



**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
**Licensing Program**



**Midwifery Advisory Council**

**Lake Tahoe Room**  
**2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200**  
**Sacramento, CA 95815**

**June 19, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) of the Medical Board of California was called to order by Chair Faith Gibson at 1:10 p.m. A quorum was not present and due notice had been mailed to all interested parties.

**Members Present:**

Faith Gibson, L.M., Chair  
Barbara Yaroslavsky  
Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M.

**Members Absent:**

Ruth Haskins, M.D., L.M., Vice Chair  
Karen Ehrlich, L.M.  
Guillermo Valenzuela, M.D.

**Staff Present:**

Anita Scuri, Supervising Senior Counsel, Department of Consumer Affairs  
Billie Baldo, Administrative Assistant, Licensing Program  
Deborah Pelligrini, Chief, Licensing Program  
Kathi Burns, Manager, Licensing Operations  
Kurt Heppler, Legal Counsel, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)  
Robin Jones, Analyst, Licensing Operations

**Members of the Audience:**

Andrea Ferroni, L.M.  
Claudia Breglia, L.M., California Association of Midwives (CAM)  
Candace Diamond, Manager, Office of Statewide Health Planning and  
Development (OSHPD)  
Donna Fritz, L.M.

Genie DeKruyf, L.M.  
Rachel Fox-Tierney, L.M.  
Rachel Hansen  
Robyn Strong, Analyst, OSHPD

## **Agenda Item 2 Approval of Minutes of the December 6, 2007 Meeting**

There were no minutes to approve.

## **Agenda Item 3 2007 Licensed Midwife Annual Report**

Candace Diamond presented preliminary data for the Licensed Midwife 2007 Annual Report.

In addition, Council members and OSHPD staff made some suggestions for handling of the next annual report. Suggestions included mailing the report out earlier; agreement on data and terminology; implementation of checks and balances to ensure better data integrity; improvement of the report instructions; make the report more user friendly for those Licensed Midwives that did not provide services; and include language regarding annual reporting requirements for newly licensed midwives.

Council members also asked about the number of responses received regarding the topic of physician supervision. OSHPD staff reported preliminary data responses. Council members asked that this data be broken down to a county level. However, OSHPD staff reported that they didn't have the ability to break it down by county but would be able to offer the data by percentage.

Council members suggested that the Board send out a reminder letter to those Licensed Midwives who had not submitted the report as soon as possible. The deadline for this group is extended to July 15, 2008. Board staff reported that a flag will be placed on the record of those individuals that did not turn in their annual report.

## **Agenda Item 4 Licensed Midwife Remedial/Re-entry to Practice**

There was no new information to report as Elizabeth Gilmore, National College of Midwifery in Taos, New Mexico, was on vacation and unavailable for input.

## **Agenda Item 5 Licensed Midwife Statistical Data**

Board staff presented statistical data regarding the total number of newly licensed midwives, complaints, and disciplinary activity for the period of July 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

Council members requested more detail in the future reporting of this data. Specifically, that future data include the source of a complaint (e.g. from a member of the public, a physician, a parent, etc.).

#### **Agenda Item 6 Schedule of Future Meetings**

October 23, 2008 is the next scheduled MAC Meeting.

Board Staff will send out an e-mail to Council members offering dates for the January 2009 MAC Meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 7 Future Matters for Consideration by the Council**

Candace Diamond offered to share OSHPD outreach strategies that they used previously for other clients.

Council members commented that the October 23, 2008 MAC meeting should be focused primarily on the 2007 Annual Report final outcomes.

#### **Agenda Item 8 Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

Donna Fritz, LM, asked that the MBC try to get the Agenda out to them sooner than the required 10-day notification.

#### **Agenda Item 9 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.