

Midwifery Advisory Committee

Meeting August 18, 2016

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 10:14 pm by Carla Berg, Bureau Chief. She welcomed the attendees and led roll call.

Members in attendance: Jenny Schultz, LM; Carol Denny, LM; Jude Melton, LM; Paula Matthew, LM; Janice Bovee, CNM; Dr. Roy Teramoto, MD- Pediatrics (Ex-Officio); Elizabeth Morton, Public Member; Carla Berg, MHS (Bureau Chief);

NonMembers in attendance: Wendi Cleckner LM; Rachana Bhattarai, ADHS Epidemiologist; and present via phone link: Eugene Livar, ADHS Infectious Disease Program Manager

Carol Denny established there was a quorum of members present at 10:16am.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Carol Denny and seconded by Janice Bovee to approve the minutes of the April 2016 and June 2016 meetings. Motion carried.

Motion to move the Legionella training to the end of the meeting was made by Paula Matthew and seconded by Carol Denny. Motion carried.

Carla announced that Dr. Garcia is resigning from the committee. The OB/Gyn position on the committee will be open. Interested physicians should contact Carla for an application. Donald Gibson is no long with the department. All concerns should be directed to Carla.

The preliminary statistical information for the report was reviewed. It was suggested by Janice Bovee to change the words "delivery" and "deliveries" to "birth" or "births" through out the report. The committee unanimously agreed. Tables and graphs that needed clarification or further explanations for the report were discussed. Non-medical reasons for transfer of care were discussed and it was suggested that a field be added to the midwives report that would help clarify the reasons for those transfers. The number of spontaneous abortions that have occurred is a field the committee is interested in capturing in the future. Next year we would like to break Table 2 Prohibited Practice into 2 tables which would include primary and secondary causes.

Elizabeth will compile the data for the report. All Bios should be sent to Carla or Elizabeth by the next meeting. All information for the report needs to be submitted asap. Any information to be reviewed at the next meeting should be submitted by August 29th.

Jenny will review articles in full that Elizabeth submitted to see if they should be included in the annual report.

Each article that was submitted was reviewed and there was discussion regarding if it should be included in the report and where it will be placed in the report.

Dr. Teramoto suggested that comparison of data from last year and this year be included. The committee unanimously agreed.

Elizabeth states that the numbers provided by the department regarding the number of records requested and reviewed by the department is not accurate. Carla stated that the information was obtained by looking at letters sent by the department requesting records. Elizabeth states that these numbers cannot be correct.

Elizabeth discussed a recent court judgement related to an Arizona Licensed Midwife and asked that the link to the full story and findings be included in the report. The judge ruled in favor of the midwife providing continuity of care as the safest option for the mother and babies involved.

The three recommended rules changes reviewed last year are still a priority for the safety of women and babies. These three rules are still seen as the most important changes needed. Members will continue research for any further recommendations.

Legionella training materials were presented by ADHS Infectious Disease. They would like our input regarding the content. It was decided that members would review handouts and give feedback via email or at the next LMAC meeting.

The 2015 annual report can be viewed at <http://www.azdhs.gov/documents/licensing/special/midwives/annual-reports/LMAC-Report-November-2015.pdf>

The annual report is due November 15.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

Annual Report

Rules recommendations: Committee members will bring information and research related to midwifery rules that may need to be reviewed.

Evidenced based research: Committee members will discuss new and current research to be included in the annual report.

Discuss how the committee will review demises and what information to include on the annual report.

Discuss Infectious Disease Protocols for Legionella

Future meeting dates:

September 8, 2016 10:00 am

October 20, 2016 10:00 am

November 3, 2016 10:00 am

Adjournment: With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at

12:13 pm.