

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: April 8, 2025
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California (Board)
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Chair Report
CONTACT: Madeleine Wisner, L.M., Chair

REQUESTED ACTION:

After review and consideration, approve the appointment of Karen Roslie to the public member position for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2028, and approve the following agenda items for the next MAC meeting, which will be held on September 11, 2025:

- 1) Approval of minutes from the April 3, 2025, MAC meeting;
- 2) Report from the MAC Chair;
- 3) Report from the Task Force on Medi-Cal related issues;
- 4) Update on midwifery related legislation, if applicable;
- 5) Update on the Midwifery Program and the 2024 Licensed Midwife Annual Report (LMAR);
- 6) Vote on 2026 MAC meeting dates;
- 7) Presentation on Frequency and Rationale of Freebirth;
- 8) Discussion on Environmental Exposures Faced by Midwives;
- 9) Discussion on Midwifery Payment Model;
- 10) Discussion on Accessibility and Sustainability of California Midwives;
- 11) Discussion on Presentation to the Board; and
- 12) Discussion on Community Birth Partnership Initiative.

BACKGROUND:

The last MAC meeting was held on April 3, 2025. At this meeting the following actions were taken, and the MAC was provided with the following information:

- Approved meeting minutes from the September 12, 2024, MAC meeting;
- Received an update from the MAC Chair;
- Received an update on midwifery legislation;
- Received an update from the Task Force on Medi-Cal related issues;
- Received an update on the Midwifery Program;
- The MAC voted to select Karen Roslie to fill the public member vacancy, effective June 30, 2025;
- Received a verbal presentation on midwife access to audiology equipment for newborns;
- Had a discussion on accessibility and sustainability of California midwives; and
- Received a presentation on the LMAR and opportunities for better data collection.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the MAC's recommendation to appoint Karen Roslie to serve on the MAC effective June 30, 2025, and approve the agenda items requested by the MAC.