MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: April 15, 2015
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Appointments
STAFF CONTACT: Curtis J. Worden, Chief of Licensing

REQUESTED ACTION:
Staff recommends that the Medical Board of California (Board) reappoint two members to the MAC for three-year terms that will expire June 30, 2018: Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., to the licensed midwife position, and Barbara Yaroslavsky to the public member position.

BACKGROUND:
Business and Professions Code section 2509 states that the Board shall create and appoint a Midwifery Advisory Council 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 council members shall be California licensed midwives. The council 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 Board member, one California licensed medical doctor, and one non-licensee of the Board

The two positions that are set to expire June 30, 2015, include one licensed midwife position currently held by Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., and one public member position currently held by Board Member Barbara Yaroslavsky.

After advertising the upcoming vacancies via letter, email notification, and notice on the Board's website, nine applications for appointment to the MAC were received. Three applications for the licensed midwife position and six applications for the public member position were submitted for consideration by the MAC.

MAC members voted to recommend to the Board the reappointment of Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., for the licensed midwife position, and Barbara Yaroslavsky for the public member position on the MAC.