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ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY

Minutes

October 9, 2020

Electronic Meeting

The Advisory Board on Midwifery held a virtual meeting on Friday, October 9, 2020 hosted at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center; 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Pekin, CPM, Chair
Mayanne Zielinski, CPM
Rebecca Banks, CPM
Natasha Jones, MSC

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ami Keatts, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Director, Licensing
Colanthia Morton Opher, Deputy Director, Administration
Jennifer Deschenes, JD, Deputy Director, Discipline
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Rebecca Bowers-Lanier, Lobbyist
Tammi McKinley, CPM, President of Virginia Midwives Alliance
Nicole Lawter
Ben Traynham, JD, MSV

Call to Order

Kim Pekin called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

Roll Call

Roll was called; a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes February 7, 2020

Mayanne Zielinski moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2020 meeting. Rebecca Banks seconded. By roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

Kim Pekin requested an update on an item from the February 7, 2020 meeting to clarify procedures for reporting and getting death certificates signed in the unfortunate event of a stillbirth. It was suggested in February that an item on this topic be placed in the Board Briefs and emailed to Advisory Board members. Dr. Harp advised that the item will be included in the next Board Briefs that should go out the week of October 13th.

Adoption of the Agenda

Natasha Jones moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayanne Zielinski. By roll call vote, the agenda was adopted as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (15 Minutes)

Tammi McKinley spoke in support of legalizing medication use within the scope of practice of Midwifery. She also commended the Board of Medicine's commitment to the Advisory Board during the growth of the midwifery profession in Virginia.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Regulatory Actions and 2020 General Assembly

Dr. Harp provided a regulatory update and report of the 2020 General Assembly. He discussed bills that were of interest to members.

In regards to HB42, Kim Pekin inquired about the creation of a guidance document for pre-natal and post-natal screening for depression. Dr. Harp related that the HB42 article in the next Board Briefs will have resources for licensees to help in the evaluation of depression. He suggested that the article be reviewed prior to deciding if a guidance document needs to be created.

Ms. Pekin requested that discussion of a guidance document be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2. Review of High-Risk Pregnancy Disclosures Guidance Document

After preliminary discussion, Ms. Pekin requested that this document be placed on the agenda in January 2021. She advised the members to be prepared to discuss any editorial

or substantive changes that may be in order. Dr. Harp reminded the Advisory Board that the guidance document was initially created by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Medicine, and any substantive changes would need to be reviewed by a newly constituted Ad Hoc.

3. Approval of 2021 Meeting Calendar

Kim Pekin moved to approve the proposed 2021 meeting dates for the Advisory Board as presented, and for the Advisory Board to continue to hold virtual meetings beyond COVID-19. Mayanne Zielinski seconded the motion. By roll call vote, members voted to approve the 2021 schedule of meetings and to continue to hold virtual meetings if possible.

Dr. Harp remarked that the Director of the Department of Health Professions, Dr. David Brown, will be made aware of the Advisory Board's request to continue to hold virtual meetings.

4. Election of Officers

Rebecca Banks made a motion for Kim Pekin to continue as Chair. Mayanne Zielinski seconded. Kim Pekin nominated Rebecca Banks as Vice-Chair. Mayanne Zielinski seconded. By roll call vote, Kim Pekin was elected Chair, and Rebecca Banks was elected Vice-Chair.

Dr. Harp reminded the Advisory Board that a member continues in the seat until a successor is appointed. He thanked Ms. Zielinski for her willingness to continue to serve.

Announcements

Ms. Archer provided the licensing report. The Board has a total of 97 licensed midwives, 70 of which are current active with Virginia addresses. There are 27 current active licensees with out-of-state addresses.

Next Meeting Date

Next scheduled meeting date: January 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, Kim Pekin adjourned the meeting at 11:16. a.m.

Kim Pekin, CPM, Chair

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist