

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Midwifery Program**

Midwifery Advisory Council Member Application

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Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815
Attention: Midwifery Program
FAX: (916) 263-8936
tonya.morairty@mbc.ca.gov

Name:	Last Wilson-Tanev	First Mason	Middle Initial M	Suffix
Address:	Street [REDACTED]	City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone:	Cell# [REDACTED]	Home #	Work#	Fax#
Email:	[REDACTED]			
Are you a California Licensed Midwife?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		License Number: LM # <u>135</u>	
Are you a California Licensed Physician?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		License Number: _____	
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Mason Wilson-Tanev

(Signature)

08/18/2022

(Date)

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To Whom it May Concern,

I write today to introduce myself and to apply for the open Midwifery Advisory Council's Board Member position.

I have been a Licensed Midwife in private practice since 2001 and am currently a staff midwife at the San Francisco Birth Center where my regular hours and set schedule provide the flexibility necessary to reliably attend MAC meetings in person.

In addition, I hold a Master of Art's Degree and am pursuing a Ph.D. in Anthropology and Social Change in which my academic focus includes the systemic sources of provider trauma and its influence on birth outcomes.

I have served the California Association of Licensed Midwives (CALM) in advocacy capacity and have been a member of the California Association of Midwives (CAM) and the Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA) for many years.

My interest in serving on the Midwifery Advisory Council includes investigation of innovative methods to ensure affordable, culturally appropriate midwifery care is available to all with particular focus on underserved populations including those of lower socioeconomic means and the increasing number of families operating outside of professionalized maternity care. Further, it is my hope to identify barriers to quality care faced by providers including provider trauma and burnout as well as those caused by inter-profession tension and misunderstanding.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

MASON WILSON-TANEV, MA, LM

Licensed Midwife

CONTACT

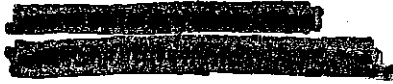
PHONE:
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Sincerely,

Mason Wilson-Tanev MA, LM

EMAIL:
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MASON MARIE WILSON-TANEV



EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Anthropology and Social Change
Advisor: Andrej Grubacic May 2025
- MA** California Institute of Integrated Studies, San Francisco, CA May 2022
Thesis: State Enclosure of Midwifery and The Freebirth Movement
Advisor: Andrej Grubacic
- BS** California State University, East Bay September, 2005
Health Science

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- LM** Licensed Midwife (LM 135) Nov. 2001
Department of Consumer Affairs, Sacramento, CA
- Monash Certified IBS Counsellor January, 2022
- Certified Massage Therapist 1994-present
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program 1997-Present
Renewed January, 2022
- Basic Life Support CPR 1997-present
Renewed August, 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Field Obstetrics Theory and Practice 2021- present
CityCorp EMS, San Leandro CA
- Clinical Preceptor**
Bastyr University
Midwives College of Utah
National Midwifery Institute 2004-2013

Mason Marie Wilson-Tanev

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Event Coordinator Mission Control Community Organization Board Member	2009-2019 2017-2019
Doula Contra Costa Regional Medical Center	1998-2000
Post-Partum Support International- Internship	2004-2005

EMPLOYMENT

Nova Midwifery Services- Owner and midwife	2001-present
Staff Midwife- San Francisco Birth Center	4/22-Present

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

American Public Health Association Annual Conference	2018
Midwives of North America Annual Conference	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

California Association of Midwives	2002-present
Midwives Alliance of North America	2006-present
Post-Partum Support International	2004-present
American Public Health Association	2018-present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

California Association of Midwives Grievance Committee	2008-2010
Peer Review Mason Marie Wilson-Tanev	1997-2002

2005-present

OTHER

Competitive Cyclist

2005-2009

Fusion Dancer

2016-present

REFERENCES

Dr. Andrej Grubacic

[REDACTED]

Dr. Michelle Gragg, DNP

[REDACTED]

Nancy Myrick, CNM

[REDACTED]

August 24, 2022



Sacred Body
Midwifery

Sue Baelen, LM, CPM

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To members of the Medical Board of California,

I'm writing to enthusiastically recommend Mason Wilson-Tanev as a member of the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Ms. Holzer is well qualified to serve on the MAC:

1. She is an outstanding and experienced California midwife who understands the needs of community-based licensed midwives
2. She is a valued member of both the homebirth and birth center communities, and is embraced by both providers and consumers
3. She is dedicated to finding ways to provide care to underserved populations who might especially benefit from individualized midwifery care

The California licensed midwifery community and the population at large, would be well served to have Ms. Wilson-Tanev serve on the MAC. Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Baelen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S'.

Sue Baelen
Licensed midwife

08/18/2022

To Whom it May Concern at the Medical Board of California,

My name is Molly Geisler, LM (644) and I am writing to recommend Mason Wilson-Tanev for the role of Midwife Chair on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Mason has practiced midwifery in the Bay Area for over 20 years and currently she and I are colleagues at the San Francisco Birth Center. At SFBC, the team regularly engages in group decision making around clients or issues at hand and Mason is pivotal in these discussions. Mason brings considerable knowledge related to midwifery and health including well researched scientific topics, a deep holistic understanding of the perinatal cycle, a steady emotional intelligence, keen awareness of community resources, and insight into the many barriers faced by midwives and people seeking their care. As a teammate she brings both innovative thoughts as well as a true openness to the ideas of others. Alongside her visionary abilities Mason importantly has a robust and efficient work ethic. She is confident in what she knows while also seeking continual learning both formally and informally. Mason is often the first person to volunteer to fill a need at the Birth Center or offer to cover another midwife. She is a team player who really enjoys working with others. Truly, she is a passionate and experienced midwife and I know she would bring a unique drive to the MAC.

Mason's articulated goals while contributing to the MAC include ensuring affordable and culturally appropriate midwifery care for underserved and under-resourced populations, whether that be through optimizing existing programs or by innovating new approaches. Mason has also previously initiated research examining provider trauma and burnout that commonly occurs as midwives work to provide quality care. She hopes to further identify and confront barriers faced by midwives that can lead to these unsustainable outcomes. I believe Mason is a very strong candidate for this role and I look forward to seeing her in a position where she can leverage her extensive knowledge, experience, and innovative thinking for the betterment of midwifery practice in California.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should the need arise. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Molly Geisler, LM, CPM



08/18/22

**DIANE HOLZER
LICENSED MIDWIFE**

[REDACTED]

August 25, 2022

To: Midwifery Advisory Council members

From: Diane Holzer LM PA-C former chair MAC

I wanted to write a letter of recommendation for Mason Cornelius for the position of Licensed Midwife to the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC). I have known Mason for at least 20 years and know her to be of utmost integrity, intelligence and commitment to both midwifery and the mothers and babies that she serves.

Mason is a much sought after midwife given her experience and care for her clients. She is currently pursuing further study and has more time to be able to contribute her time and expertise to the MAC. Mason has worked in both homebirth and birth center settings and always has a fresh view to contribute to discussions surrounding midwifery practice. She regularly attends peer review and has her finger on the pulse of what is happening in the midwifery community.

Given her experience, knowledge and ability to follow through on complex tasks I highly recommend her for this position. She is someone who will really complete any assignments given to her and will always have insightful thoughts on how to shape the future of midwifery in California. Any board or committee would be very lucky to have her participation.

I am happy to be able to recommend Mason and would gladly elaborate on any of my points above if needed.

Sincerely,

Diane Holzer, LM CPM PAC former Chair MAC

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Name:	Last Wisner	First Madeleine	Middle Initial J	Suffix
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Phone:	Cell# [REDACTED]	Home # [REDACTED]	Work# [REDACTED]	Fax# [REDACTED]
Email:	wisner.madeleine@gmail.com			
Are you a California Licensed Midwife?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		License Number: LM # 510	
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	Name Welcomes Home Midwifery Services, Inc.	Dates of Membership 10/2016-Present		
	Name CA Association of Licensed Midwives	Dates of Membership 01/10/2022-Present		
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(Signature)

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(Date)

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July 23, 2022

Members of the Midwifery Advisory Council & Medical Board of California:

I am writing to request your consideration for a placement on the Midwifery Advisory Council as a Licensed Midwife member for a three year term, running through June 30, 2025. This is my second application to the MAC, the first of which was submitted shortly before the pandemonium of March 2020.

Prior to being a Licensed Midwife, I founded and directed a successful nonprofit community doula program, facilitating culturally humble, free and low-cost labor support to families in Sacramento. This volunteer-run organization trained several dozen birth doulas in the span of a decade, and served over 1,000 families--70% of whom were Medi-Cal beneficiaries. While in midwifery school, I was an AmeriCorps Home Visitor for the Child Abuse Prevention Center, working face-to-face with Sacramento families who wanted to learn more ways to bond with and care for their young children. Following licensure while building my practice and awaiting approval as a Medi-Cal provider, I worked for the County of Yolo in their Tuberculosis Control branch of the Health Department, administering Direct Observational Therapy to patients experiencing Active TB infections. All of these experiences, combined with the grueling years of full-time midwifery school and apprenticeship, greatly informed the way I entered into midwifery practice.

For the last five years, I have administered a high-volume freestanding birth center and home birth practice in South Sacramento. I remain the only Licensed Midwife in my region enrolled as an individual Medi-Cal provider offering community birth. Midwifery in my life centers the needs of the working class, who have been largely excluded from crucial conversations about midwifery access and quality of care. My job requires ongoing communication with each of the Medi-Cal Managed Care plans covering my region, the Department of Health Care Services, California Department of Public Health, and the Department of Managed Health Care. My practice also collaborates with Nurse Midwives and Physicians at several local FQHCs and is a shining local example of midwifery care being safely and affordably integrated into existing health systems.

As a board member of California Association of Licensed Midwives (CALM) I serve as the chair of their Medi-Cal Task Force, and their Co-Chair of Policy. My role with CALM is to work in solidarity with members of my trade to reach meaningful and positive outcomes that will keep families safe while benefiting all stakeholders in the care of birthing people.

In addition to being a healthcare provider, I train midwives as both a clinical preceptor and as an academic instructor through several MBC-approved midwifery programs. Inviting students to practice in a way that is congruent with their own cultural backgrounds while compensating them appropriately as workers are two huge priorities for me.

I have attended Midwifery Advisory Council meetings as a member of the public since 2010. While Licensed Midwives successfully removed physician supervision and added ourselves as individual Medi-Cal providers, California remains a hostile, inhospitable place for both midwives and families choosing midwifery care. The

training and scope of California Licensed Midwives continues to be limited by biased policies that obviously perpetuate a physician monopoly on women's healthcare. Meanwhile, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic additionally has brought to light what midwives have always known: how disastrous and dangerous our existing healthcare system is, especially for pregnant people. Already overworked and overpaid, Licensed Midwives like other skilled healthcare providers rose to the occasion and have attended more community births and cared for more families in the last two years than ever before. This is all despite little to no resources available from the state to protect and compensate workers providing this crucial, lifesaving service.

The MAC has the responsibility of protecting consumers and representing stakeholders in midwifery care. Under current statute, the MAC is neither a regulatory body nor an authority over midwives or the Medical Board, and is merely a line of communication between the midwifery community and the Medical Board of California. It is easy to see why many feel that despite having competent and qualified members, the MAC as an entity is functionally impotent—it was designed to be. I hope that in my term I am able to work collaboratively with other members of the MAC to change this.

As a MAC member, I would be committing to the following over my 3-year term:

- Attending quarterly meetings, including having coverage for my practice for meetings
- Upholding the midwifery model of care as the gold standard of healthcare for childbearing families
- Centering the experiences and insight of poor and working class families in discussions about consumer protection, midwifery care access, quality of care, insurance coverage, and legislation
- Eliciting feedback from student midwives, new midwives, and midwifery educators in conversations about education programs and licensure requirements
- Introducing innovative and realistic solutions for the years of expensive regulatory stalemates, barriers to practice, unsafe working environments, poor opportunities for training, and bureaucratic hurdles related to MBC oversight of Licensed Midwifery practice

Thank you for your consideration,



Madeleine Wisner LM



Jocelyn Brown, CPM, LM | [REDACTED]

July 25th, 2022

Dear Members of the Midwifery Advisory Council and Medical Board of California,

It has come to my attention that one of my colleagues, California Licensed Midwife Madeleine Wisner, is requesting consideration for placement on the Midwifery Advisory Council. I can think of no better candidate for the position than Mrs. Wisner.

Since I have known Mrs. Wisner, she has demonstrated a tireless commitment not only to providing excellent care to her clients, but just as importantly, to improving California families' access to that care through starting a non-profit birth center and advocating strongly for Medi-Cal reimbursement for Licensed Midwives.

Mrs. Wisner's advocacy is very meaningful to me. I have been a licensed midwife in the State of California since 2015 and previously practiced as a licensed midwife in Oregon. I have nearly 13 years of clinical experience attending births at home and in out-of-hospital birth center settings, as well as accompanying high-risk families into hospital care. While I attended midwifery school to become a low-risk maternity care provider who provides out-of-hospital birth to all families who desire it, upon graduation I quickly learned that to maintain a financially thriving practice and in order to provide myself with a middle class salary, it was realistic to market my services only to relatively privileged families who can afford care out-of-pocket.

Accepting Medi-Cal as payment for my services, and, likewise, accepting Medicaid reimbursement in Oregon, was simply not sustainable in the out-of-hospital setting, due to low reimbursement rates and conflicts of interest. I know that many midwives have expressed similar frustrations. We very much desire to serve a population for whom home birth care is simply out of reach, financially. I also want to add that not only do I believe all families should be able to access a full range of affordable choices for their

maternity care, but that improving access to out-of-hospital care may well improve upon the abysmal neonatal and maternal morbidity and mortality rates for people of color in our country.

Madeleine Wisner's hard work, persistence, creativity, advocacy and attention to this issue will not only positively affect low-income and working families' access, but will improve California midwives' ability to provide excellent care to the low-income population. I also have faith in Mrs. Wisner's commitment to participation on the Council and I can clearly see her enthusiasm for the position. In my experience, Mrs. Wisner gets things done.

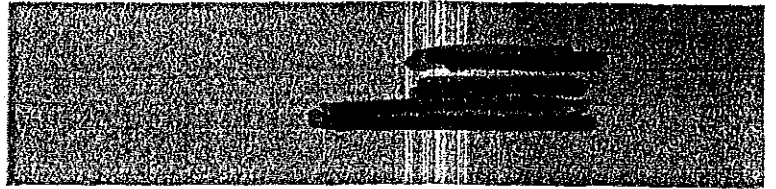
Please feel free to contact me for questions or clarification.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Brown, LM (0449)



**DENISE
ADAMS**
DNA BIRTH SERVICES



June 24, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Madeleine Wisner. I have been a student midwife under the tutelage of Mrs Wisner at Welcome Home Midwifery Services since Fall 2021. Based on our professional relationship over the past year, I am certain I can provide honest insight into their suitability and qualifications for the available position.

Mrs Wisner is an absolute champion of accessible midwifery services and community birth in Northern California. She is constantly fundraising and brainstorming more ways to bring affordable midwifery care to the area and make it accessible to all persons. Without Mrs Wisners drive for equal healthcare accessibility to all, many pregnant persons in the region would go without quality, evidence-based care. Mrs Wisner remains the only licensed midwife accepting Medi-Cal in the region despite her best efforts to train and educate other area midwives on the process. In a state where 1 in 3 persons rely on Medi-Cal for their health coverage, Mrs Wisner works tirelessly to provide high quality, individualized, client-driven care to each person that comes through the doors.

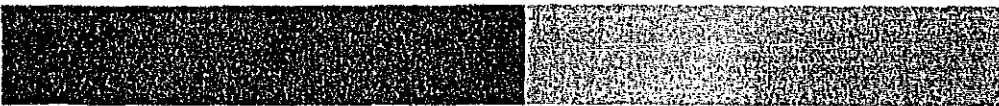
As my preceptor, Mrs Wisner encourages me continuously, and constantly motivates me to apply new skills. She explains the basis for her decisions and actions during care, to provide me with a greater understanding of the process as a whole. She has taught me how to see each client as an individual and how to take their unique circumstances into account, to provide care that is best suited to their needs and within their means. She provides a safe, welcoming space where she takes the time to explain procedures and guides me toward figuring out answers on my own. Her belief in my ability allows me the confidence to thrive as a student midwife.

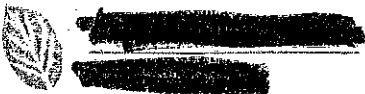
Mrs Wisner has a strong dedication to midwifery and an incredible initiative to work effectively and effortlessly. Mrs Wisner's expertise, experience, and strong passion for midwifery make her a tremendous asset to any counsel.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Regards,

Denise Adams
STUDENT MIDWIFE





July 25, 2022

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to express my whole-hearted support of Madeleine Wisner in her application to serve as a part of the Midwifery Advisory Council. I have known Madeleine for more than 9 years, and each year I have known her she has added more to her experience and accomplishments than any midwife I know. The entire time I have known her she has passionately pursued her mission of providing equitable care for communities that have been historically poorly served, always finding new solutions to every barrier presented.

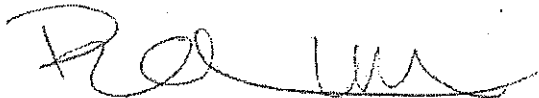
When I met her she had already been responsible for the founding and running of nonprofit Welcome Home Doula Services, established to provide high quality birth doula services to low and no income families in the Sacramento region. She herself attended hundreds of families in every hospital in the region, trained cohorts of birth doulas to expand availability of services and fundraised constantly to ensure that the other doulas could be paid even when the families they served could not pay for services. She maintained the nonprofit throughout her midwifery training.

We trained with the same preceptor, attending births throughout the San Joaquin Valley until we both became licensed in 2017. From the moment I met her I have been learning from her; that continues to this day in private conversations and in our community Peer Review.

Immediately on licensure as a midwife she launched Welcome Home Midwifery Services and Community Birth Center, became a Medi-Cal provider and began teaching other midwives how to become Medi-Cal providers. She joined the California Association of Licensed Midwives Legislative Advocacy Team to focus on improving the experience of Medi-Cal families and providers. Once qualified, she became a clinical preceptor and has already graduated newly licensed midwives.

She has an incredible understanding of the breadth of services, care and resources available to families in each area of our region, of the challenges faced both in accessing and providing those services and a laser focus on resolving barriers. She is brilliant, persistent, hard working and amazingly productive. I can think of no one better to represent both Licensed Midwives and the birthing public than Madeleine Wisner, LM.

Respectfully,



Brooke Myung, LM

