

**DRAFT**  
**Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**  
**Review and Revision of Midwifery Guidance Document 85-10**  
**May 18, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Dr. Ransone called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

**Members Present:** Karen Ransone, MD – Chair  
David Archer, MD  
Becky Banks, LM [Joined Remotely]  
Ildiko Baugus, LM  
Ami Keatts, MD  
Erin Hammer, LM

**Staff Present:** William L. Harp, MD – Executive Director  
Michael Sobowale, LL.M. – Deputy Director for Licensing  
Colanthia M. Opher – Deputy Director for Administration  
Roslyn Nickens, Licensing Supervisor  
Erin Barrett, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs  
Matthew Novak, DHP Policy Analyst

**Guests Present:** Nicole Lawter, Lobbyist

**Charge of the Committee**

Dr. Harp noted that 5 of the 6 members were present in the room which constituted an in-person quorum. He said that the statute on electronic meetings allowed a member with good reason approved by the Chair to participate remotely if a quorum was present. A temporary medical condition has prevented a member of the Committee from being physically present for the meeting, so she will be participating virtually.

Dr. Harp went on to say that at the September 2022 meeting of the Advisory Board on Midwifery, it was determined that Guidance Document 85-10 on high-risk pregnancy disclosures for midwives should be reviewed and revised as appropriate. The thought was that updated research, advancements in practice, and new technology should be incorporated into the document. He pointed out that some of the agenda packet was without numbers, so when members speak about their proposed amendments, they reference the section of 85-10 so all could be on the same page.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Upon a motion by Dr. Archer, seconded by Ms. Baugus, the agenda for the meeting was adopted as presented.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Discussion of Suggested Revisions to Guidance Document 85-10**

Dr. Ransone discussed how she thought the work should proceed. Ms. Baugus stated that the list of proposed changes she submitted in disclosures #11-22 consisted of updated research in midwifery within the last 5 years.

Dr. Keatts suggested adding “difficulty breast feeding” to both maternal risks and fetal/neonatal risks in #4 – Anemia (Hematocrit Less Than 30 or Hemoglobin Less than 10 at term).

Dr. Ransone also suggested adding “difficulty breast feeding” to both maternal risks and fetal risks in #11 – Essential Chronic Hypertension. Dr. Keatts suggested adding “Stroke” as a last bullet point under Maternal Risks.

In #25, VBAC, Dr. Ransone suggested striking “But” at the beginning of the second sentence and replacing it with “If”, also striking “Because” and using parentheses (uterine rupture can be sudden and unexpected, labor outside the hospital can delay delivery and increase the risk of injury and death for both mother and baby in an emergency)

Dr. Ransone suggested replacing the words, “group beta strep” with “group B strep” and striking “rare” after meningitis from the draft proposed disclosure #38.

Dr. Archer moved to accept the changes as discussed and to amend the existing Guidance Document as suggested. Ms. Baugus seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ms. Banks discussed her recommendations for changes in disclosures #1 through #10. She specifically highlighted her suggested edit under “Intrapartum Risk Factors” to place a new section under alcohol abuse regarding opioid use disorder during pregnancy. In the citations for disclosure #5, she provided new language to strike the second citation and replace it with the following, “Antepartum Fetal Surveillance: ACOG Practice Bulletin #229. (2021) June 1. She also presented new possible disclosures to be added to the existing Guidance Document.

Ms. Barrett pointed out that because the Guidance Documents was originally created several years ago the document itself is difficult to edit with modern technology. She suggested that the entire document be restructured. She suggested removing the preamble at the top of each disclosure page, additional statements about the Guidance Document in the box at the bottom of each disclosure, and remove all the citations, footnotes and references as well as the structured consent forms.

Ms. Banks made a motion to leave the preamble for Intrapartum Risk Factors only and remove it from all other disclosures. Ms. Baugus seconded. The motion carried.

Dr. Ransone moved to remove the references and citations and the additional statements about the Guidance Document in the box at the bottom of each disclosure and list all references in one list. The motion passed.

### **Next Steps**

The next steps will be to incorporate the suggested edits into a proposed draft version of Guidance Document 85-10 and present it for discussion at the next Advisory Board on Midwifery.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.