

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: April 15, 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
- Update on continuing regulatory efforts required by Assembly Bill (AB) 1308
- Update on midwife assistant legislation
- Update and approval of changes to the LMAR
- Update on Challenge Mechanism
- Presentation by Diane Holzer on Home Birth Summit recommendations regarding best practices for home to hospital transfer by midwives

BACKGROUND:

The last MAC meeting was held on March 26, 2015. At this meeting, the MAC Members reviewed the applications for the two expiring MAC Membership positions:

- Licensed Midwife – Three Year Term
- Public Member – Three Year Term

Applicants who attended the MAC meeting were given the opportunity to address MAC Members and discuss why the applicant would like to be a MAC Member. The MAC Members nominated and voted to recommend to the Board, an applicant for each of the expiring terms. The MAC Member recommendations to the Board will be presented under another agenda item.

Diane Holzer’s presentation on best practices for home to hospital transfers was deferred to a later MAC meeting.

Jennifer Simoes, Chief of Legislation, provided an update on Senate Bill (SB) 408 (Morrell), which is the bill for midwife assistants, and advised the MAC Members SB 408 was moving through the legislature.

The MAC heard AB 1308 (Bonilla, Chapter 665, Statutes of 2013) updates on the continuing efforts of interested parties to draft proposed regulatory language to further define Business and Professions Code Section 2507(b)(1)(A)(i) and (ii). Interested parties are essentially developing a list of conditions requiring a referral to a physician for consultation prior to the midwife continuing care for a particular client. A continuing point of disagreement surrounds differing opinions by the interested parties on care for women who have had a prior cesarean.

An extensive draft report was given by the Licensed Midwife Annual Report (LMAR) task force. The report needs additional editing prior to acceptance and will be revisited by the MAC at the next meeting, prior to sending the recommendations to the Board for the July Board meeting.