

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: October 12, 2015
ATTENTION: Board Members
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Chair Report
CONTACT: Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., Chair

REQUESTED ACTION:

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

- Task Force Update:
 - Licensed Midwife Annual Report (LMAR) Data Collection Tool and Interested Parties Meeting held October 13, 2015
 - Discussion, update and approval of changes to the LMAR
- Update on continuing regulatory efforts required by Assembly Bill (AB) 1308
- Update on legislation related to midwifery that was passed this year
- Update on Challenge Mechanism for National Midwifery Institute

BACKGROUND:

The last MAC meeting was held on August 13, 2015. At this meeting, the MAC heard a report from the LMAR task force. Staff made recommendations regarding action that would be needed to move forward on this proposal. A report on best practices for home to hospital transfers, given by Diane Holzer, was well received and appreciated. The MAC received an update on the midwife assistant bill and the bill to allow licensed midwives to provide and be reimbursed for the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP), which have both passed and been signed by the Governor.

The MAC heard updates on the continuing efforts to craft regulations required by AB 1308 (Bonilla, Chapter 665, Statutes of 2013). The interested parties continue to work on coming to an agreement on 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 prior to the midwife continuing care for a particular client. The continuing point of disagreement continues to focus on care for women who have had a prior cesarean. With the passage of the CPSP bill there may be some movement on this issue as a part of that bill requires these regulations be in place before it can be implemented.