

## MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: October 10, 2019  
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California  
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Chair Report  
FROM: Diane Holzer, L.M., Chair

### REQUESTED ACTION:

After review and consideration, approve the following agenda items for the next MAC meeting:

- 1) Establishing goals for the MAC;
- 2) Update on midwifery related legislation;
- 3) Report from the Task Force on Medi-Cal related issues;
- 4) Report from the Task Force on Revision of Guidelines for Midwives;
- 5) Report from the Task Force regarding challenges obtaining Social Security numbers and electronic filing of birth certificates;
- 6) Presentation on the CALM survey regarding physician refusal to provide care for midwifery clients;
- 7) Report from the MAC Chair;
- 8) Update on the Midwifery Program;
- 9) Meeting dates for 2020; and
- 10) Discussion on the data collected on the Licensed Midwives Annual Report (LMAR).

### BACKGROUND

The last MAC meeting was held on August 22, 2019. At this meeting the following actions were taken, or the MAC was provided the following information:

- Created a Task Force to begin the process of revising the midwifery guidelines;
- Created a Task Force to investigate problems that parents are having obtaining social security cards and filing birth certificates;
- Created a Task Force to investigate issues surrounding Medi-Cal;
- Discussed adding ethnicity of midwifery clients to LMAR;
- Discussed establishing goals for the MAC;
- Received an update on midwifery legislation;
- Received an update on the Midwifery Program; and
- Received an update on the LMAR.