Communications
Colanthia Morton Opher - Deputy Executive Director, Administration
Roslyn P. Nickens - Licensing Supervisor
Shannon DeCriscio - Licensing Specialist
Coralyn Powell - Executive Assistant, Discipline

GUESTS PRESENT: Marinda Schindler, Virginia Midwives Alliance

CALL TO ORDER

Rebecca Banks called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called; a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ami Keatts moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2023, meeting. Ildiko Baugus seconded. The motion passed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Rebecca Banks moved to adopt the agenda. Ami Keatts seconded. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report on Status of Regulatory / Policy Actions

Matt Novak presented the status of the regulatory actions that were of interest to the Advisory.

2. Discussion on Medication Access for Midwives

Ami Keatts kicked off the discussion about midwives' access to necessary medications. Rhogam was specifically mentioned. An Advisory member noted that hospitals could place larger orders than individual practitioners which may have some impact on this issue. It was also noted that this appears to be an issue for practitioners across the board.

3. Discussion on the Board's Disciplinary System Pertaining to Midwifery

Jennifer Deschenes provided an overview of the discipline process that applies to all Board licensees, explaining that anyone may file a complaint and all complaints within the Board's jurisdiction are investigated as required by law. She also reviewed the mandatory report obligations of Board of Medicine licensees and Virginia hospitals to report any alleged unprofessional conduct by a licensee that includes an alleged failure to meet the standard of care. Ms. Deschenes noted that complaints and investigations are confidential pursuant to Virginia law, only notices and orders of discipline are made public. If a case is closed after investigation, no information about that case is available to the public.

4. Approval of 2025 Meeting Calendar

Rebecca Banks moved to approve the 2025 Meeting Calendar. The motion was seconded followed by a unanimous vote.

5. Election of Officers

Rebecca Banks "volunteered" to nominate herself as Chair of the Advisory, and Ami Keatts seconded. The motion passed.

Rebecca Banks moved to nominate Ildiko Baugus as Vice-Chair for the Advisory. Ami Keatts seconded, and the motion passed.

Announcements

Michael Sobowale reported to the Advisory that as of October, 11, 2024, there were 128 current active midwives licensed by the Board.

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Next Scheduled Meeting

February 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, Rebecca Banks adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director