

Midwifery Advisory Committee
Meeting March 12, 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); Mary Henderson, 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), Jeanne Stagner, Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM); 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); Dianah Damron, Sarah Butterfly, Elizabeth Vose, Mufn Mell, Wendi Cleckner, Alicia Witt, Susan Fisk, Mona Ziems, Laura Correia, Amy Smith, and Trisia Shannon

Carla Berg established there was a quorum of members present at 12:35 pm.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Carol Denny and seconded by Mary Henderson to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Carla Berg announced that Cory Nelson is the new interim director. The bureau has a new division that will regulate medical marijuana.

Mary Henderson presented a survey of Licensed Midwives regarding their experiences with the new rule requirement to call the hospital during labor and after delivery. The midwives reported mixed results from communication with the hospital staff. Some hospitals were aware and some were unaware of the rule and what they were supposed to do with the information. Most of the midwives surveyed felt the rule was burdensome to both the hospitals and the midwives, and thought it would be much better practice for the rule to be changed to require communication between the midwives and hospitals only if a transfer of care was going to occur.

There was discussion about what would be required for the rules to be changed. One rule cannot be changed without opening up the entire set of rules. There was further discussion about rule changes in the instance of issues with health and safety and what that process would require. One example that was discussed was post partum hemorrhage and the current rules compared to the standard of care and evidenced based practice.

The committee reviewed the current demise report. Mary Henderson provided a sample demise report that could help the department when reviewing a demise to ascertain what had occurred. There was discussion about what information to request from the midwife. There is a demise report set in place by the rules. The records will always be requested in the instance of a demise. Further information requested from the midwife in the case of a demise would be voluntary. MANA has forms that would be very helpful but not all midwives are members of MANA so it is unclear if we could use their forms. Marisah Farrell (a non-member in attendance) said she would find out if we could use the MANA form. There was a question about whether or not the midwife involved should be interviewed when we review the demise report and it was decided that they should not be. The current demise report will be reviewed again at the next meeting after the coroner's report is obtained.

The role of the committee in reviewing the demise report was discussed. It was clarified that the committee is not to be a peer review, or to advise on disciplinary action. Our role is to review the demise report with the goal of making recommendations related to future rules changes and possible resources that could be made available to midwives to improve maternal or neonatal outcomes. It was discussed how to inform midwives of continuing education opportunities. In this particular demise report it was difficult to ascertain some key information so it was suggested to provide continuing education resources to the midwives related to charting. Mary Henderson suggested the link to "Record Keeping and Chart Smarts: Client Healthcare Documentation for Midwives", an online MEAC accredited class, be given to the midwives:

<http://www.e-junkie.com/LifelongLearning/product/502767.php>

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.

Elizabeth Morten presented annual reports from California and Colorado. http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Midwives/lmar_UserGuide.pdf There was discussion regarding the information included in those reports. There will be more discussion at the next meeting regarding what information we would like included in our Annual Report Review of Midwifery Reports.

Mary Henderson presented two midwifery articles to be included in the Annual Report. She will bring more midwifery related research that could be included in the Annual Report to the next meeting.

Jenny Schultz will research current rules that need to be addressed because of health and safety issues and bring her findings to the next meeting.

Carla Berg will research the current rule interpretation related to the definition of post partum care ending at 6 weeks. In the past the definition of post partum care was interpreted as a minimum amount of care that must be provided until at least 6 weeks and now is interpreted as a maximum amount of care. There will be further discussion about how midwives are to document appropriate care after 6 weeks for issues that may arise.

The next two meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday May 14, 2015 @ 12:30-3:00 pm
Thursday July 9, 2015 @ 12:30-3:00 pm
Meetings after this are tentatively set for the second Thursday every other month from
12:30-3:00 pm.

Motion was made by Carol Denny and seconded by Dr. Roy Teramoto to adjourn.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.