

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: April 10, 2016  
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California  
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:
  - Update on Revisions to Licensed Midwife Annual Report (LMAR)
- Update on continuing regulatory efforts required by Assembly Bill (AB) 1308
- Update on the Hospital Transfer Form
- Update on midwifery related legislation expected to be introduced or followed this year
- Update on the midwifery program
- Discussion and approval of MAC licensed midwife position that was not filled in March
- Update on progress with midwifery assistant regulations
- Report from the California Association of Licensed Midwives on the new Quality Care Program

BACKGROUND:

The last MAC meeting was held on March 10, 2016. At this meeting, the MAC was updated by Staff regarding recommendations for changes to the Licensed Midwife Annual Report (LMAR). This process continues to be moving forward. The MAC received an update on regulations that will be required pursuant to the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 408 (Morrel) - Midwife Assistants. Kerrie Webb presented proposed regulations. A few edits were received and then the regulations were adopted by the MAC to be sent forward to the full Board. A report, compiled from a survey of licensed midwives (approximately 52 licensed midwives were represented) and presented by Rosanna Davis, President of California Association of Midwives, revealed that the licensed midwives who responded were generally able to secure a consult with a physician when needed. Unfortunately, the respondents to the survey only represent about one eighth of California licensed midwives, so the conclusions drawn may not accurately represent the situation in the entire state.

The MAC reviewed applications from physicians and members of the public for those respective positions on the MAC. Unfortunately, no licensed midwives applied for the Licensed Midwife position and so that order of business was pended until the August meeting.

The MAC is pleased to recommend Dr. Anne Marie Adams for the vacant physician position. Dr. Adams has attended a number of MAC meetings and interested parties meetings that pertain to licensed midwives. Her engagement, comments and suggestions have been well received and well thought out. Additionally, she brings a unique skill set and insight to the MAC as a physician who is actively practicing in home birth settings and attending peer review with licensed midwives.

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The MAC would like to recommend Jocelyn Dugan for the public member position. Ms. Dugan is both a consumer of midwifery home birth services and treasurer of the California Association of Midwives.

The MAC looks forward to working with these two new members.

Once again, the MAC heard updates on the continuing efforts to craft regulations required by AB 1308 (Bonilla, Chapter 665, Statutes of 2013); specifically language required by Business and Professions Code Section 2507 (b)(1)(A)(i) and (ii), essentially the development of a list of conditions requiring a referral to a physician for consultation and a determination that the risk factors presented by the woman's disease or condition are not likely to significantly affect the course of pregnancy or childbirth, prior to the midwife continuing care for a particular client. There continues to be disagreement regarding care for women who have had a prior cesarean. It was asked that staff arrange another interested parties meeting to see if compromise can be had in a structured forum.