

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

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 ATTENTION: Medical Board of California
 SUBJECT: Midwifery Program Update
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SUMMARY:Licensing:

During FY 09/10, 19 new midwife licenses were issued and 74 licenses were renewed. As of August 1, 2010, there are 217 midwives licensed in California. Two applications are currently in pending status, awaiting additional documents for review.

Recognition of Bastyr University Department of Midwifery Program:

At the July 30, 2010 meeting of the Medical Board of California, the Bastyr University Department of Midwifery Program, formerly the Seattle Midwifery School (SMS), was granted recognition by the Board with retroactivity to June 2010 when the first class graduated from Bastyr instead of SMS.

The Bastyr University Department of Midwifery has submitted a substantive change in curriculum application which is currently being reviewed by MEAC. The proposed change is related to its plan to add graduate level research courses leading to a Masters Degree in Midwifery and does not impact the entry-level midwifery curriculum. The program is in the regular cycle for re-accreditation review by MEAC and the timeline for completing that review has been extended to accommodate the change in ownership, submission of updated self-evaluation materials, and completion of the requisite site visit. MEAC anticipates making a final accreditation decision no later than April 2011.

The Bastyr program remains in good standing and is fully accredited while the re-accreditation review is in process. Should MEAC have any issues with the curriculum change, staff might need to bring these to the Board for consideration in April/May 2011.

North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) Examination:

On Wednesday, August 18, 2010, approximately 16 midwifery candidates will sit for the NARM exam at the Medical Board's offices in Sacramento. The exam is offered twice per year and satisfies the Board's written examination requirement.

LICENSED MIDWIVES FY 09/10					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY
Applications Received	2	0	10	4	16
Applications Pending	n/a	1	0	2	
Licenses Issued	2	2	10	5	19
Licenses Renewed	18	4	29	23	74