

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: July 3, 2017
ATTENTION: Board Members
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Chair Report
CONTACT: Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., Chair

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approval of the following agenda items is requested for the next MAC meeting:

- Task Force update on revisions to the Licensed Midwife Annual Report (LMAR)
- Update on continuing regulatory efforts required by Assembly Bill (AB) 1308
- Update on the Midwifery Task Force
- Update on the Hospital Transfer Form
- Update on midwifery related legislation being followed this year
- Update on the progress of the midwifery assistant regulations
- Update on the midwifery program
- Presentation by California Association of Licensed Midwives on public access to licensed midwifery care, including ability to consult and transfer care
- Update on the California community college licensed midwifery program

BACKGROUND:

The last MAC meeting was held on March 16, 2017. At this meeting, the MAC was updated by staff on the following:

- Recommendations for changes to the LMAR. This process continues to move forward. It was agreed that staff would prepare another online survey due to the fact that only one third of active licensed midwives responded. This second survey would be requested to be completed in conjunction with the LMAR, to improve compliance with the survey. This survey will help the MAC and staff determine the best approach for moving forward with the LMAR revisions.
- Progress of midwifery assistant regulations, which at that time were at DCA for review.
- The midwifery program, including statistics.
- The Midwifery Task Force, which convened in early March. The determination of the parties involved was that a legislative change was needed, prior to the regulations that are required by AB 1308. Language was agreed upon and would be presented to the Legislature, if approved by the Board.
- The Hospital Transfer Form. Staff was instructed to provide outreach to hospitals for the purpose of increasing compliance with submitting the form to the Board.