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MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL

WebEx Meeting

Thursday, May 30, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Due to timing for invited guests to provide their presentations, the agenda items below are listed in the order they were presented.

Members Present:

Faith Freeman, L.M., Vice Chair
Kenneth James, M.D.
Tamara Robertson
Mason Wilson-Tanev, L.M.

Members Absent:

Madeleine Wisner, L.M., Chair

Staff Present:

Ramona Carrasco, Staff Services Manager I
Sean Eichelkraut, Information Technology Manager II
Tonya Morairty, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Marina O'Connor, Deputy Director
Kathryn Taylor, Staff Services Manager I
Kerrie Webb, Attorney III

Agenda Item 1 **Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**

Faith Freeman, Vice Chair called the meeting of the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) of the Medical Board of California (Board) to order on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 1:06 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice was provided to all interested parties.

Agenda Item 2 **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda [Link to Video](#)**

There were no public comments on this item.

Agenda Item 3 **Approval of Minutes from the February 15, 2024, Midwifery Advisory Council Meeting [Link to Video](#)**

Faith Freeman asked if anyone had corrections to the February 15, 2024, meeting minutes.

No additions or corrections were requested.

Dr. Kenneth James made a motion to approve the February 15, 2024, meeting minutes; s/Tamara Robertson.

Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

There were no public comments on this item.

Agenda Item 4 Report from the Midwifery Advisory Council Vice Chair [Link to Video](#)

Faith Freeman spoke about the Board's Enforcement Program Consultant and Expert Reviewer opportunities for Licensed Midwives. Faith Freeman gave information for those interested in applying. For application and eligibility requirements, go to the Board's website at www.mbc.ca.gov, click on the Enforcement link, and then the links to the Medical Consultant and Expert Reviewer Programs.

Faith Freeman stated the MAC currently has a vacancy for one public member position on the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC). The vacant position is for a three-year term that will run through June 30, 2027.

There were no public comments on this item.

Agenda Item 5 Update on Midwifery Related Legislation [Link to Video](#)

Aaron Bone stated the legislature is in one of its busiest times of the year and they just passed a major deadline to approve bills introduced this year and they face a constitutional deadline to approve the state's budget by June 15th. Mr. Bone stated he continually reviews the bills that have been introduced and amended and he has not identified any pending legislation that directly impacts licensed midwives.

There were no public comments on this item.

Agenda Item 6 Report from the Task Force on Medi-Cal Related Issues [Link to Video](#)

Faith Freeman stated Madeleine Wisner is not in attendance at today's meeting, this item will be added to the September 12, 2024, MAC meeting agenda.

Agenda Item 7 Program Update [Link to Video](#)

Tonya Morairty referred Council members to the Licensing Statistics, indicating in the third quarter of fiscal year 2023/2024, the Board received seven new applications, issued eight new licenses, and renewed 53 licenses.

In the third quarter of fiscal year 2023/2024 the Board received 51 Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Delivery to Hospital Reporting forms for licensed midwives.

Tonya Morairty reviewed the enforcement statistics for licensed midwives. In the third quarter of fiscal year 2023/2024, the Board received 10 complaints and referred one for investigation.

Tonya Morairty stated in the third quarter of fiscal year 2023/2024, the Board received one complaint for unlicensed midwives.

Tonya Morairty reviewed enforcement statistics for Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Delivery to Hospital Reporting forms for licensed midwives. In the third quarter of the 2023/2024 fiscal year, 51 Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Delivery to Hospital Reporting forms were received by the Board and none were referred for investigation.

Tonya Morairty stated in the third quarter of the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the Board received two Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Delivery to Hospital Reporting forms for unlicensed midwives and none were referred for investigation.

There were no public comments on this item.

Agenda Item 8 Overview of the Enforcement Process

Ramona Carrasco, Staff Services Manager I of the Medical Board gave an overview of the enforcement process. [Link to Video](#)

MAC members and staff discussed the enforcement process.

There were no public comments on this item.

Agenda Item 9 Selection of One New MAC Member, for the Vacant Public Member Position [Link to Video](#)

Tonya Morairty stated the Board did not receive any applications for the public member position that met the requirements for consideration. This position will be readvertised on the Board's website after this meeting.

There were no public comments on this item.

Agenda Item 10 Future Agenda Items [Link to Video](#)

Madeleine Wisner recommended the following agenda items for the next MAC meeting:

- Approval of minutes from the May 30, 2024, MAC meeting;
- Report from the MAC Chair;
- Report from the Task Force on Medi-Cal related issues;
- Update on midwifery related legislation;
- Update on the Midwifery Program and LMAR;
- Selection of one new MAC member for the vacant public member position;
- Presentation and discussion on midwife access to audiology screening equipment for newborns; and
- Discussion and possible action regarding 2025 Midwifery Advisory Council meeting dates.

There were no public comments on this item.

Agenda Item 15 Adjournment

Madeleine Wisner adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

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