

# MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: January 29, 2010  
ATTENTION: Medical Board of California  
DEPARTMENT: Licensing Operations  
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Vacancies  
STAFF CONTACT: Deborah Pellegrini, Chief

REQUESTED ACTION: Re-appoint Licensed Midwife, Faith Gibson, to the MAC's vacant Licensed Midwife position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the Board accept this request to re-appoint Licensed Midwife Faith Gibson to a three-year term with the MAC.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 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.

A memorandum dated January 17, 2007, was submitted to the Board regarding establishment of the MAC and staff recommendations. The Board approved the make-up of six members including three licensed midwives and three public members, of which two are obstetrician/gynecologists and one is a member of the Board.

Faith Gibson has actively participated in the Board's implementation of the midwifery licensure law since 1994 and has been a Licensed Midwife since September 1997. Ms. Gibson has been a home birth midwife for 34 years and has been involved in statewide and national politics for midwifery for the majority of these years. Ms. Gibson is one of the original members of the MAC. Her term expires January 2010 and she would like to continue to serve on the MAC.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:  
None.

PREVIOUS MBC AND/OR COUNCIL ACTION:  
Not applicable.

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REQUESTED ACTION: Re-appoint Ruth Haskins, M.D., to the vacant Obstetrician/Gynecologist position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the Board accept this request to re-appoint Obstetrician/Gynecologist Ruth Haskins, M.D., to a three-year term with the MAC.

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Dr. Haskins served on active duty until 1993 in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of Major before opening her own private practice. She moved to Fair Oaks, CA and practiced at Mercy San Juan Hospital and Sutter Roseville hospitals in 1993. She sold her private practice and joined the U.C. Davis Medical Group, where, until June of 2008, she practiced at the Women's Center of Folsom.

Dr. Haskins is actively involved in the political process and she is a passionate advocate for women's health issues. Dr. Haskins is one of the original members of the MAC. Her term expires January 2010 and she would like to continue to serve on the MAC.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:  
None.

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Not applicable.