

## MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: July 12, 2011  
 ATTENTION: Medical Board of California (Board)  
 DEPARTMENT: Licensing Program  
 SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Vacancies  
 STAFF CONTACT: Curt Worden, Chief

REQUESTED ACTION: Appoint two members to the MAC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Reappoint Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., and Board Member Barbara Yaroslavsky to the MAC for three-year terms.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MAC was established in 2007 to make recommendations to the Board on issues related to the practice of midwifery in California. The MAC consists of six members and is currently comprised of three California licensed midwives in good standing and three members of the public that include one Board member and two California licensed obstetrician/ gynecologists. At least half the members must be licensed midwives.

The term of each position is three years. Staggered term expirations were established at the creation of the MAC. The two positions that expired on January 31, 2011 include one licensed midwife position, held by Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., and one public member position, held by Board member Barbara Yaroslavsky. Lacking a formally adopted policy on term expirations, Ms. Sparrevohn and Ms. Yaroslavsky have continued to serve on the Council until replaced or reappointed by the Board.

Carrie Sparrevohn has been a Licensed Midwife since January 1997. She has been a home birth midwife for 15 years, working primarily in clinics serving underserved pregnant women. Ms. Sparrevohn is one of the original members of the MAC, initially appointed to a one year term in January 2007 and then reappointed to a 3-year term in February 2008. She would like to continue to serve on the Council.

Ms. Yaroslavsky is also one of the original members of the MAC, initially appointed to a one year term in February 2007 and reappointed to a 3-year term in February 2008. She is currently the President of the Medical Board of California. Ms. Yaroslavsky has served as a liaison between the MAC and the full Board and would like to continue to serve in this capacity.

In March 2011, a Midwifery Advisory Council Member Interest Form was mailed to all California licensed midwives and individuals on the interested parties mailing list. Five applications for the licensed midwife position were received; four applications for the public member position were received. At the April 7, 2011 MAC meeting, applicants were given the opportunity to address the Council. Upon learning of Ms. Sparrevohn's and Ms. Yaroslavsky's desire to continue their service on the MAC, the applicants who were present at the meeting withdrew their applications and endorsed Ms. Sparrevohn's and Ms. Yaroslavsky's candidacy.

The MAC voted to recommend to the full Board that Ms. Sparrevohn and Ms. Yaroslavsky be reappointed to the Midwifery Advisory Council.

**FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**PREVIOUS MBC AND/OR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Not applicable.