

Licensed Midwife – Three Year Term

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Midwifery Program**

Agenda Item 9B

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
annamarie.sewell@mbc.ca.gov

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Jeanne M. Anderson, LM, CPM
Whole-Hearts Midwifery

Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen St, Ste 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815

February 16, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Following the birth of my firstborn in 1976, I became certified as a Bradley Childbirth Instructor and was introduced to the idea of homebirth. At that time, I began attending births in a support capacity and had my own next three births at home—the first with the assistance of a supportive physician and midwife, the others with a midwife only.

Originally, in the early '80's, I began studying midwifery under the tutelage of a supportive obstetrician, catching my first baby in 1980, but as midwifery was illegal in the State of California at that time, for the sake of my young family, I placed my midwifery desires on hold, continuing to teach as a CBE, offering support to other mothers, and helping to open a pregnancy clinic here in the Conejo Valley. Much later, following certification and work as a Labor Doula, I assisted in opening a similar center in Moscow, Russia. I also addressed the obstetricians at the Women's Clinic in Pereslavl/Zaleski, Russia regarding Compassionate Care for Pregnant & Laboring Women, and taught natural childbirth classes there and in Moscow, Russia.

Following graduation from the National College of Midwifery in Taos, New Mexico, I received licensure in CA in 2010, and began practicing in Ventura County as a midwife. I have remained active as a midwife, work as a preceptor helping train other young midwives, and have also served on the Board of Directors for the Conejo Pregnancy Center, now Ohana Health. I have good collaborative relationships with several local physicians and many of the midwives in not only Ventura County, but other areas of California as well.

I am passionate regarding women's choices in birth, childrearing, and other health related areas, and feel strongly that collaboration between healthcare professionals and their clients produces the best care possible.

I would be honored to serve on the Midwifery Advisory Council, to do what I can to help insure compassion and excellence in midwifery in California.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Marie Anderson
LM 291

JEANNE MARIE ANDERSON, LM, CPM

WHOLE-HEARTS MIDWIFERY

2010-Current

- Well-woman care
- Antepartum, Intrapartum and Postpartum Care
- Homebirth & Birth Center Services (Waterbirths available upon request)

Expert Midwife Reviewer

Current

Provides expert opinions on enforcement-related matters, including technical subject matters, professional standards, the quality and completeness of evidentiary material and assists in all phases of the judicial and administrative process including hearings and appeals, if required, for the **Medical Board of California**.

Preceptor for the NATIONAL COLLEGE OF MIDWIFERY

2012- Current

Board of Directors CONEJO PREGNANCY CENTER

2011- 2014

Certified BIRTH DOULA

1977-2010

Attended Births in and out of hospital providing educational, emotional & comfort support

CERTIFIED CHILDBIRTH INSTRUCTOR

1977-1987, 2005-2008

Taught Bradley Method Childbirth Education Classes as well as courses I developed myself based upon Bradley principles, in the USA and Russia

PRIVATE TUTOR/Instructor

1992-2008

I contracted as a private tutor in English and Math at the high school level, have volunteered as an ESL instructor for a Hispanic church

PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR/ ENGLISH TEACHER

1992-1998, 2005-2006

EF Educational Homestay Programs

PRIVATE ENGLISH TUTOR/ ENUNCIATION COACH

2001-2002

Access Records/dick clark productions

PRINCIPAL/ INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM AND SUPPORT GROUP

1986- 1991

I was one of five who began a local support group for Home Educators in the Conejo Valley, which converted into an Independent Study Program for parents desiring to be the primary teachers for their children

TRINITY PACIFIC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL from 1989-1991, I was the head administrator

L'ABRI SEMINAR CO-ORDINATOR

1982

I was a team leader coordinating facilities, advertising and promotion, ticket sales, and accommodations for the speakers as part of a twenty city national tour.

EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS

- o BEST Certification (Birth Emergency Services Training), 2014
- o Waterbirth International Certification, 2013
- o Limited Obstetric Ultrasound Certification, 2012
- o Associate of Science in Midwifery through the National College of Midwifery, Taos, New Mexico, a MEAC certified program, 2010
- o ALSO Certification (Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics) at Ventura County Medical Center, 2010
- o Certified Neonatal Resuscitation (NRP) since 2007, Adult & Infant Resuscitation (BLS) since 2008
- o Childbirth International Birth Doula Certification, 2007
- o Bradley Childbirth Educator with the American Academy of Husband-Coached Childbirth, 1977
- o TEFL Certification (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) with emphasis on Business, 2004
- o Associate of Art, Fine Arts, Moorpark College, Moorpark CA 1973

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

NARM-Northern American Registry of Midwives
Southern California Midwives

WORKSHOPS

- o Gold Perinatal Conference 2016
- o Tongue & Lip Tie: Related Issues, Assessment & Treatment (PACLAC) 2015
- o Breastfeeding Conference: Emotional Care of the Family; Maternal Depression; Infant Sleep Location; Maternal Obesity Effects on Breastfeeding, (Kathleen Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC,FPA), 2016
- o Waterbirth Certification (Barbara Harper, RN, CLD, CCCE, Director of Waterbirth International) 2013
- o Midwifery Volunteerism in Developing Countries (Vicki Penwell, LM, CPM), 2012
- o Performing Limited Obstetric Ultrasounds in the Pregnancy Clinic, (NIFLA), 2012
- o Dealing with Challenging Clients (Bill Jack Davis, MA, LPC-S), 2012
- o Understanding Pelvic Soft Tissue Anatomy (Anne Frye, CPM), 2012
- o Physiologic Closure of the Umbilical Cord (Anne Frye, CPM), 2012
- o Current Legislation & Legal Status of the Midwife (Ida Darreagh, CPM), 2012
- o Resolving Shoulder Dystocia in the Active, Mobile Woman (Gail Tully, CPM), 2011, 2012
- o Protocols in Midwifery, (Sue Turner, LM) 2011
- o Midwifery Risk Screening, (Dawn Dana, LM) 2011
- o Use of the Rebozo During Birth (Naoli Vinaver Lopez, Traditional Mexican Midwife), 2011
- o Women's History of Medicine and Midwifery (Ina May Gaskin, MA, CPM) 2010
- o Suturing the Perineum (DeAna Durbin, CPM and Ina May Gaskin, MA, CPM) 2010
- o The Renaissance of the Apprentice-Trained Midwife in North America (Carol Leonard, CPM) 2010
- o Fetal Life, Birth & Health, (Dr. Michel Odent), 2009
- o Baby Led Attachment (Kitty Frantz, RN, CPNP-PC), 2008
- o NICU Basics Course, (Community Memorial Hospital Education Department) 2008
- o Helping a Woman after a Negative or Traumatic Birth (Kitty Frantz, RN, CPNP-PC) 2008
- o Supporting Survivors of Abuse during Pregnancy & Birth (Penny Simpkin, PT) 2008
- o Aromatherapy and the Use of TENS During Labor (Penny Simpkin, PT) 2008

Volunteer Information

MOSCOW, RUSSIA, PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

2003- 2006

During a visit to Moscow, Russia, I was very surprised to find little assistance for poor and/or unmarried women who desired to carry an unsupported pregnancy to term, and little or no postpartum support for those who did not have families to provide help. I made multiple month-long trips to Moscow and surrounding suburbs, coordinating efforts with Russian Nationals and East/West Ministries International to help raise funding, train locals, and begin the first Pregnancy Help Center in Russia's capitol. I also taught natural childbirth classes to women in Moscow & Pereslavl/Zaleski, and addressed the obstetricians from the Women's Clinic in Pereslavl/Zaleski on Compassionate Care for Pregnant & Laboring Women.

CONEJO PREGNANCY CENTER

1984-1987, 2011-2014

I was a charter member of the Conejo Valley Women's Resource Center, serving on the steering committee as the representative from Evangelical Free Church of the Conejo Valley, helped to set up and open the center, was certified as a Crisis Counselor, then serving as a crisis a counselor and birth instructor, working at the Well-Woman Clinic & performing early obstetric ultrasounds. I have also served as a member of the Board of Directors, heading the committee for program development.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married in August 1973, I have four adult children and five grandchildren. Three of my children were born at home. I provided labor support for my eldest daughter and was primary midwife for the births of my youngest daughter. As hobbies, I enjoy reading, cooking, travel, sewing and spending time with friends and family. My husband and I are both actively involved in our church, Calvary Chapel of Thousand Oaks. We have lived in the community of Thousand Oaks since 1978.

February 18, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Jeanne Anderson for a position on the Midwifery Advisory Council. She was my Midwife with my pregnancy and delivery in 2016 through 2017.

I thoroughly enjoyed walking through my pregnancy with Jeanne. She is meticulous, dependable and highly experienced. Beyond that, she is easy-going and a pleasure to interact with.

As a first time Mom-to-be, I had many concerns and questions about prenatal care and childbirth outside of the typical OB/GYN setting. For me, midwifery was a new subject. Jeanne's knowledge and expertise made her the ideal person to help me through my concerns and find fact-based answers to my questions. She possesses a wealth of wisdom and confidence that only come with years of experience paired with ongoing professional development.

Without a doubt, I recommend Jeanne to your organization. Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] if you'd like me to expand on my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Leigh-Anna Bivens

February 16, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Jeanne Anderson for 30 years; as her neighbor and a childhood friend of her children. She has also been my midwife since 2012, when I became pregnant with my first child. I've had two wonderful births with Jeanne and now I'm expecting my third with her in June, 2018.

I chose Jeanne to be my midwife because she truly loves what she does and it shows. Her passion for her work is matched by her knowledge about pregnancy and birth.

Jeanne would be a great representative for Midwifery in California because she cares for her clients and their babies in a way all women should be cared for during such an important time in their lives, she truly listens to her clients, is thorough in her practice, and is an advocate for us as a superb healthcare provider and friend.

Sincerely,

Nicole Hauth



February 18, 2018

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to recommend Jeanne Marie Anderson LM, CPM. She has been an asset Ventura and The surrounding area. She is known and loved by her students and peers. It would be ideal to have another representative from Southern California on the MAC.

Thank You,

Chemin Perez LM, CPM

Sue Turner, LM

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Dear MAC Board,

I have known Jeanne Anderson, CPM, LM for about 10 years now. Jeanne was not only a midwifery student with me long ago, but is a currently a midwife peer and a preceptor for other midwives.

Jeanne is a very intelligent person with a degree in Fine Art and a TEFL certification on top of her midwifery degree. She has excellent organizational skills, having organized and served as administrator for a large home school organization here, was instrumental in opening a maternity center for women in Russia and is also an expert reviewer for the Medical Board to name just a few of her accomplishments.

I can't say enough about Jeanne, I think she'd be a terrific addition to the MAC Board. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sue Turner, LM

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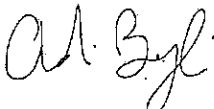
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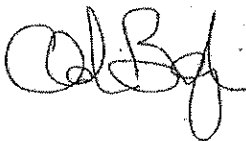
Dear Members of the Council,

I began practicing as a midwife in 1993 on the border of a state that exempted Direct Entry Midwives from the Medical Practices Act but had no regulation, and another in which the required certification had not been available for 20 years. While I became a midwife in order to take care of pregnant women and catch babies, I soon realized that I could not separate the act of helping people birth outside of the medical system from the politics of providing care outside of the medical system. I saw a need for the decriminalization of the practice of midwifery, creation of standards for education and practice, and the strengthening of midwifery organizations to create a culture of support and accountability.

Since that time, I have served on the Board of the Tennessee Midwives Association in a number of positions including 2 terms as president, and as a regional representative and then 2 term president of the California Association of Midwives (CAM). I led the development of organized peer review system in Tennessee, and represented midwives to legislators in both states. As CAM president I represented California's Licensed Midwives to the Medical Board, and later the Midwifery Advisory Council. In 2015 I was elected to a position on the board of directors of the Midwives Alliance of North America, our national professional organization. I have experience working with NARM, our national credentialing body and MEAC, our educational accrediting agency.

Meanwhile, I have continued to take care of pregnant people and catch babies. I lost count, but I have attended somewhere around 900 births in 7 states including 11 California counties. I have been notoriously unsuccessful at retiring from active practice, even in my current position of Executive Director of the Nizhoni Institute of Midwifery. I look forward to advancing the practice of Licensed Midwifery in the state of California through service on the Midwives Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CBreglia'.

Claudia Breglia, LM, CPM

Qualifications

Claudia possesses over 25 years of experience in a wide range of clinical, administrative, and organizational aspects of midwifery and women's health care. She is a creative thinker, adept at finding solutions and alternative ways to bypass barriers and achieve goals. Maintains high standards and a strong work ethic, with a demonstrated ability to learn new skills as needed, and a reputation for honoring commitments and delivering sustainable results on time and under budget. Recognized for leadership in state and national midwifery organizations, and successful engagement with legislative bodies and regulatory agencies. Her commitment to the future of midwifery is evidenced by the students she has trained and mentored over the years, most of whom have gone on to become CPMs and CNMs. She has caught over 800 babies, and remains determined to change the world.

Clinical Experience

Provides evidence-based individualized care to low risk women from diverse ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds throughout the childbearing year, including prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum care of the mother, postpartum care of the newborn, and well woman care.

- Observes, assesses and treats clients according to written practice guidelines, local community standards, and client choice.
- Orders lab tests and ultrasounds, and administers medication within scope of practice as appropriate. Confirms that client remains within the normal range, and consults, refers, and transfers care appropriately.
- Enthusiastically provides families with information on all tests and procedures, encourages shared decision-making, and is a strong proponent of client led care.
- Incorporates discussions about all aspects of pregnancy, birth, postpartum, and newborn care and feeding; including social and emotional factors affecting health and well being in all visits.
- Creates a supportive environment during routine care conducive to non-judgmental discussion of sexual history, and screening for depression, inter-partner violence, and substance abuse.
- Works cooperatively with physicians and other medical providers to ensure that clients received optimal care according to individual needs.

Specific to CommuniCare Health Centers

- Utilized resources of large FQHC to provide patients with additional assistance from Dental, Behavioral Health, Social Work, and Registered Dietician as appropriate.
- Developed comprehensive written care plans in collaboration with other midwives and physicians to provide quality midwifery care to selected moderate and higher risk patients.

Administrative Experience

Per Diem Clinic Coordinator and Administrative Support:

- Supervised flow during busy 4 hour prenatal clinics with multiple midwives and medical assistants, handled last minute problem solving and crisis control.
- Performed end of clinic medical record reviews to assure completeness, confirm all orders and referrals had been sent out, and flag for follow-up.
- Checked patient's insurance status, supervised billing by midwives, and corrected billing errors.
- Created multiple practitioner/multiple clinic schedules in electronic medical records.

Administrator of Clinic Services:

- Oversaw the day-to-day operation of four clinics and three satellite sites.
- Conducted regular site visits and inspections to ensure quality of care and compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations and funding agency contracts.
- Supervised four Clinic Managers and Quality Assurance Manager, facilitated communication between contracted medical staff and administration.

- Created and updated protocols and standardized procedures in consultation with Medical Director and credentialed medical staff, gathered and kept statistics, and investigated complications and unusual occurrences.
- Developed training programs and manuals, maintained and updated Standardized Procedures, Policy and Procedure manuals, OSHA and CLIA manuals, and job descriptions.
- Investigated and implemented new clinic services, and changes to existing services.
- Chaired monthly Managers meetings and quarterly Quality Assurance Committee meetings.

Small Business Ownership and Management

- Performed all aspects of running a small healthcare business: marketing and advertising, community relations and public education, budget and financial management, insurance and client billing, ordering and storing supplies.
- Remained current on and in compliance with laws and regulation regarding midwifery practice, informed consent, testing, and patient privacy.

Professional Leadership

Midwives Alliance of North America:

Maintains an overview of MANA from a business perspective. Works with other board members to assess organizational strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities and assist in focusing strategic direction. Ensures that all programs are consistent with MANA's mission, vision, and goals. Oversees and directs the activities of the Membership Committee, Nominations and Elections Committee, Sales and Merchandising Committee and others as needed. Maintain and update organizational core documents.

Notable achievements:

- Analyzed shortcomings of current website and worked with technology consultants to improve public interface, streamline membership application and renewal process, and transition from PayPal to a private credit card company.
- Provided oversight and continuing management of website upgrade and server migration. Learned basic web design and management of membership software.
- Initiated and supervised development of an advertising program within the Communications Committee.
- Negotiated with midwifery-related companies and organizations to provide discounts and other benefits to MANA member as part of a long-term membership attraction and retention strategy.

California Association of Midwives:

Provided leadership and direction to the CAM Board of Directors; oversaw, supported and directed the Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Membership Coordinator, and Newsletter Editor in their specific duties. Facilitated quarterly meetings of the CAM Board of Directors. Kept abreast of all legislation, regulation, and public actions affecting midwives in California and represented California's Licensed Midwives in public forums.

Notable achievements:

- Set up statewide medical laboratory service account to bypass issues preventing access to affordable labwork for midwives and their clients.
- Served as liaison to the Medical Board of California (MBC) and the Midwives Advisory Council, met with MBC members and staff, other midwifery activists, representatives of medical associations, and state legislative staffers to work on specific projects outside of meetings.
- Successfully addressed and resolved crisis regarding errors in homebirth statistics reported in the 2008 Medical Board Annual Report to the Legislature. Worked in conjunction with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development on the revision and computerization of the statistics form, and developed in-person and online training for midwives.
- Created the Barriers to Care packet, influential in gaining Medical Board support for greater LM autonomy during sunset review.

- Organized fundraisers, arranged educational events for birth professionals, and informational events for members of the community.

Tennessee Midwives Association (TMA)

Took control of an organization in disarray, with no clear leadership, membership, or direction. Inspired renewed interest and involvement of midwives across the state

Notable achievements:

- Created and carried out strategy to address missing and incomplete membership lists and records of dues payments, created database of new and renewing members and supporters.
- Increased participation by dividing states into semi-autonomous regions.
- Established a culture of accountability through the development of a peer review process. Instituted regular peer review on a regional basis, and a statewide peer review process for addressing fetal/neonatal deaths and consumer complaints
- Involved in writing and lobbying for midwifery legislation passed in 2000

Work History

- 2017 – present **Nizhoni Institute of Midwifery** Executive Director, COO/CAO
- 2016 – present **Midwives Alliance of North America** Director of Organizational Development
- 2015 – 2017 **Natural Birth and Women's Center, Winnetka, CA** Staff Midwife
- 2015 – 2017 **Birthwell LA, and other local midwives:** Assistant/Co-primary midwife
- 2013 – 2015 **Communicare Health Centers, Yolo County CA** Per Diem Midwife, Per Diem Clinic Coordinator/Administrative Support
- 2010 – 2012 **Women's Health Specialists, Sacramento CA** Administrator of Clinic Services
- 2006 – 2010 **California Association of Midwives** President
- 1994 – 1998 **Tennessee Midwives Association** President
- **Primary Midwife in Homebirth Practice**
 - 2008 – 2010 **Born at Home, Sacramento CA** (partnership)
 - 2000 – 2008 **Birthstream Midwifery Service, Davis CA** (group practice)
 - 1993 – 2000 **Independent Homebirth, Clarksville TN** (solo practice)

Awards and Credentials

- California Licensed Midwife (LM) since 2002
- Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) since 2004
- Certified in BLS for healthcare providers, NRP, and ALSO
- Approved Preceptor for National Midwifery Institute, NARM approved preceptor
- Expert Reviewer for Evidence Based Birth Academy
- Recipient 2010 Activism Award, Freedom Bound Center/Sol Collective

Education and Professional Development

- 2014 **La Union Spanish School, Antigua Guatemala:** Medical Spanish immersion program
- 2013 – 2014 **Sacramento City /American River College:** Chemistry/Microbiology/Anatomy & Physiology/Nutrition
- 2009 **Women's Health Leadership: Training for leaders and activists in women's health**
- 1991 **Austin Area Birthing Center:** 6 month internship
- 1990 **Massachusetts Midwives Alliance Basic Course:** One year academic intensive
- 1986 – 1987 **University of Massachusetts:** Women's Studies/Black Women's Studies/Sociology
- 1984 **Syracuse University:** Bachelor of Fine Arts

Treesa Mclean, LM
[REDACTED]
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Carrie Sparrevohn, LM,
Chair Midwifery Advisory Council
Members

Anne Marie Adams, MD

Jocelyn Dugan

Diane Holzer, LM

Chemin Perez, LM

Barbara Yaroslavsky

Dear Carrie Sparrevohn, Members of the council,

I am writing to recommend Claudia Breglia becoming a part of the Midwifery Advisory Council. I have know Claudia many years, as a leader in midwifery in California and now working with her as part of Midwives Alliance of North America.

Claudia has a deep understanding of the issues facing midwifery today, and she is aware of the legislative and regulatory processes that govern midwifery in California. She has been part of the midwifery community for decades and is well respected.

In my role as Director of Public Affairs at MANA, I work directly with Claudia, in areas of organization, policy and governance. She is clear, direct and follows through on her tasks. She is well prepared when we have to discuss policy.

Claudia would be a great edition tho the Midwifery Advisory Council. I hope that you consider her seriously.

Thank you for your time
Treesa Mclean, LM

Laura Murray

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February 15, 2018

TO: Medical Board of California

RE: Claudia Breglia, Midwifery Advisory Council Applicant

Dear Medical Board and Midwifery Advisory Council:

I understand the vision of the MAC is to "provide ongoing sound and reliable expert advice in serving as a vehicle for further positive discussion on the practice of midwifery and homebirths in the state of California."

The MAC would be beyond fortunate to have Claudia Breglia in service. The fact that she is the Executive Director of the Nizhoni Institute represents her decades of both homebirth midwifery practice and positive communications on the subject of homebirth midwifery practice.

I am just one of hundreds of women who could tell you that Claudia made a transformative impact on my life in how she tended the births of two of my children. As all care providers to pregnant women should do, Claudia communicated effectively and patiently with me and with each concentric circle of community around me. She can move beautifully between direct communications with a pregnant mother, with her family, with her extended family, with her larger community, with those making policy for the State of California, and back again. In addition to her ability to discuss issues objectively and kindly, I remember many times hearing Claudia speak in statistics and seeing her manage statistical data. Not many have both such levels of interpersonal and practical skills.

As a beneficiary of direct entry midwifery care hoping to see the opportunity continue for women of California and elsewhere, I hope that you will appoint Claudia to the MAC.

Sincere regards,

Laura Murray

To Whom it May Concern,

I have had the pleasure of working with Claudia Bregalia for many years in both her role as California Association of Midwives (CAM) president, and as a midwife providing out of hospital births in Los Angeles, CA. As a professional peer and mentor, she has always provided guidance and support to those in the field. Recently, she became the director of our only Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) accredited Midwifery program at Nizhoni Midwifery College. She continues to inspire and connect the members of our practice throughout the midwifery world. Claudia is an active member of the California Association of Licensed Midwives (CALM) and attends these conferences and events. She consistently encourages and participates with local midwives during peer reviews, offering insights and direction. Along with her history of providing care and her roles in leadership, I feel she would make an empowering member of the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) on the California medical board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information that may help you in your decision to appoint her to the board.

Many Blessings,

Amy Tinney RN CPM LM

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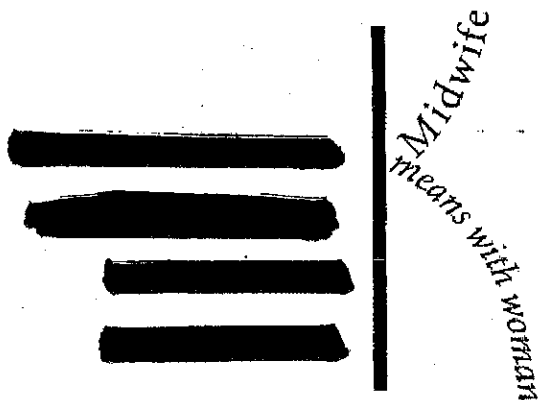
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Karen Ehrlich
CPM, LM

February 12, 2018

Midwifery Program/Midwifery Advisory Council
Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento CA 95815

Dear Friends

I am enclosing my application for the LM opening on the Midwifery Advisory Council. My resume delineates my qualifications and interest in midwifery and homebirth for the last 45 years.

I was a charter member of the Midwifery Advisory Council, from 2007 – 2016, also serving as chairwoman from April 2010 through December 2011. I would be pleased to serve on this council once again, to further the work that I helped establish and steer.

I also currently serve on the board of directors of the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC). My term on the BOD began in 2015. I have been on the Continuing Education Committee since 2007, and am currently the chairwoman of that committee.

I look forward to this opportunity to continue my support and advocacy for high quality midwifery care in California.

Best regards

Karen Ehrlich CPM, LM

Karen H. Ehrlich, CPM, LM, MA

February 2018

Midwife, Childbirth Educator, Sexuality Educator

LICENSED MIDWIFE - State of California - since 1996

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIFE- North American Registry of Midwives since 1996

REGISTERED MIDWIFE - North American Registry of Midwives - 1991 to 1996

CERTIFIED MIDWIFE - California Association of Midwives - 1988 to 1992

Professional Positions

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Midwifery Advisory Council - Charter Member 2007 to 2016

Chairwoman April 2010 through December 2011

Vice Chairwoman 2012

Division of Enforcement - Expert Consultant - 2010 to present

MIDWIFERY EDUCATION ACCREDITATION COUNCIL

Continuing Education Committee - 2007 to present

Board of Directors - 2015 to present

Work Experience

PRIVATE MIDWIFERY PRACTICE - 1976 until retirement from clinical practice 2015

COMMUNITY EDUCATOR IN CHILDBIRTH AND MIDWIFERY - 1977 to present

Preceptor as needed - National Midwifery Institute - Sebastopol CA & Bristol VT

National College of Midwifery - Taos NM

Cabrillo College Extension - Perinatal Nursing - 2004

Cabrillo College and UC Santa Cruz - Early Childhood Education and Human Sexuality

Guest speaker - 1979 to present

Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey CA - Psychology of Women, Human Sexuality

Guest speaker ca 1995 to present

Sage Femme Midwifery School - instructor, 1987 to 1998

Education Program Associates, Campbell - Guest speaker in Alternative Modalities -
1988 to 1997

Planned Parenthood (Santa Cruz and Monterey) – 1976 to 1989
classes for sex education teachers; guest lectures and lecture series in many aspects of human sexuality and childbirth, presented in public and private elementary middle, junior high, high school, and college classes, and to adult groups of parents, business people, and service clubs

Community Hospital, Santa Cruz - 1978 - inservice classes for Birth Center nurses

Institute of Feminine Arts, Santa Cruz - 1977-1979 - workshops/classes for midwives and for students of midwifery

PERINATAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR & PRENATAL EDUCATOR- 1990 to 1994
Westside Community Health Center
1119 Pacific Avenue, Suite 200, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COORDINATOR - 1986-1989; EDUCATOR – 1976 to 1989
Planned Parenthood of Santa Cruz County
1119 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz 95060

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATOR – 1987 to 1988
Santa Cruz Medical Clinic 2025 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz 95062

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATOR, PRENATAL CARE PROVIDER – 1977 to 1979
Cedar Medical Clinic 540 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz 95062

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATOR – 1976 to 1982
YWCA Santa Cruz County Adult Education
Cedar Medical Clinic Private independent classes

Education

Master of Arts, Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont – July, 2003
Health Arts and Sciences

Independent Study in Childbirth and Midwifery - 1973-present
Apprenticeship in Midwifery - 1975-1976

Bachelor of Science, Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York - 1968
Speech, English, and Secondary Education

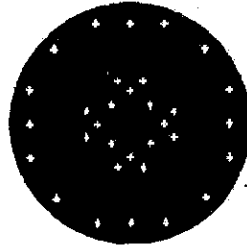
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Current Memberships

California Association of Midwives
Midwives Alliance of North America
National Association of Certified Professional Midwives
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council
Citizens for Midwifery
Coalition for Improving Maternity Services
Association for Pre and Perinatal Psychology and Health
Citizens for Health

Publications

"The Santa Cruz Birth Center Today" in *Birth and the Family Journal* Vol. 3, #3,
Fall, 1976
Birth Song - 1979 - a book of poetry about birth
Midwife Means 'With Woman' - co-authored with Elizabeth Hallett, published
by Midwives Childbirth Awareness Project/California Association of
Midwives 1991
Life is a Sexually Transmitted Condition: The Sexuality of Labor and Birth, published at
<midwife karen.org>, Goddard College, 2003



Nizhoni Institute of Midwifery

"Raising the Standards of American Midwifery"

February 13, 2018

Dear Members of the Board,

It is my pleasure to recommend Karen Ehrlich for a position on the Midwives Advisory Council (MAC). She has a long history of organizational work on behalf of California's midwives, and is well known and respected in the statewide community. Karen has held an active license to practice midwifery since passage of the Licensed Midwifery Practice Act of 1993. She is strongly committed both to the advancement of the profession and the needs of consumers. Her prior experience on the MAC leave her highly qualified for this position.

Sincerely,

Claudia Breglia LM, CPM
Executive Director
COO/CAO

Rebecca Hughes LM, CPM, RN



February 14, 2018

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing regarding Karen Ehrlich as a prospective member of the Midwifery Advisor Council. I have known Karen for 30 years and have great respect for her. She is not only skilled and extremely knowledgeable as a Midwife, but she is truly generous and kind. She is a helper and a giver in our world which so dearly needs both. I am hopeful that her place on the Council will be approved by all.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Hughes

Feb. 13, 2018

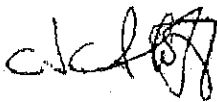
To whom it may concern,

It is a privilege and gives me great pleasure to write a reference for Ms. Karen Ehrlich. I have known Ms. Ehrlich for over 14 years, personally and professionally. She was my midwife for the birth of my daughter, who is now 14 years old. I had interviewed several midwives to attend her birth, and was immediately impressed by her attentive demeanor, her knowledge and her thoughtful spirit. My choice turned out to be more than adequate; she not only was a comforting, competent presence, but was able to handle all situations as they arose, with her erudite, calm and timely responses. In my own practice, I have had the pleasure of attending to women and babies who were also in Karen's care. I can attest to the many positive experiences, observations and statements of these women about Karen. Her presence, intellect and profound compassion have earned her a greater-than-life reputation in our community.

Over the years, Ms. Ehrlich has demonstrated her longstanding commitment to furthering midwifery, advocating for the best possible care for healthy families and speaking out for collaboration among providers as well as educating the public and future midwives. She has worked since the 1970s to increase knowledge about midwifery, incorporate fully informed choice for maternity care, and develop professional standing within the healthcare community. She is immensely qualified for this position with her skills, expertise and integrity.

I recommend Ms. Ehrlich wholeheartedly and without reservation. Please feel free to contact me directly with any further questions.

Sincerely,



Dr. Sally Sherriff, L.Ac, DAOM
Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine



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Rachel Farrell


February 15, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

The fact that this vacancy had no applicants gives me so much concern that I am applying for this open position on the Midwifery Advisory Council. My worry is that newer midwives don't know how much effort it took for direct entry midwives to become recognized and formally licensed under a state governing body. Without midwives stepping up to continue the work, we stand to lose our autonomy and equity with Nurse Midwives.

I worked in the shadows as a direct entry midwife for 30 years, delivering babies in homes off the grid in southern Humboldt and Northern Mendocino Counties from 1973-1978, then in Nevada County. Ironically, my illegal midwifery practice counted as the clinical hours I needed to be accepted in a Physician Assistant program. After graduating Stanford University's Primary Care Associate Program in 1989, a school called EPA for non-nurse midwives opened. I was accepted but since there were very few students and they had sites for clinical practice already set, they sent me to the Navajo Nation to deliver babies with midwives in Fort Defiance Hospital. This was considered Part 2 of the program, but the school closed before I could attend Part 1, which was the gynecological and didactic portion, so I never was able to graduate or attain certification. Needless to say, I was thrilled when the opportunity arose to challenge Seattle Midwifery School's program, which allowed me to sit for the Licensed Midwifery boards in 2003.

In 1997, I started my own practice, a Physician Assistant Corporation which was the management company for Harmony Health Medical Clinic (PAs are legally not allowed to own a clinic). I hired a Family Nurse Practitioner who had experience as a high risk OB nurse and was petrified of home birth. I took her to a free standing birth center and shared my dream of building our own birth center. She embraced the idea and attended Frontier Midwifery School while still working for me and eventually we were able to build the birth center next door to our clinic, opening our doors in 2013.

Although there has been a lot of friction with the local OBs for the twenty years that I have practiced here, we are finally building consensus. They have invited me to meet with them next week, for the first time ever! Their call group has more doctors than patients and our Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program has a shortage of providers, so there is finally a call for collaboration. Attaining Federally Qualified Health Center status probably gave Harmony

Health and me personally some credibility, and many of the OBs who resented a woman who wasn't even a doctor opening not only a clinic but a birth center have finally retired, so the time to cooperate is ripe.

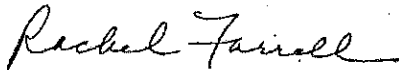
I have served as preceptor to many PAs and midwives and recently a Family Practice/OB physician from UC Davis, who will hopefully become our Perinatal Director upon the completion of her residency this June. Obtaining privileges at this local hospital for continuity of care is essential to her. She is a great support of our birth center and actually worked as a home birth advocate before becoming a doctor.

Harmony Health has been a member of the American Association of Birth Centers and I served on their board for a year. I am currently involved in creating a California Chapter of AABC. I am a member of California Association of Midwives (CAM), and California Association of Licensed Midwives (CALM).

I have been a member of Yuba Sutter Healthcare Council for a decade, serving as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary in various years.

As the founding mother of Harmony Health and Baby Buddies Birth Center, I bring leadership, passion and vision to the Midwifery Advisory Council and would be honored to serve in the Licensed Midwife position on the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Farrell".

Rachel Farrell, LM/CPM, PA-C

RACHEL FARRELL PA-C, LM, CPM



WORK EXPERIENCE

*Harmony Health Medical Clinic and Family Resource Center,
a Federally Qualified Health Center*

2014-present

- ♦ *CEO*
- ♦ *Attained FQHC status in 2015*
- ♦ *Directed change of ownership/merger of for profit rural health clinic and non-profit family resource center to become one umbrella nonprofit organization*
- ♦ *Provide direct patient care as Physician Assistant*
- ♦ *Provide perinatal care including intrapartum at Baby Buddies Birth Center dba of Harmony Health*

Harmony Health Medical Clinic, Marysville, Ca.

1997 to 2015

- ♦ *Owner of Rachel Farrell, A Physician Assistant Corporation, management company for Harmony Health Medical Clinic. Responsible for accounts payable and receivable, billing, staffing, oversight of administration, staff and mid-level practitioners including payroll and benefits*
- ♦ *Attained Rural Health status in 2001.*
- ♦ *Provide direct patient care as a Board Certified Physician Assistant*
- ♦ *Provide perinatal care as a Licensed Midwife*

Harmony Health Family Resource Center, Marysville, Ca *2002 to 2015*

- ♦ *Executive Director*
- ♦ *Attained non profit 501©3 status in 2004*

Sacramento Family Medical Clinic

1994 to 1997

- ♦ *Physician Assistant, Board Certified*

Placer County Jail

1991 to 1994

- ♦ *Physician Assistant, Board Certified*

Miner's Clinic

1889-1991

- ♦ *Physician Assistant, Board Certified*

Direct Entry Midwife

1973 to 2003

- ♦ *Provided prenatal care and home birth services to low risk women*

EDUCATION

Sierra Health Foundation

2006 to 2007

Leadership Training Class VI

Licensed Midwife

2003

Board Certified

Seattle Midwifery School

2002

Stanford University Primary Care Associate Program

1989

Physician Assistant Board Certified

Yuba College

1986

Associate of Science

AFFILIATIONS

UC Davis Preceptor Family Practice/OB

UC Davis Faculty PA/FNP Program

Stanford University Primary Care Associate Program Faculty

Drexel University PA Program Faculty

American Association of Birth Centers, member

Calif. Association of Physician Assistants, member

Calif. Association of Midwives, member

National Association of Certified Professional Midwives, member

American Academy of Physician Assistants, member

LaMaze Certified Childbirth Educator

California Primary Care Association, member

Central Valley Health Network Consortium

United Way, partner agency

Yuba County Family Resource Center Network

Yuba/Sutter Healthcare Council

Rotary Club of Marysville, International Project Chair

Head Start, Advisory Board member

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Rachel Farrell to be accepted for the position of Chair of the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Rachel was my midwife for three of my children including my daughter's home birth. I attended Harmony Health for prenatal care and was so impressed with their Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP). Having Rachel come to my home to deliver was a special occasion, as she usually only delivers babies in the birth center now. My experience was awesome; it was by far the best birth I had.

Rachel is always willing to lend a hand when needed and goes that extra mile for her patients. I continue to bring my family to Harmony Health as our primary care providers.

I have watched the growth and expansion of Harmony Health under Rachel's leadership for the past decade and am so impressed with the additional programs offered to our community. I find her to be strong and passionate, yet compassionate with the most vulnerable population in this region.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Rachel Farrell to serve on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Sincerely,



Araceli Aguilar



Letter of Recommendation for Rachel Farrell

I would like to recommend Rachel Farrell for a position on the California Midwifery Board. Rachel is a long time support of women's choices for care and has worked with the medical community providing health care for many years.

Rachel has both experience and the intellect required to work with large groups of diverse health care providers. The large multi-practitioner clinic setting has given her the perspective of integration of services needed to move midwifery in to a valued component of the health care system.

I have worked with Rachel both in the clinical setting and at the state level. She is easy to work with, a good communicator and works well in groups.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Rosanne Gephart CNM, MSN
President
California Birth Center Association



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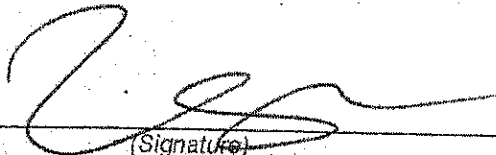
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Tiffany Gallo, CPM, LM

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Tiffany Gallo is the founder and clinical director of Pure Births Pregnancy & Wellness Center. They offer prenatal care, birthcenter births, homebirths, waterbirths, postpartum care and well women care. The facility offers childbirth education, new mother support groups, lactation support, lactation support groups, baby wearing classes, and additional classes. Tiffany Gallo is the founder and director of The Birth Foundation, a 501c foundation. TBF offers midwifery prenatal care, alternative prenatal education and postpartum support to families in need.

Early Education

Birth Doula 2006

Tiffany Gallo became a trained and certified Labor Doula in 2006 through CAPPA. She continues to support families through pregnancy & childbirth.

Postpartum Doula 2007

Tiffany Gallo became a trained and Certified PD through CAPPA in 2007. The birth center continues to offer Postpartum Doulas to families in need.

Lactation Educator 2007

Tiffany Gallo became a trained and Certified Lactation Educator through CAPPA. This experience has allowed her to confidently support her client's needs when breastfeeding.

Childbirth Educator 2007

Tiffany Gallo became a trained and certified Childbirth Educator through CAPPA. She continues to teach and educate families in her community and all families birthing with her.

Education & Skills

Tiffany Gallo CPM, LM founder and owner of Pure Birth Pregnancy & Wellness Birth Center is located in Santa Clarita CA. Tiffany Gallo has been an active participant in the birthing community in Los Angeles for over 10 years.

LM

Licensed Midwife, October 27, 2014

CPM/Certified Professional Midwife

Tiffany Gallo is a Certified Professional Midwife through National College of Midwifery

ASM

Tiffany Gallo has a degree in Science of Midwifery through National College of Midwifery.

ALSO

Certified through ALSO/ Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics

NCM Clinical Preceptor

Active clinical preceptor for Midwifery Students enrolled at National College of Midwifery

Medi-Cal Provider Applicant

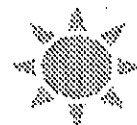
Awaiting my final approval, application process started 09/17.

- Active Participant in the Medi-Cal Midwifery Task Force
- Clinical Director and Owner of Pure Births Birth Center
- Founder and director of The Birth Foundation (501c non-profit) for in-need expecting families



New Life Midwifery

Nueva Vida Parteria



Homebirth-Enhanced Labor Support -Holistic Well-Woman Gynecology

CHEMIN PEREZ, LM, CPM

Licensed Midwife. Certified Professional Midwife

Licensed Midwife #383

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to recommend Tiffany Gallo LM, CPM . Tiffany has been an asset to our community in the Los Angeles and surrounding area. Tiffany opened her birth center and began providing care to women immediately. Tiffany has expressed to me on many occasion her passion for serving the underprivileged women within our community. She has volunteered her time to educate and provide care to many women locally and over seas. Her heart, passion and action are impressive. She is known and loved by her peers. I hope to have her presence and input on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Thank You,

Chemin Perez LM, CPM

Sue Turner, LM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2/7/2018

Re: Tiffany Gallo LM, CPM

Dear CA Medical Board/Midwifery Advisory Council,

I am writing this letter to recommend Tiffany Gallo to sit on the Midwifery Advisory Council and represent our Southern CA area along with Chemin Perez, LM who is already part of the MAC. Tiffany is very involved in the midwifery community and is very dedicated to the future of LM's as well as the birthing community.

I have known Tiffany for a number of years now not only as another LM in my peer review group but also as a midwifery student through NCM previously. Tiffany is both intelligent as well as very clinically skilled. I think that Tiffany would be a large attribute to the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sue Turner, LM

[REDACTED]

Tiffany is a great Midwife she puts her whole heart into her work. I've greatly enjoyed having her as my Midwife. Our baby is two months old and she still continues to be there for us whenever we need her.

She helped me believe in myself that I could have the birth I dreamed of. My husband was supportive of me having care provided by a Midwife or a gynecologist. I had only received OB care for my other 5 pregnancies. I wanted a different experience with this birth, I wanted Midwifery care.

Now that we have experienced Midwifery care we now would choose this over any other!! We both felt heard and respected. I felt very loved and cared for, for both my baby and myself.

Tiffany truly loves her patients she goes above and beyond for them. She is a gift to the birthing community! She knows what it means for a mother to feel empowered by her birth, making the informed decisions that are best for mother and baby.

Her care was supporting throughout my pregnancy, delivery and postpartum period. She offered an abundance of education and wisdom.

We believe Tiffany would be of great value to the MAC.

Jaqueline and Robert Vorhies
[REDACTED]

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Name:	Last Olmstead		First Kelly	Middle Initial M	Suffix
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Position within the Organization/Association: (Board member, executive, or member)		Region 7 co-rep, board member			
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Is there anything in your background, if made known to the general public through service on the Advisory Council, would cause embarrassment to you and/or the Board?					[REDACTED]
Have you ever been formally disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by an organization?					[REDACTED]

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Please attach your resume or curriculum vitae.

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February 11, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

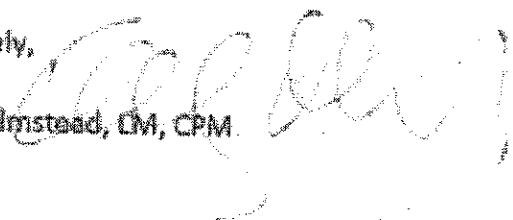
Please accept my application to serve on the Midwifery Advisory Council. I have been a licensed midwife since 2010 and in private practice since that time in Santa Cruz, CA. I was also a consumer of out-of-hospital midwifery care. In fact, it's the reason I became a midwife.

I believe would be useful on the Council for several reasons.

- I believe in collecting and utilizing statistics both to demonstrate good care in midwifery and to identify areas for improvement. To that end, I participate in the MANA Stats project and complete my LMAR in a timely manner. Further, I remind, encourage, and assist others in my community to do so. I set a goal for 100% timely participation on the LMAR in my area. I would like to see 100% statewide timely participation. While midwifery is much more than statistics, research and statistics are where are able to demonstrate our outcomes.
- I believe in the political process. I think it is important to hear from all stakeholders on issues related to midwifery. In particular, I think the voices that have been least heard are those of consumers. It is difficult for new parents to travel and participate in the political process to improve access and care and to let the Medical Board understand how current law and regulations do not always allow evidence-based care or patient autonomy. I would like to find ways to amplify the consumers' voices.
- I was active in midwifery advocacy long before I became a midwife. I served on the board of Birth Network of Santa Cruz County for several years and on the California Association of Midwives board as a region representative. I regularly serve on career panels and fairs at local high schools inspiring students into considering healthcare careers. I teach pregnancy and birth every year at a local junior high.

I know that it may sometimes seem like licensed midwives just don't care about the Midwifery Advisory Council, especially when not a single one applies to serve. But nothing could be further from the truth! Licensed midwives are unique in our line of work. We commit to being there for our clients' labor and deliveries, and this commitment makes it extremely difficult to spend a day far from clients who are counting on us. We have intimate relationships with our clients that go far beyond what other care providers offer. No other profession offers this level of commitment. Yes, we back each other up, but none of us want to miss a birth. Yes, some of us work in joint practices, but most of us do not.

Sincerely,


Kelly Olmstead, DM, CPM
LM260

Kelly Olmstead, LM, CPM

Objective

To further the needs of families to secure and midwives to provide safe maternity care in California. I have particular interest in accurate information and statistics on all birth-related issues, and in continuing education. I would like to become more involved in resolving disparities in care.

Work History

- 2010 to present. Licensed Midwife, Santa Cruz, CA.** Provide primary care for low-risk women through pregnancy, delivery, and postpartum. Write/Edit materials for California Association of Midwives and Birth Network of Santa Cruz County. I wrote the Continuing Education page on the California Association of License Midwives website and am completing a page for newly licensed midwives.
- 2012-2014. Region Co-Representative, California Association of Midwives.** Served on board of directors of CAM as regional rep. Attended board meetings. Held local meetings. Wrote materials (newsletter items, letters, etc.) for CAM board. Managed large mailing to all current California LMs to apprise them of upcoming changes to state law.
- 2004-2010. Birth Doula & Student Midwife, Santa Cruz, CA.** Worked with pregnant women while attending midwifery school. Board member of Birth Network of Santa Cruz County 2005-2010. I have had articles published in *Fit Pregnancy*, *ePregnancy*, *Growing Up in Santa Cruz*, and the *California Association of Midwives Newsletter*.
- 1995-2002. Freelance Editor/Proofreader.** Edited academic materials, primarily college-level textbook materials, for Pearson Education and University of Phoenix. Reviewed/Corrected online materials.
- 1994-1999. English Teacher, Upward Bound Program, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.** Taught high school English and humanities part-time in a program that prepared low-income and potential first-generation college students to succeed in college.
- 1991-1995. Editor/Software Coordinator, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ.** Worked in various capacities, primarily in the curriculum department. Developed instructor materials with subject matter experts. Managed the use of new software for all editors in the department. Researched and edited position papers and other documents for then-president John Sperling via his Phoenix Institute, an organization dedicated to policy studies in higher education.
- 1988-1990. Writer/Editor.** Four month college internship in the communications department of IBM in Rochester, Minnesota. I also worked part-time as a writer for a small firm that published internal newspapers for companies in the food-service industry.

Education

Continuing education, minimum of 36 credits every 2 years.

2009 National Midwifery Institute, Bristol, VT

1995 30 credits toward post-baccalaureate teaching certificate in English, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

1990 BA in English, minors in philosophy and religious studies, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

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Feb. 8, 2018

Re: Kelly Olmstead, LM, CPM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Kelly Olmstead, LM, CPM for a seat on the Midwifery Advisory Committee. She is a currently practicing midwife in good standing in our community and would be an excellent addition to the committee.

I have known Kelly since 2002. As midwives, we have worked together often, covering for each other's practices as needed and assisting each other at births. As director of Birth Network of Santa Cruz County, I worked with Kelly for several years on the board and found her a willing volunteer on projects once her board commitment was completed.

Kelly shows a commitment to building midwifery relationships with the public and the medical community. Our local midwifery community has benefited from Kelly's initiative in planning and contributing to ongoing educational and networking activities. She has been a regular participant on high school career panels highlighting midwifery and birth related career paths.

We have collaborated many times in creating written materials for our local and state midwifery organizations. Kelly is an excellent writer and communicator. I have found her to be consistently on task and easy to work with.

Sincerely,

Laura Maxson, LM, CPM
[REDACTED]



February 12, 2018

To Whom it may concern:

It is with much confidence that I recommend Kelly Olmstead, LM, CPM for the Midwives Advisory Counsel. Kelly is extremely active and respected in our community, raising awareness around women's health, pregnancy, birth and parenting. She provides outreach and volunteers her time locally and on a state level. Kelly is the one to get the job done!

Kelly is knowledgeable, well informed and articulate. She would be an asset to any committee and is always a pleasure to work with.

Sincerely,

Tari Neill, LM, CPM

Tari Neill, LM, CPM



Feb 11th 2018

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to recommend Kelly Olmstead LM to a position on the Midwifery Advisory Council. I have worked side by side with Kelly participating in peer review as well as attending home births in Santa Cruz county. She has been involved state politics and has served on the board of California Association of Midwives. I feel she will be a great asset and serve the midwifery profession well if given this opportunity.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sharon Patterson

[REDACTED]

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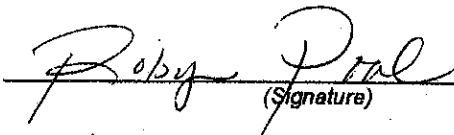
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ROBYN O. POOL

Qualifications

- California Licensed Midwife, focused on serving women and their families during the reproductive years.
- Excellent skills in analyzing lab results and normal low risk maternal/fetal growth and progress.
- Able to converse efficiently with patients, families, visitors, healthcare team, and physicians.
- Comprehensive knowledge of midwifery practice standards, pertaining to California midwifery law.
- Demonstrated ability to record activities, record assessments, and intervene when necessary.
- Trained to recognize and manage obstetrical emergencies and provide life saving interventions during the transport process.

License and Certifications

- Licensed Midwife, California Medical Board, November, 2012
- Certified Professional Midwife, North American Registry of Midwives (NARM).
- National certification in Neonatal Resuscitation and CPR.
- Certified in Advanced Life Support In Obstetrics (ALSO)
- AWHONN Certified in Fetal Monitoring
- Certification as a Child Birth Educator, Academy of Certified Birth Educators.
- Follows the standard of care, ACOG (American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists) and CDC guidelines.

Clinical Experience

- The Ventura Birth Center, Ventura California
- The Santa Clarita Birth Center, Valencia, California
- The Sanctuary Birth and Family Wellness Center, Los Angeles, California
- Better Birth, Orem, Utah

All included full reproductive care; Annual exams, family planning, PAP smears, breast exams, as well as full-pregnancy care from prenatal to delivery and postpartum. All were low-risk pregnancies, both home and birth center deliveries.

Private Practice

- Push Midwifery and Birth Center, Thousand Oaks, California

Offering primary care for women relating to reproductive health. Focusing on pregnancy, birth and the postpartum period. Also included are annual gynecological exams, family planning and menopausal care. Births are offered at the birth center, or home.

MELISSA MARIE BERRY
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

February 20, 2018

California Medical Board
ATTN: Midwives Advisory Council

To Whom It May Concern,

From the moment I met Robyn Pool, I was greeted with warmth and compassion and could feel the love she has for what she does. I researched a few midwives, interviewed and read bios, but it was Robyn who felt like an old friend and instantly made me feel at ease in her presence. My heart knew she was the one. I brought my husband in to meet with her and he immediately felt the way I did. So our journey began.

We chose Robyn Pool as our midwife and planned on giving birth to our first child at her immaculately designed birth center. Immediately I felt like I not only had a health care provider but a friend and mentor to travel along this journey into motherhood with. Robyn is not only incredibly dedicated and educated in her field, but she is also a mother to three with whom she had natural births, giving her personal experience in addition to her professional experiences and training. She is honest and sincerely caring with an undying willingness to help. Her professionalism is top notch and she even helped us retrieve monies owed from a billing service we chose to use who had strung us along for 6 months with no reimbursement. Once Robyn took over we got our check in a matter of weeks.

During my pregnancy I felt like I received the best care possible and more importantly I felt completely safe in her hands. She made herself readily available for phone calls, emails and texts. Even the simplest of questions a new mother-to-be could have she answered without hesitation and respectfully. I had an amazing birth at her center and both my husband and myself were so sad to see our care with Robyn end. Luckily, we are expecting baby number two!! There was not a doubt in our minds who we would have alongside us for this crazy journey again than Robyn Pool.

Sincerely and Lovingly,

Melissa Berry + Family



Racha Tahani Lawler, CPM, LM
Crimson Fig Midwifery

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

February 18th, 2018

California Medical Board Members
Midwifery Advisory Council

I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Robyn Pool, who I've known for six years now. She is not only a skilled midwife but an analytical one as well.

Her commitment to the birth community is well regarded, and respected. I've had the privilege to work with her while she worked towards midwifery licensure and as a now seasoned practicing midwife and birth center owner.

The growth she has shown over the years give me no concerns in strongly supporting her in her endeavors with the California Medical Board & Midwifery Advisory Council.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to call or email me.

With pleasure,

Racha Tahani Lawler

Racha Tahani Lawler, CPM, LM #231

Melissa Navarro, LM

[REDACTED]

Date: February 16, 2018

Medical Board of CA
Midwives Advisory Council

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Robyn Pool, LM to fill the vacancy on the MAC. I am a licensed midwife in Ventura and I have known Robyn for 4 years. I met Robyn when I was a student midwife at an event for midwives in our community. Since our meeting, Robyn quickly became a mentor to my learning and once I received my license, I have continued to have a professional relationship with Robyn.

Robyn has been a pillar in our community as it pertains to the families she serves and her peers. She has a successful birth center and home birth practice in the Conejo Valley area. I have seen her research and share information pertaining to rules and regulations in midwifery practice and she's quick to share her knowledge with her peers. I have attended peer review with Robyn where she has demonstrated skills in communication and leadership. I have also witnessed the care she provides to her patients exhibiting time and attention focused on optimizing health and minimizing risks for moms and babies. As an example, I have seen her transport a patient for non-emergent hospital services, give a thorough report and records to the hospital, and stay to support her patient through her birth. This example of collaborative care, in my opinion, is a shared responsibility among midwives, clients and the medical community, and Robyn holds up her end of the triad.

It would be an asset to have Robyn's experience and perspective on the Midwives Advisory Council and I am confident recommending her.

Sincerely,

 LM 482

Melissa Navarro, LM

Public Member – Three Year Term

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February 3, 2018

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Attn: Midwifery Program

Re: MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL - PUBLIC MEMBER APPLICATION

To Whom This May Concern:

My name is Kendra Arimoto-Maselli and I am interested in serving as the public member on the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC). I am a Japanese American writer, performer, and mother of three stepchildren and two daughters born at home in Aptos, California, with the assistance of Kelly Olmstead, LM, CPM. Prior to becoming an Artist-in-Residence-in-Motherhood in 2014, I drove recruiting/diversity initiatives at Facebook and Google.

My interest in women's health advocacy, education and awareness began as an undergraduate at Stanford University where I had the opportunity to serve as the health and wellness coordinator for The Women's Center as well as president of both Stanford V-Day and the Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Throughout those years I organized multiple large-scale events, productions, and campaigns regarding issues such as mental health, eating disorders, and violence against women. After graduation, I took these passions into the workplace where I focused on initiatives related to the hiring and retention of women, LGBT, and POC at major tech firms including Google, YouTube, and Facebook.

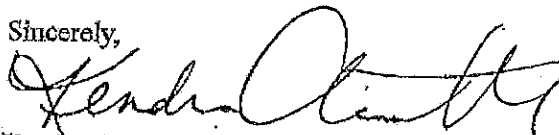
When my husband and I began our family planning, I had the privilege of weighing my prenatal and birth care options by personally researching pregnancy and birth practices in the United States. I devoured ACOG articles, statistics and birth books, interviewed mothers, studied with a mindfulness birthing practitioner, completed a Birthing From Within workshop, connected with other homebirth families, and engaged with our surrounding midwifery and OB/GYN communities within the greater Santa Cruz County. Ultimately, what resulted from all of this preparation, research, and networking was not only the healthy homebirth of my two daughters but also the development of a deep understanding and set of convictions regarding the support for, access to, and regulation of midwifery care (and, more specifically, midwifery policy and community within my home state of California).

While the focus and content of my volunteer advocacy work has transformed and evolved over time, female bodies and women's health have always been at the core. At this time, it feels only natural to want to formalize my commitment to the midwifery community by serving on the Midwifery Advisory Council and thereby representing the interests of licensees, physicians, clients, and the public.

If you have any questions regarding my application, feel free to reach out by phone at [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kendra Arimoto-Maselli

Kendra Arimoto

EXPERIENCE

Artist-in-Residence-in-Motherhood

2014–Present

- Writer, performer, activist, community builder, and full-time caregiver
- Currently in development on a feature film as a first-time screenwriter/filmmaker
- Recently published in *A Practical Wedding*, *Door Is A Jar Magazine*, and *Blend, Not Break*.
- Founder of Camp Takibi, an overnight wellness retreat and creative workshop for artists of color.

Executive Search & Diversity

2011–2014

FACEBOOK, INC.

- Joined pre-IPO as a founding member of the executive search team.
- Led a team of recruiters and sourcers responsible for engaging and closing executive engineering candidates.
- Worked directly with all internal leaders including the CEO and CTO.
- Performed as a presenter/panelist at numerous internal and external recruiting and diversity events.

Technical Sourcer & Theatre Maker

2005–2011

Independent Contractor

- Writer, director, and marketer for the American theatre. *Theatre resume available upon request.*
- Remote sourcer for pre-IPO tech start-ups including Ooyala and Quantcast.

Engineering Recruiting

2007–2009

GOOGLE, INC.

- Sourced and developed elite candidates via networking, internet/database search, and events.
- Led employee referral and leads generation initiatives.
- Advocate for Diversity Hiring; Diversity Mentor.

Personal Assistant

2001–2007

- Bookkeeping, tax preparation, and manuscript editing.

Co-Founder

1998–2000

MaxIt Publishing, Inc.

- Copy editing, ghostwriting, research, web-based marketing, and business development.
- Published novels include *Pale Truth* and *Centennial Stories* by Daniel Alef and *The Annals of San Francisco*, a groundbreaking interactive CD-ROM ebook.

EDUCATION

Stanford University B.A. Drama, 2005
Smith College M.F.A. Playwriting, 2011

AWARDS & RESIDENCES

James Baldwin Fund Prize for Multicultural Playwriting, 2010/2011
Playwright-in-Residence, Berkshire Fringe, 2009
Sudler Prize for Excellence in the Performing and Creative Arts, 2005
Edoga Prize for Creative Work Involving Social Issues, 2005
Robert L. Pierce Memorial Foundation Award, 2001
Pillsbury Foundation Creative Writing Award, 1999

Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen St., Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815

Attn: Midwifery Program

Re: Kendra Arimoto-Maselli
Public Member Application
Midwifery Advisory Committee

February 5, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to offer my unequivocal support for Kendra Arimoto-Maselli's application as public member of the Midwifery Advisory Committee. It was my pleasure to know Kendra during the course of her second pregnancy. I was involved as part of her second and third trimester prenatal visits to strategize care due to a temporary complication, subsequently resolved, which required ongoing consultation and collaboration with an obstetrician.

Kendra is an exceptionally intelligent, thoughtful woman, protective of herself and baby while also fully researching and understanding the clinical issues involved. She achieved a solid balance between being a mother and understanding the medical situation and responsibly and carefully parsed the scientific evidence.

Kendra is open-minded and a good listener. She has personal and professional experience of diversity, of finding common ground and of teamwork in a highly successful field. She is a very good advocate for herself and would be excellent at advocating for others.

I was a Registered Midwife in Ontario and Quebec, Canada, for 20 years, currently seeking licensure in California, after recently completing an MBC-approved midwifery program, passing my exam, and submitting final paperwork.

Sincerely,

Nancy Greenwood, CPM
Santa Cruz

Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen St., Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815
Attn: Midwifery Program

Re: MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL - PUBLIC MEMBER APPLICATION Recommendation
for Kendra Arimoto-Maselli

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kelly Olmstead, LM, CPM. I am a midwife licensed by the state of California since March 2010. In that time, I have had the pleasure of serving many women during their pregnancy and birth. I am pleased that one of them, who has had two babies at home with me, is interested in serving on the Midwifery Advisory Council as a community member. She would be an excellent addition to this council.

Kendra Arimoto-Maselli's qualifications stand on their own, as her resume is stellar. She is a woman who knows how to get things done, from research to decision making to implementation and follow-up. She knows how to stand strong in her convictions and how to work within a system for the outcome she desires. She has extensive experience in advocacy for the rights of underrepresented populations, including all people of color and women. This is important, but I think Kendra's most critical asset for the council is that she's lived the words of AB1308 and its regulations up close and personal.

With her permission, I present her second pregnancy. After an uneventful first pregnancy and birth on her due date of a 6# 15 oz baby, there was an issue 30 weeks into her second pregnancy that necessitated evaluation by an obstetrician. Our county's only consult option is the hospital, as no OB will see a pregnant woman not already in their care for an office consultation. This consultation ruled out the original concern but, because the OB also ordered an ultrasound, she determined that the baby was "likely IUGR" due to a short femur length.

[Note: other measurements were below 50% but WNL. They were consistent with the 20 week ultrasound, which gave EDD 8 days later, within the +/- 2 weeks so no change of EDD. The femur length was most likely due to short family stature (Kendra is 5'2" and her parents are petite as well) and/or a slightly off EDD, as there had not been an early ultrasound. We had not adjusted EDD from LMP or with 20 week u/s, as she delivered on her due date the previous pregnancy. Using the due date suggested by the 20 week ultrasound resulted in all measurements WNL, but the OB refused to consider this possibility.]

This swept Kendra and her family (juggling three stepkids and a toddler) into 2-3 times weekly OB/perinatologist visits for NSTs, repeat ultrasounds, and doppler review of umbilical cord pressures. It had come with threat of immediate cesarean at the original consultation, where they gave her steroids in case they needed to deliver her, and offered induction at 39 weeks as best-case scenario. A friendly but conservative OB had tossed her normal pregnancy and homebirth out the window.

We both knew this baby was normal size, not IUGR, and at most simply a week younger than LMP would suggest. All fundal height measurements were WNL and all other indications were that this baby would be average sized: weight gain was normal, baby was easily palpated and active, other than the day that sent us for evaluation.

During this, Kendra advocated for herself and her baby, researching every aspect of her care. She pointed out to the OB and perinatologist that at no time during this did either of them every touch her to palpate her baby. They were instead relying solely on ultrasound. She was told at the hospital that because she had "good" (Facebook) insurance, they would "do everything they could to ensure her baby was healthy." It became clear what that meant: leave no billable testing unturned. It further came out that the OB herself had had an IUGR baby born at 32 weeks and that she perhaps was less than fully unbiased about IUGR in healthy women.

Because of the licensing law, Kendra was unable to simply leave the care of this OB. She had now been branded with "a condition likely to affect the pregnancy." Kendra, without needing to be told, understood the political ramifications of just walking away from OB care and back to homebirth without a clear declaration of normal. She knew she may have to return to this hospital during or after her delivery for unrelated reasons, and she understood what my taking her back into care without the blessing of an OB meant for my license.

Ultimately, she and I strategized for hours how best to accomplish this in a small town, where OBs are not likely to give a second opinion that differs much from a colleague's. There are only two OB practices in the north half of our county, and they all practice at the same two hospitals.

Long story short, it took an entire month, but Kendra, without burning bridges, navigated her way through the system to the doctor most likely to determine her pregnancy and her baby were normal. He understood her plight and helped her navigate her return to normal, without "a condition likely to affect the pregnancy." He palpated her belly at his first visit with her and said, "this kid is fine but we have to get you through the system." He released her back to my care at 36 weeks.

Kendra had a lovely homebirth at 41.0 weeks with an exactly 7 pound baby.

The words used in our licensing law and regulations are not abstract for Kendra. She understands that every word matters. She is passionate about women's rights and access to the care they desire. I ask that you take her application to position of community member of the Midwifery Advisory Council under consideration.

Sincerely,



Kelly Olmstead, LM, CPM

February 8, 2018

Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen St., Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95816
Attn: Midwifery Program

Re: MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL - PUBLIC MEMBER APPLICATION
Recommendation for Kendra Arimoto-Maselli

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Alexis Boozer Sterling and I am producer/director/performer and member of both SAG-AFTRA and the Directors Guild of America. My work focuses on bringing underrepresented voices to the forefront via film, television, and digital content. I am also a pro-choice and women's health advocate and activist. It is my pleasure to recommend Kendra Arimoto-Maselli to serve on the Midwifery Advisory Council as a public member.

I am a long-time collaborator of Kendra's. We first met as undergraduates at Stanford University where we worked together on a number of projects including Take Back The Night, The Vagina Monologues, and Stanford's National V-Week Campaign for which she single-handedly raised over \$35,000 in initial funding. Over the past seventeen years, we have continued to join forces on many creative projects related to the challenges faced by women, LGBTQIA, and POC communities. Currently we are in development on her first feature film.

Anyone who has worked with Kendra knows that she is not only passionate about the issues but also an extremely professional, communicative, and accountable colleague. On the rare occasion she doesn't arrive with an already deep understanding for what is expected of her, she tirelessly researches and/or asks the right people for help. Anyone who knows Kendra also knows about her strong relationship with the Santa Cruz midwifery and birthing community at large. Safe, healthy birth, access to prenatal and postpartum care, birth education, and women's sexual health are central to Kendra's interests and activism.

In summary, I encourage you to strongly consider Kendra's application for the position of public member on the Midwifery Advisory Council. She would be a strong, smart addition to the Council and would no doubt give due diligence to research, synthesize, and represent the interests of the general public within the context of MAC's charter.

Sincerely,

Done/Signed by:

Alexis Sterling

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Alexis Boozer Sterling
Creative Producer
SAG-Aftra, DGA
www.DFOCreates.com

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Email:	[REDACTED]			
Are you a California Licensed Midwife?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO License Number: LM # _____			
Are you a California Licensed Physician?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO License Number: <u>A97001</u> If yes, are you currently practicing as an obstetrician/gynecologist? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Are you, or have you ever been, a board member of a midwifery or physician related entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please list the name of the board(s): Name _____ Dates of Membership _____ Name _____ Dates of Membership _____			
Organization/Association: (If volunteering as a non-licensee "public member" please insert the word "SELF - PUBLIC Interest")	Self - public interest			
Position within the Organization/Association: (Board member, executive, or member)	member			
Do you know anyone who might oppose your appointment to the MAC Advisory Council?	[REDACTED]			
Is there anything in your background, if made known to the general public through service on the Advisory Council, would cause embarrassment to you and/or the Board?	[REDACTED]			
Have you ever been formally disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by an organization?	[REDACTED]			

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Please attach your resume or curriculum vitae.

Please attach a letter outlining your qualifications and interest in midwifery and home birth, including prior involvement with midwifery-related organizations.

Please attach three letters of recommendation from licensed midwives or clients in your area.
(If applying for midwife position at least 2 of the letters must be from practicing midwives in your area)


(Signature)

January 24, 2018
(Date)

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February 6, 2018

To the Medical Board of California:

I am writing this letter to express my interest in serving on the California Midwifery Advisory Council as a "public member". I have worked in the Bay Area for over 10 years as an Obstetrician Hospitalist. In this capacity I have had many opportunities to interact with home-birth midwives and care for their patients when they needed or desired hospitalization. For the most part they have been positive experiences and I have come to understand that the ability to have a home birth fills in important need for many women. For some women a hospital birth can be so traumatizing that a home birth is the only option, attended or not. I believe that home births can be and are safe for the right patients. In Canada and many parts of Europe they have been a safe option for many years. Until recently in this country hospitals were the primary location for childbirth and the home birth movement grew out of a desire for a more natural experience and as a response to the limitations of the hospital setting. But this movement can just as easily be subject to competition as hospitals focus more on patient comfort and as Certified Nurse Midwives attend more low risk hospital deliveries with physician support, providing a patient-centered experience without compromising safety. And for many patients a hospital birth is the safest option. The rise of obesity, maternal age, medical and environmental factors contribute to the increase the risks of complications during childbirth. Hospitals and providers are held to national standards of care and safety metrics to encourage safe practices and ongoing quality improvement assessments to reduce the incidence of maternal or neonatal injury or death. By the same token, safe practices only serves the interested

February 6, 2018

of the home birth community in the long run and I believe the same standards should apply and should be subject to peer scrutiny. It would be easy to select members to the Board who would maintain the status quo and not question current practices. However the public and the media will do eventually do it for you and in the long run drive patients back to the hospital setting. I have no personal interest in this trend. As an employed physician with Kaiser Permanente my practice volume does not drive my financial reimbursement. Rather I have witnessed and experienced unsafe practices which have resulted in maternal or fetal injury. Are the LMs in the California community practicing according to national Midwifery and Obstetrical standards of care? How are these standards maintained and evaluated? Are there studies comparing birth outcome metrics in home birth versus hospital setting in California? Do all LMs have a relationship with a hospital or physician to ensure a smooth and easy transfer of care when indicated? Is there a process to review adverse outcomes? I would like to work towards improving safety of home births and keeping our community mothers and babies safe. I believe my perspective would be a valuable one on the Council.

Thank you for your time,

Michelle Chen, MD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Chen', with a long horizontal line extending from the bottom of the signature.

Michellee Shaw Chen, MD/PhD**CONTACT****PERSONAL****EMPLOYMENT**

02/17 - pres	Hospitalist	Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Creek and San Leandro, CA
06/15 - 11/16	Hospitalist and Team Lead	OB Hospitalist Group, Alta Bates Medical Center, Berkeley, CA
03/15 - pres	Part-time Hospitalist	La Clinica de la Raza, Oakland, CA
12/14 - pres.	Per Diem Hospitalist	Oak Care Medical Group, Highland Hospital, Oakland, CA
03/10 - 03/12	OB/Gyn Hospitalist	Sutter Solano Medical Center, Vallejo, CA
01/07 - 05/15	OB/Gyn Hospitalist	Eastbay Perinatal Medical Associates, Oakland, CA
01/07 - 10/09	OB/Gyn Hospitalist	Obstetrix Medical Group, San Jose, CA
03/08 - 12/11	Call coverage	St. Luke's Women's Center, San Francisco, CA
12/06 - 12/08	Locum tenens	Comphcah, various CA locations
12/06 - 12/08	Locum tenens	Vista Staffing, various CA locations
11/05 - 8/06	Locum tenens	Ob/Gyn North, Austin, TX
12/04 - 11/06	Urgent care	C & M Medical Services, Metairie, LA

TRAINING

06/04 - 08/05	Tulane University New Orleans, LA	Resident, Ob/Gyn Dr. Gabriella Pridjian, Chairman
06/01 - 05/04	University of Colorado Denver, CO	Intern/Resident, Ob/Gyn Dr. Ronald Gibbs, Chairman

EXAMS

USMLE	Step 1: 209 (1994) Step 2: 230 (2000) Step 3: 223 (2002)	LICENSE	DEA BC9061540 CA A97001
ABOG	Written: Pass (2005) Oral: Pass (2008)		

EDUCATION

08/92 - 08/94 &	University of Virginia	M. D.
01/00 - 05/01	Charlottesville, VA	Dr. Peyton Taylor, Advisor
08/94 - 12/99	University of Virginia	Ph. D., Microbiology
	Charlottesville, VA	Dr. Judith M. White, Advisor
08/88 - 05/92	Washington University	B. A.
	St. Louis, MO	Biology, English Literature
06/89 - 07/89	University of Maryland	Credit towards B. A.
	College Park, MD	
06/88 - 08/88	University of California	Credit towards B. A.
	Los Angeles, CA	pre-collegiate program
06/87 - 08/87	Cornell University	Credit towards B. A.
	Ithaca, NY	pre-collegiate summer program

SCHOLARSHIPS

08/92 - 05/01	Medical Scientist Training Program Grant, N. I. H.; tuition and stipend
08/95 - 08/99	Cell and Molecular Biology Training Program Grant, N. I. H.; tuition and stipend

AWARDS AND HONORS

2005	Isadore Dyer, MD Award for Teaching Excellence (elected by Tulane junior residents)
2005	Lewis I. Post Award for Surgical Excellence (elected by Tulane faculty)
2005	Tulane Ob/Gyn Alumni Society (TOGAS) Resident Research Award
2001	Golden Apple Resident Teaching Award (selected by U. CO. medical students)
1999	Michael Peach Outstanding Graduate Student Award Semifinalist, U. VA.
1995	Cum Laude, Washington U.
1989 - 92	Dean's List, Washington U., four semesters
1991	Moog Scholarship Semifinalist, Washington U.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 08/05 - 09/05 Volunteer, American Red Cross, Pineville, LA
 05/96 - 05/97 Treasurer, Graduate Biosciences Society, U. VA.
 09/92 - 05/94 Member, Family Practice Club, U. VA.
 09/93 - 05/94 Student Representative, American Medical Women's Assoc., U.VA.
 09/92 - 05/94 Volunteer, Charlottesville Free Clinic, VA

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- 2005 - 08 American Association of Gyn. Laparoscopists
 2001 - pres. American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology
 1998 - 07 American Medical Association
 1994 - 97 American Society for Cell Biology
 1992 - 94 American Medical Women's Association
 1992 - 94 American Medical Students' Association

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INVITED LECTURES

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| 7/99 | Gordon Research Conference: Fertilization and Activation of Development | Plymouth, NH |
| 6/98 | 11th Annual Mid-Atlantic Reproductive Meeting | Charlottesville, VA |
| 12/97 | Amer. Society for Cell Biol. 37th Annual Mtg.: Disintegrins Minisymposium | Washington, DC |

Gina M. Catena, CNM

Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815
Attn. : Midwifery Program

24 January, 2018

To Whom It May Concern ,

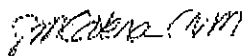
Please consider this recommendation for Dr. Michellee Chen to serve in the public member position of the Midwifery Advisory Council.

During the twenty years that I worked with Dr. Chen, we simplified safe transfer of patient care from home birth Licensed Midwives (LMs) to hospital care at Alta Bates - Summit Medical Center in Berkeley, California.

Dr. Chen is dedicated to the provision of safe, appropriate, and family friendly maternity care. A quintessential professional, Dr. Chen interacts well with various LMs in the Bay Area and their clients. She actively seeks to minimize anxiety about appropriate medical intervention. She is well versed in the myriad of issues surrounding public perception of birth, midwifery, and obstetrics. On the Midwifery Advisory Council, she would be provide a valuable unbiased, educated voice.

In the interest of safe and satisfying maternity care, it is my pleasure to support Dr. Chen's application to the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Sincerely,



Gina M. Catena, CNM



East Bay Homebirth Midwifery

Michelle Edgar, LM

January 31, 2018

Medical Board of California
Midwifery Program
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815

To whom it may concern:

Please accept my letter in support of Dr. Michelle Chen for the open position on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

As a Licensed Midwife with a home birth practice I have transferred intrapartum home birth patients to Dr. Chen in her capacity as a hospitalist with East Bay Perinatal at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center.

Dr. Chen was respectful of my patients and their choice to pursue out-of-hospital birth. She was adept at practicing informed consent and helped to ease the anxiety many of my patients had about transferring into medical care.

I believe Dr. Chen shares my interest in improving relations between the out-of-hospital birth community and the hospital Labor and Delivery services in order to promote the safety and health of patients who choose home birth. Her appointment to the Council would be beneficial to families, midwives and doctors.

Best regards,

Michelle Edgar, LM



AN EAST BAY BIRTH CENTER

Pacifica Family Maternity Center

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01/27/18

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing a letter of recommendation for Michelle Chen to join the Midwifery Advisory Council. I am a Licensed Midwife and I have worked with her for about 10 years when I would transport clients to her care at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. She has always been a voice of reason and accepting of our transports without judgement. Over the years she has likely seen smooth transports from an out of hospital setting and less smooth transports and thus has a good grasp of what works well and what does not. Her interest in improving communications and safety is admirable and highly recommend her for the position.

If you have any questions, please call us at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Cindy L. Haag, LM

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Are you a California Licensed Midwife?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO License Number: LM # _____		
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Are you, or have you ever been, a board member of a midwifery or physician related entity?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please list the name of the board(s). Name: MAC of the MBC Dates of Membership: _____ Name: _____ Dates of Membership: _____		
Organization/Association: <i>(If volunteering as a non-licensee "public member" please insert the word "SELF -- PUBLIC Interest")</i>		Self-Public		
Position within the Organization/Association: <i>(Board member, executive, or member)</i>		Board Member		
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(Date)

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February 8, 2018

I would like to apply for the vacant public member position for the three year term running through June 30, 2021.

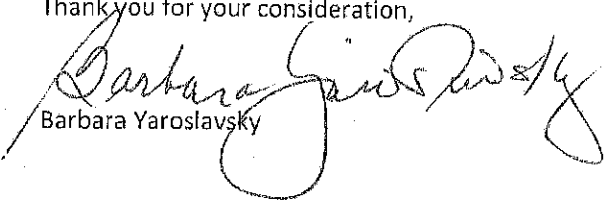
I think that I am qualified to continue in that position, bringing to the table the ability to build consensus, listen to the issues, encouraging shared engagement, while being sensitive to the needs of both the community of licensees as well as the Medical Board of California and our mandate of public protection.

I have enjoyed and learned much about the policy, procedures and barriers to ensure that licensees have the tools needed to ensure that there are safeguards in place as well as systems in place to help ensure public protection. The team cannot just be made up of licensees, rather, consensus needs to happen so that there needs to be participation by the broader community, the public, and other medical professionals as well as the State entities that are charged with oversight, and follow through.

The issues discussed and brought to the attention of this body, have definitely allowed for frank and open discussions, and has helped formulate the legislation and rules and fostered an attitude of engagement to ensure that all voices are heard. An example of a system that was implemented to further the roles and responsibilities was working with OSHPD for the collection of data to ensure that there is transparency due to the data being collected from the home birth providers, the licensed midwife.

I find that this Committee does in fact provide a much needed voice to the MBC and appreciate the engagement that occurs to ensure that transparency and rules are made to effect the changes necessary to meet the needs of this profession.

Thank you for your consideration,


Barbara Yaroslavsky

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Letter of Recommendation for Barbara Yaroslavsky

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Carol Argo [REDACTED]

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Murray, Monique@MBC

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Dear Monique,

I would like to recommend Barbara Yaroslavsky to a position on the Midwifery Advisory Council. I have known Barbara for many years and worked with her on a variety of projects during that time. We've both served as President of a Woman's Organization and I have found her leadership qualities to be engaging as well as collaborative. She's a good listener and enjoys being a problem solver. I know that she is currently involved in many different areas and seems to make enough time to participate and be involved in all of them. She sits on several non-profit community boards as well as the Board of Registered Nursing for the State and I can't tell you that any one of them is more or less important than the other.

I hope that she is able to continue on the MAC, as she is very proud of the work it does and continues to do to engage Licensed Midwives in California.

Sincerely,

Carol Argo

Murray, Monique@MBC

From: Karen Emmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018
To: Murray, Monique@MBC
Subject: recommendation for Barbara Yaroslavsky

I am very happy to write a letter of recommendation for Barbara Yaroslavsky's nomination to the Midwifery Advisory Council.

I have known Barbara for many many years and worked with her on several projects and have found her to be reliable, engaged, participatory and loyal. She tells you what she's going to do and does it. She shows up, follows through and is well prepared.

I know that over many years she's been involved in many community projects and at the same time makes time for all of them.

She might take on more than she should but regardless, seems to thrive on being present.

She tries to ensure that she's making a difference by being involved in whatever it is that she does. From being President of the Commission on Neighborhood and Families here in Los Angeles to babysitting for her grandchildren, to being a resource for so many in navigating a system that doesn't always work...she takes what ever challenges she's dealt and is able to compartmentalize the activities and complete the tasks.

Thank you and I hope that this helps to define who my friend is...

Karen Emmer

Murray, Monique@MBC

From: Joanne Mark [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018
To: Murray, Monique@MBC
Subject: Letter of Recommendation on behalf of Barbara Yaroslavsky

Dear Ms. Murray:

It gives me great pleasure to write a letter on behalf of Barbara Yaroslavsky to be nominated to the Midwifery Advisory Council.

I have known and worked with Barbara in excess of 35 years and know her to have many character traits that will be put to good use on your Advisory Council. I know Barbara to be caring, passionate and a consensus builder, especially during times of stress and discord. She takes her roles seriously and is able to balance several important community based activities simultaneously, from Chairing a Commission on Neighborhood and Families for the Mayor of Los Angeles, to her work and support of after school programs for elementary school students. I even remember back to when she was a weekly volunteer at the Free Clinic in our Community and was able to transition to a vocal supporter of health care for all.

I wish her well as she continues to hopefully engage with the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joanne Mark
retired educator, Los Angeles Unified School District