

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: April 17, 2009
 ATTENTION: Medical Board of California
 DEPARTMENT: Licensing Operations
 SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Vacancies
 STAFF CONTACT: Deborah Pellegrini, Chief

REQUESTED ACTION: Appoint Board member, Jorge Carreon, M.D., to the MAC's vacant obstetrician/gynecologist position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the Board accept this request to appoint Dr. Jorge Carreon to a three-year term as a member of the MAC.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Business and Professions Code section 2509 states that 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 council members shall be California licensed midwives.

A memorandum dated January 17, 2007, was submitted to the Board regarding establishment of the MAC and staff recommendations. The Board approved the make-up of six members including three licensed midwives and three public members, of which two are obstetrician/gynecologists and one is a member of the Board. This is a vacant obstetrician/gynecologist position on the MAC.

Dr. Carreon is an obstetrician/gynecologist in private practice. He has served as president of International Health Consultants in Los Angeles since 2002, and has rendered similar services for other developing countries as well, helping to establish vital programs to meet the health care needs of expanding populations. He is a member of several professional associations, including the American Medical Association, the California Medical Association, the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the Peruvian Medical Association and the American College of Physician Executives. Dr. Carreon's background and areas of interest make him a superior choice for participation in the MAC.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:
 None.

PREVIOUS MBC AND/OR COUNCIL ACTION:
 Not applicable.

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REQUESTED ACTION: Re-appoint Licensed Midwife, Karen Ehrlich, to the MAC's vacant Licensed Midwife position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the Board accept this request to re-appoint Licensed Midwife Karen Ehrlich to a three-year term with the MAC.

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Karen Ehrlich has been a Licensed Midwife since November 1996. Ms. Ehrlich has been a home birth midwife for 34 years and has been involved in statewide and national politics for midwifery for the majority of these years. Ms. Ehrlich is one of the original members of the MAC. Her term expired January 2009 and she would like to continue to serve on the MAC.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:
None.

PREVIOUS MBC AND/OR COUNCIL ACTION:
Not applicable.