

Midwifery Advisory Committee
Meeting September 10, 2015

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 12:30 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; Paula Matthew, LM; Dr. Roy Teramoto, MD- Pediatrics (Ex-Officio); Elizabeth Morton, Public Member; Carla Berg, MHS (Bureau Chief);

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

NonMembers in attendance: Don Gibson, MPA (Licensing Team Lead); Pat Glass, RN (Licensing Surveyor); Sarah Butterfly, LM; Wendi Cleckner, LM; Dianah Damron, LM

Carla Berg established there was a quorum of members present at 12:30 pm.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Carol Denny and seconded by Jenny Schultz to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Carla Berg announced that the committee still has an open CNM position. Applications can be obtained through ADHS.

Elizabeth Morton discussed consumer concerns over loss of postpartum and congruent care that is occurring because of the interpretation of the rules. She has a summary regarding this that she would like included in the documentation regarding proposed changes related to continuity of care.

Elizabeth would like a summary of enforcement actions that have been taken by the department (including complaints and violations) that have occurred to be included in the consumer section of the annual report. She states that there is consumer concern regarding cases where no violation has occurred but the department is still reviewing midwife records. Consumers feel that their personal information is reviewed and confidentiality is violated without valid reason.

The table of contents of the annual report was discussed. It was decided to include a brief history of the history of why the LMAC committee was created, what the role of the committee is, and how it functions. The department will write this section.

Committee members will be named and need to each submit a brief bio by October 1, 2015 to be included in the report. All members will be included in the report that were on the committee in the 2015 fiscal year, even if they are not currently on the committee.

An executive summary will be included in the report.

There was discussion that the primary audience of the LMAC report is the director. Graphs and information from the midwife reports was reviewed and a few changes made to how the information would be presented. Limitations and definitions will be included for information in the graphs.

The Rules recommendations that were found to be most urgent and will be included in the annual report are: Continuity of care, Care for women with post-partum hemorrhage, and the Definition of midwifery services. Jenny Schultz will write this portion and will include evidenced based research in this section.

The appendix will include definitions, rules, statutes. Organizations that are cited in references such as MANA, NARM, AAM will be included in the definitions.

The Arizona Associations of Midwives Legal Committee submitted a lengthy report regarding rules changes they would like implemented. This report will be cited in the appendix by giving the link to the AAM website and their Legal Committee, and where the report can be found.

It was decided to use the same format for our annual report that was found in a New Zealand report that the committee reviewed. Elizabeth will input the information into the report.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday November 5, 2015 @ 12:30-3:00 pm