

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: October 10, 2016
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California (Board)
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Appointment
STAFF CONTACT: Curtis J. Worden, Chief of Licensing

REQUESTED ACTION:

Appoint one License Midwife (LM) member to the MAC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the MAC's recommendation to appoint Diane Holzer, L.M., to the licensed midwife position.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Business and Professions Code section 2509 states that the Board shall create and appoint a MAC consisting of licensees of the Board in good standing, who need not be members of the Board, and members of the public who have an interest in midwifery practice, including but not limited to, home births. At least one-half of the MAC members shall be California licensed midwives. The MAC shall make recommendations on matters specified by the Board.

The MAC was established in 2007 to make recommendations to the Board on issues related to the practice of midwifery in California. The MAC consists of six members and is currently comprised of three California licensed midwives and three members of the public that include one California licensed physician and surgeon who is certified in obstetrics and gynecology by an affiliate board of the American Board of Medical Specialties, and two non-licensees of the Board.

A MAC Member Interest Form dated May 20, 2016, was mailed to all California licensed midwives and individuals on the interested parties mailing list for one vacant licensed midwife position, with a final filing date of June 30, 2016. An application was also posted on the Board's website. The vacant licensed midwife position is set to expire June 30, 2019.

The Board received nine licensed midwife applications for appointment to the MAC. Four of the applicants for the MAC member appointment were present at the August 18, 2016 MAC meeting. Each of the four applicants who were present at the meeting made presentations to the MAC members. The MAC members voted to recommend the Board appoint Diane Holzer, L.M., to the MAC.