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Memorandum

Date: December 5, 2011
 To: Midwifery Advisory Council Members
 From: Curtis Worden, Chief of Licensing
 Subject: Discussion of Term Limits

AT the April 7, 2011 Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) meeting, an agenda item to discuss possible term limits for Council membership was tabled until staff had the opportunity to research term limit policies for other appointed council or committee positions.

The Midwifery Advisory Council is established by law (Business & Professions Code §2509). Neither the length of terms nor the maximum number of consecutive terms is addressed in law. As a point of reference:

- The Medical Board members are appointed to a position with a four-year term. Business and Professions Code §131 states that Board members may not serve more than two consecutive full terms.
- The Special Faculty Permit Review Committee (SFPRC), which is also established by law, does not have formal term limits. Committee members represent each medical school located in California. The individual schools recommend representatives for membership on the Committee; these representatives serve at the schools' pleasure and by approval of the Board. The Board members that serve on the Committee are subject to the Medical Board's term limits and appointment by the Board president.
- No other committees of the Board are established in law. The members of the Board's various committees serve at the pleasure of the Board president.
- A review of term limits in other states that have a midwifery council or committee similar to that in California is attached.

Midwifery Councils Term Limits in Other States

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| Washington | Members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary; may not serve more than 5 years consecutively |
| Florida | May continue to serve until they have been replaced; no term limit |
| Virginia | May not serve more than two consecutive 4-year terms; the remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment |
| New Mexico | 3 year terms; no more than two consecutive terms (except for the member from the Division who shall serve at the pleasure of the Division Director and who shall not be limited as to terms) |
| Arkansas | 3 year terms; Members may serve two consecutive terms |
| Texas | 6 year terms, with the terms of 3 members expiring on January 31st of each odd numbered year |
| South Carolina | 3 year terms; no mention of term limits |
| New Jersey | 3-year terms; May be reappointed; no mention of term limits. |
| Minnesota | 4 year terms; no term limits; members may serve until their successors are appointed. |

Midwifery Advisory Council Terms of Appointment

| Name | Initial Term* | Current Term | Total Years Served To Date |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Barbara Yaroslavsky | 2007 -2008 (1 Year Term) | 2011-2014 | 4 |
| Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M. | 2007-2008 (1 Year Term) | 2011-2014 | 4 |
| Karen Ehrlich, L.M. | 2007-2009 (2 Year Term) | 2009-2012 | 4 |
| Faith Gibson, L.M. | 2007-2010 (3 Year Term) | 2010-2013 | 4 |
| Public Member (Vacant) | ———— | | |
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| Dr. Ruth Haskins | 2007-2010 (3 Year Term) | 2010 – Resigned November 2011 | |
| Dr. William Frumovitz | | 2009 – Resigned November 2011 | |
| Dr. Guillermo Valenzuela | 2007-2009 (2 Year Term) | Expired | |

*Initial appointment terms were staggered to expire after 1, 2, or 3 years. All terms after the initial term are for a period of (3) three years.