

## Midwifery Advisory Committee

Meeting January 28, 2015

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:34pm by Carla Berg, Bureau Chief. She welcomed the attendees and led roll call.

**Members in attendance:** Carol Denny, Licensed Midwife(LM); Mary Henderson, LM; Paul Matthew, LM; Elizabeth Morton, Public Member; Dr. Roy Teramoto, MD- Pediatrics (Ex-Officio); and Dr. Francisco Garcia, Physician (OB/GYN) present via phone link.

**Members not in attendance:** Jeanne Stagner, Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM).

**NonMembers in attendance:** Pat Glass, Donald Gibson, Bernardo Luna

Carla Berg established there was a quorum of members present at 12:37pm.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion was made by Carol Denny and seconded by Paula Matthews to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Carla Berg asked for a volunteer to act as secretary for the Midwifery Advisory Committee. Carol Denny volunteered and was appointed.

Paperwork from the committee members (loyalty oath & Certificate of Completion of Standards of Conduct for Boards & Commissions) was collected. Members who did not bring it with them today are to email it.

There is currently a vacancy for a Licensed Midwife position on the Committee. The state is accepting applications and will choose a new member when they get a good pool (hopefully 8-10) of applicants.

The committee discussed clarification that was requested at the last meeting of the role of the Committee according to R9-116-117.

E. The midwifery advisory committee shall:

1. Examine aggregate data from the midwife reports required in R9-16-114;
2. Examine any notifications received by the Department required in R9-16-104(B);
3. Examine evidence-based research pertaining to the practice of midwifery;
4. Develop an annual report on midwifery and home births in this state during the previous fiscal year, including:
  - a. An analysis of the information from subsections (E)(1) and (2),
  - b. A summary of the information from subsection (E)(3), and
  - c. Recommendations for changes to the rules in this Article;

One of the roles of the committee is to examine notifications and demise reports. A demise report written by the department from information obtained from the midwife report and hospital records regarding a fetal demise was presented and reviewed.

Discussion of what needs to be included in demise reports followed. Suggestions were: a timeline of the occurrence, an autopsy report, weight and size of the infant, lab work and ultrasound report information. It was suggested that a form be created for pertinent information

needed for a report of demise. Pat Glass supplied a preliminary worksheet to be edited to include more information for future reports.

The committee discussed the annual report that is due November 15. This report will be for information collected from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. This report will be used to make recommendations to the department. A handout showing all the variables that are captured on the midwife reports was reviewed. Members volunteered to research how other states and entities such as MANA are collecting similar data and how the data is being used, and look for evidence based research related to midwifery that would be applicable for our committee.

The committee discussed difficulties in the community related to midwives calling hospitals to report women in labor. Suggestions were made regarding how to bring continuity throughout the state to this process. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The committee discussed open meeting rules. Member asked questions and Donald Gibson clarified the rules.

The committee proposed to meet more frequently to work on the annual report in order to meet the deadline. The next two meetings were scheduled for:

Thursday March 12, 2015 @ 12:30-3:30 pm and

Thursday May 14, 2015 @ 12:30pm-3:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.