

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: July 8, 2009
 ATTENTION: Medical Board of California
 DEPARTMENT: Licensing Operations
 SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Vacancy
 STAFF CONTACT: Deborah Pellegrini

REQUESTED ACTION: Appoint William Frumovitz, M.D. to the MAC's vacant obstetrician/gynecologist position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend the Board accept this request to appoint Dr. William Frumovitz to a three-year term as a member of the MAC.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Business and Professions Code section 2509 states the board shall create and appoint a MAC 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. There is a vacant obstetrician/gynecologist position on the MAC.

Dr. Frumovitz is an obstetrician/gynecologist in private practice since 1973. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors at St. John's Health Center where he previously served as Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and President/Chief of Staff. He is appointed as an Assistant Clinical Visiting Professor at University of California Los Angeles. He is board certified by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He was prior President of the New York District Junior Fellows of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He has been honored as the Foundation Fellow to the Population Council and Government of Turkey.

Dr. Frumovitz's background and areas of interest make him a good appointment to the MAC.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:
None.

PREVIOUS MBC AND/OR COUNCIL ACTION:
Not applicable.