

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: September 29, 2017
 ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California (Board)
 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
- Update on the progress of midwifery assistant regulations
- Open Meeting Act presentation
- Update on the Midwifery Program
- Update on the California Community College licensed midwife program

BACKGROUND:

The last MAC meeting was held on August 17, 2017. At this meeting, the MAC discussed or had presentations on the following items:

- Recommendations for changes to the LMAR: This process continues to move forward and the MAC was informed that the licensed midwives, via a survey, stated they would like to continue to report their statistics in the same manner as has been done since 2008. It was decided to hold an interested parties meeting to go over changes proposed by the LMAR Task Force to the collection tool and data set. The meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2017, and the MAC Chair will provide an update to the Board at its October Board meeting.
- Presentation by the California Association of Licensed Midwives on public access to licensed midwife care, including the ability to consult and transfer care: This was an informative, case study presentation on the continuing difficulties in transport from home to hospital of women in labor. It was clear that additional physician education needs to be done on the role of licensed midwives in the delivery of maternity care in California.
- Progress of midwifery assistant regulations: These regulations were pending review by the Department of Consumer Affairs at that time, however, they were just approved by the Office of Administrative Law in September and are now in effect.
- Midwifery Program: This update provided the MAC members with information regarding the licensing and enforcement statistics for the program.
- Midwife Task Force: It was discussed that statutory changes proposed by the Midwifery Task Force to further the implementation of AB 1308 are currently on hold and may be introduced in 2018.
- Hospital Transfer Form: The hospital transfer form changes previously discussed are on hold as it needs a legislative solution.

- Updated on the American River College licensed midwife program: An update was given by Kaleem Joy, LM on the creation of a licensed midwife program on the American River College campus. She detailed that the program will confer a certificate and associates of science degree, as well as include a program for midwifery assistants. Curriculum development is in the beginning stages with a proposed opening date of Spring 2019. This new program being implemented by a California Community College will create a program that can be accessed by all Californians via a quality, web-based curriculum with preceptor-ships in their own communities and at an affordable tuition. It is the hope of all those involved in this process that the program will be able to train culturally and ethnically diverse midwives to better serve the needs of communities in California.