

Midwife Advisory Committee

Meeting November 5, 2014

Tom Salow, Branch Chief called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. He welcomed the attendees and led roll call.

Those present included Carol Denny, Licensed Midwife (LM); Mary Henderson, LM; Paula Matthew, LM; Elizabeth Morton, Public Member; Dr. Roy Teramoto, MD- Pediatrics (Ex-Officio); and Jeanne Stagner, Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) present via phone link. Absent was Dr. Francisco Garcia, Physician (OB/GYN). Tom Salow established there was a quorum of members present at 1:05 PM.

Tom Salow introduced Claudia Montes, MPH (Automation Epidemiologist Division of Licensing Services) who presented the Aggregate data that has been collected since July 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. A review of this data was completed with the presentation linked to the Licensed Midwife web page. A match of Midwifery reporting and ADHS Office of Vital Records birth certificates had also been completed. She also provided information about the new secure reporting portals with a rollout planned before the end of the year which will be utilized for the Electronic reporting. Claudia opened the discussion for ideas on analysis with the matched data. The committee presented no proposals at this time. The Program can accept input moving forward on this need.

Claudia's presentation identified missing reports noted during this time frame which detailed Vital records birth certificate records with Licensed Midwives names. Tom announced that Director Will Humble will allow late reports to be submitted by November 30, 2014 which will not have enforcement action taken by the Department for the missing information. A letter will be sent by the Department to all Licensed Midwives who are noted to have missing documents.

The committee discussed the required annual report which is due by November 15, 2015, the committee members proposed to hold meetings quarterly to work on this required report to meet this deadline.

The committee members requested to review the scope of the advisory committee. Scope is stated in rules but clarification and discussion is requested for the next meeting.

Tom identified an open seat available. ADHS (Arizona Department of Health Services) is to review previous applications and process to fill this vacancy.

The Program will schedule the next meeting for early 2015. In addition a meeting will be scheduled for the Licensed Midwives to meet the new Bureau Chief, Carla Chee, MHS, by December 31, 2014.

Tom called to the public who was present and no comments were indicated.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM