

**MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT**

DATE REPORT ISSUED: October 7, 2013  
ATTENTION: Medical Board of California (Board)  
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Vacancies  
STAFF CONTACT: Curtis J. Worden, Chief of Licensing

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board accept this request to appoint California licensed midwife, Tosi Marceline to a three-year term with the MAC.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Business and Professions Code Section 2509 states the Board shall create and appoint a Midwifery Advisory Council consisting of licensees of the Board in good standing, who need not be members of the Board, and members of the public who have an interest in midwifery practice, including, but not limited to, home births. At least one-half of the MAC members shall be California licensed midwives.

On June 19, 2013, a MAC Member Interest Form was mailed to all California licensed midwives and individuals on the interested parties mailing list. An application was also posted on the Board's Web site. Seven applications for the California licensed midwife position were received. At the August 8, 2013, MAC meeting, applicants were given the opportunity to address the MAC. Of the applicants, Tosi Marceline was the only applicant to make a statement.

California licensed midwife, Tosi Marceline is a homebirth midwife practicing in Yolo, Solano, and Sacramento counties. She began attending births in 1975, assisting teenagers with hospital birth support. She attended, and then taught at the Holistic Childbirth Institute in San Francisco in the late 70's and early 80's, while also holding a public school teaching job in a teen parent program. She taught childbirth classes in English and Spanish and trained labor support volunteers for the Davis Community Clinic for 15 years. She began her apprenticeship in midwifery in 1981 and assumed primary partnership in 1984. She has worked with the California Association of Midwives (CAM) Certification Committee, the CAM Legislative Committee, and the MAC helping to pass and implement California's Midwifery Practice Act and related midwifery legislation.

The MAC members voted to recommend Tosi Marceline, L.M., for appointment to the full Board.