



## **Midwifery Advisory Council**

**Greg Gorges Conference Room  
1424 Howe Ave  
Sacramento, CA 95825**

**September 6, 2007**

### **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 1:07 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed to all interested parties.

#### **Members Present:**

Faith Gibson, L.M., Chair  
Ruth Haskins, M.D., Vice Chair  
Karen Ehrlich, L.M.  
Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M.

#### **Staff Present:**

Billie Baldo, Administrative Assistant, Licensing Program  
Kathi Burns, Manager, Licensing Operations  
Kurt Heppler, Legal Counsel, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)  
Mike McCormick, Analyst, Licensing Operations  
Christine Meighan, Office Technician

#### **Members of the Audience:**

Bruce Ackerman, Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA)  
Claudia Breglia, L.M., California Association of Midwives (CAM)  
Tonya Brooks, L.M., Natural Birth and Women's Center  
Mason Cornelius, L.M., Nova Midwifery Service  
Candace Diamond, Manager, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)  
Rachel Hansen, CAM  
Diane Holzer, L.M., CAM/MANA  
Lucinda Johnston-Chiszar, L.M. Californians Advocating Licensed Midwifery  
Robyn Strong, Analyst, OSHPD

#### **Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Minutes of the June 12, 2007 Meeting**

It was M/S/C (Haskins/Sparrevohn) to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2007 meeting as amended.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Midwife Annual Report Coding System**

MAC members, OSHPD representatives, audience members, and division staff discussed final revisions to the Midwife Annual Report Coding System.

It was M/S/C (Ehrlich/Sparrevohn) to approve the Midwife Annual Report Coding System as amended.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Midwife Annual Report Form and Instructions**

MAC members, OSHPD representatives, audience members, and division staff discussed final revisions to the Midwife Annual Report form and instructions.

It was M/S/C (Ehrlich/Sparrevohn) to approve the Midwife Annual Report form and instructions as amended.

Ms. Ehrlich and other MAC members expressed appreciation to Ms. Burns for her efforts in coordinating the development of the midwife annual report coding system and related reporting documents.

Following the above actions, Ms. Ehrlich re-opened discussion of this item to consider adding a page to allow comments to be included if the “other,” “unknown,” and/or “information not obtainable” reporting options are used. Discussion ensued.

It was M/S/C (Sparrevohn/Haskins) to include, with the reporting form, an optional page for comments to be included if the “other,” “unknown,” or “information not obtainable” reporting options are used.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Midwifery Remedial/Re-entry to Practice Training Programs**

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed and moved to the December 6, 2007 MAC meeting.

Ms. Sparrevohn requested staff obtain information regarding whether a process similar to how the MBC uses expert witnesses for educational purposes could be used in situations regarding licensed midwives.

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

The document included in the agenda packet related to this item, indicated the December meeting date as the 9<sup>th</sup>, when, in actuality, it is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that the 2008 MAC meetings be held on April 3, 2008, June 19, 2008, and October 9, 2008, all starting at 1 p.m.

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

Ms. Gibson requested staff identify reasons for complaints filed and disciplinary actions taken against licensed midwives to determine whether educational activities aimed at reducing identified violations could or should be developed.

Dr. Haskins suggested that the MAC request the DOL to allow it the opportunity to explore ways of educating both professional communities and consumers on the distinction between lay midwives and licensed midwives.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.