

## MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: January 14, 2009  
ATTENTION: Medical Board of California  
DEPARTMENT: Licensing Operations  
SUBJECT: Remedial/Retraining of Licensed Midwives

STAFF CONTACT: Deborah Pellegrini, Chief

REQUESTED ACTION: The Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) requests that the Board authorize it to determine what type of education program would be appropriate to provide remedial training to a midwife as a term and condition of probation, and whether that program currently exists.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board approve the request from the MAC.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the June 12, 2007, the topic of a midwife assessment and clinical evaluation program was discussed. The Board directed the MAC to explore the feasibility of developing and identifying a program to address remedial training as an option for disciplinary resolution or re-entry to practice after a long absence for licensed midwives. It was suggested the topic be separated into two distinct areas: remedial training and re-entry to practice. The MAC asked staff to research the possibility of developing such programs for licensed midwives.

At the October 2008 MAC meeting, they further discussed this topic and approved a motion to seek Board approval to move forward in determining what type of education might be included in a term and condition of probation in a quality of care case, and then to assess whether that type of education exists.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS MBC AND/OR COUNCIL ACTION:

See Executive Summary.