

**Midwifery Advisory Committee**  
Meeting July 9, 2015

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by Carla Berg, Bureau Chief. She welcomed the attendees and led roll call.

**Members in attendance:** Carol Denny, Licensed Midwife(LM); Jude Melton, LM; Jenny Schultz, LM; Dr. Roy Teramoto, MD- Pediatrics (Ex-Officio); Carla Berg, MHS (Bureau Chief);

and present via phone link: Dr. Francisco Garcia, Physician (OB/GYN), and Elizabeth Morton, Public Member.

**Members not in attendance:** Paul Matthew, LM

**NonMembers in attendance:** Don Gibson, MPA (Licensing Team Lead); Pat Glass, RN (Licensing Surveyor); Sarah Butterfly, LM; Wendi Cleckner, LM; Crystal Pena, LM; Mary Langlois, LM; Elizabeth Vose; Dianah Damron, LM

Carla Berg established there was a quorum of members present at 12:36 pm.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion was made by Jenny Schultz and seconded by Carol Denny to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting. Motion carried. Motion was made by Jenny Schulz and seconded by Carol Denny to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Carla Berg announced that Jude Melton is the new licensed midwife on the committee. The committee has an open CNM position. Applications can be obtained through ADHS.

Colby Bower is the new Assistant Director of Licensing.

The May 4, 2015 midwife training session is now available on the ADHS website.

The Annual Report is due November 15, 2015. It will include the following:

1. Review of Midwifery Reports received by the department.
2. Summary of Review of Demise Reports.
3. Resources and Research related to Midwifery.
4. Recommendations for Rules changes in the future.

The next two meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday September ~~1045~~, 2015 @ 12:30-3:00 pm  
Thursday November 5, 2015 @ 12:30-3:00 pm if needed.

Analysis of information obtained from the midwife portal was reviewed and discussed. It is noted that this information is for the fiscal year 2015, which is from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. A preliminary report was available for review. The committee discussed how to best present this information on the report in order for it to be the most useful. Some of the comments about the report were as follows:

\* Currently the department uses a definition for LGA (Large for Gestational Age) found in "Varney's Midwifery" textbook of 4000g, but midwives may choose another definition when they select which category the infant weight falls in to. This creates confusion in the report. There is not a selected definition for AGA or SGA, but is up to the midwives discretion. It was discussed whether it would be better to report infant weights and take out the category of LGA, AGA, SGA. A new category with an infant weight graph will be presented on the report at the next meeting and the committee will discuss it further then.

\* It was recommended to add a medical vs non medical reason for Transfer of Care.

\* It was recommended to add an appendix with definitions to the report.

\* The word "average" will be changed to "mean" on page 1.

\* There were some minor changes to graphs to make the information more clear.

\* The committee agreed that changes discussed and made from the last preliminary report were helpful in the presentation of the data.

An agenda item will be added to the next meeting to look at the midwife portal and review all the information collected one line at a time and make recommendations for changes that will improve clarity. One example is to add an extra question if the infant weighs more than 4000 grams to ascertain that a Gestation Diabetes screen was done. This would ease the paper work of the the department and the midwives by not requiring a full chart review for this situation.

Jenny Schultz presented two petitions for rule changes that had been drafted by the Arizona Association of Midwives Legal Committee. She recommends that we use these petitions for continuity and clarity. They are well researched, documentation of justification is clear, and they are supported with credible references. It will be better to consolidate the efforts of our committee with the requests already being made by the midwives in Arizona. This combined effort will hopefully have a greater impact and decrease confusion. Jenny explained the two petitions that were available today for review. They were "Prohibited Practice; Transfer of Care" and "Midwifery Services Definition". There will be one more, "Post Partum Hemorrhage", that will be emailed to members for review before the next meeting. After further review, at the next meeting, we will vote on each document individually as to whether to include them in the Annual Report.

Carla asked for the committee members to look for and suggest a template for our Annual Report Document. She will send some links of examples.

Questions and comments were taken from members of the public. Mary Langlois, LM, presented a letter to the Carla Berg and the committee asking that the Rule Change Petitions and recommendations presented to the department at the meeting today be presented to the Director by mid August.

**Adjournment:** With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.