



**Arizona Department of Health Services
Midwifery Scope of Practice
Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**



**Division of Public Health Services – Licensing
Office of Special Licensing**

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Date & Time of Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Location of Meeting: ADHS State Laboratory Conference Room
250 N. 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Advisory Committee In-Person Attendees:

Wendi Cleckner, LM, CPM – Midwife
Allyson Fernstrom, MSW – Public Member
Mary Langlois, LM, CPM – Midwife
Maria Manriquez, MD – OB/GYN Physician
Jeffrey Northup, DO – OB/GYN Physician
Janice L. Bovee, CNM, MSN – Nurse Midwife

Advisory Committee Telephonic Attendees:

None

Advisory Committee Member Absentees:

Julie R. Gunnigle, JD – Public Member
Susan Hadley, MD – Family Practice Physician

ADHS Attendees:

Will Humble, MPH – Director
Cara Christ, MD, MPH – Assistant Director
Tom Salow, JD – Acting Deputy Assistant Director
Røhno Geppert, MPA – Licensing Office Chief
Don Gibson, MPA – Licensing Team Lead
Patricia Glass, RN – Licensing Surveyor
Patricia Cordova – Rules Analyst
Theresa Koehler – Rules Analyst

Agenda Item A: Call To Order

Director Humble called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and confirmed the presence of a quorum of members as noted above.

Agenda Item B: Minute Review/Approval of April 3, 2013

Committee Member Manriquez made a motion that the minutes be approved but with the stipulation of an alleged violation of the open meeting laws; to which it was noted that the emailed reminder of



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the open meeting laws sent by Tom Salow was in response to said allegation. The motion was 2nd by Committee Member Bovee, and was passed by all Committee Members in attendance, with no abstentions.

Agenda Item C: Discussion of Draft Midwifery Rules:

Rules discussion: Scope of Practice Power Point

- New reporting requirements and form
 - Client number will be used to identify on electronic reporting
- Must notify the Department of a newborn death within the first 6 weeks (postpartum period)
- New administrative rules go into effect July 1, 2013
- **Administrative**
- No changes to:
 - Application for Initial licensure
 - Renewals
 - Continuing Education
 - Name change; Duplicate License
 - Time-frames
- **Responsibilities of a Midwife; Scope of practice**
- Expanded scope of practice to:
 - Prior Cesarean section
 - Fetus in a breech presentation
 - Removed multiple gestation
 - Must be NARM certified to manage these higher risk pregnancies



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- Goes into effect July 1, 2014
- **Emergency Action Plan**
- Completed and kept on file for every patient
- Midwife must attest that the delivery place is within 25 miles of the nearest hospital with obstetrical services for specified conditions
- Must call labor and delivery nurse at hospital identified in emergency action plan for all patients
- When patient goes into labor
- When patient delivers or requires transport
- Emergency Action Plan goes into effect July 1, 2013
- **Scope of practice**
- For VBAC and breech:
- Determine progress of labor per Friedman's Curve
- Rules allow for change to future standards as established by ACOG
- Progress must be tracked and reported on midwife report
- If the patient does not meet progress criteria- must initiate a transport
- Does not apply to low risk deliveries
- **Scope of practice**
- Prohibited practice clarifications:
- Which surgeries were prohibited:
- Incision in the uterus (except as allowed for VBAC)



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- A previous uterine surgery that enters the myometrium
- Severe psychiatric illness
- Diagnosed or treated by BHP or physician in the six-month period prior to pregnancy
- Drug use
- Suspicion of habitual use during this pregnancy or in the six months prior to pregnancy
- Advisory Committee:
- NO CHANGE SINCE LAST RULES
- Committee established to
- Review data from midwife reports
- Examine evidenced based research
- Recommend to the director changes in regulatory rules
- Consist of: 2 licensed midwives, 2 consumers, 1 licensed physician; 1 nurse midwife (recommended that the committee consist of 3 LMWs, 1 consumer, 1 licensed physician and 1 nurse midwife)
- Advisory Committee goes into effect July 1, 2013

R9-1608 Resp of LM Scope July 1, 2014

Add definitions for “breech” and VBAC” and TOLAC (Trial of Labor After Cesarean);

Multiple gestations will be removed;

Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

Use of EAP to be rolled out in conjunction with the parties identified in the EAPs

For Every patient

LM attestation re: higher risk

Procedures and notification

VBACs & Breech.



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Agenda D: Discuss Recommendations

Small group breakout issues:

Committee Members Fernstrom /Northup

Written refusal for testing (consumer autonomy);
Better Data;
Continued dialogue that is data driven;
Continuity of “go live “dates and planning; and
Add qualifications.

Committee Members Cleckner/Bovee

Meds/Authority;
Maternal autonomy; and
Emergency measures within the scope need:
Increase in Episiotomy options;
Shoulder dystocia management options;
To add the ability to manually remove a retained placenta;
Suture to control bleeding (non-emergency);
Medical consult should not be required to be in writing (verbal
consult should be allowed with the LM documenting the conversation
in their notes); and
Include CNMs as potential medical consult providers.

Committee Members Langlois/Manriquez

Emergency medication issue fixed (legislation or rule-making);
To perform episiotomies w/full discloser of experience in doing them;
Publicly available outcomes data;
Reporting deliverable duty of adv. committee (on-going);
Options for managing shoulder dystocia; and
Removing legal “traps” implied by lack of authority to obtain and administer
prophylactic and emergency measure medications.

Agenda E: Closing Remarks/timelines

If another meeting is required will by mid-June (June 3rd chosen) with final proposed rules by
31st of May 2013.

Next meeting will be June 3rd with public comments to be put on the agenda.