

## Licensed Midwife – Three Year Term

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**      **Agenda Item 10B**  
**Midwifery Program**

**Midwifery Advisory Council Member Application**

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<b>Name:</b>	Last <u>Holzer</u>	First <u>Diane</u>	Middle Initial <u>R</u>	Suffix <u>MS</u>
<b>Address:</b>	Street <u>[REDACTED]</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u> City <u>[REDACTED]</u> State <u>[REDACTED]</u> Zip Code <u>[REDACTED]</u>			
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<b>Email:</b>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>			
<b>Are you a California Licensed Midwife?</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO      License Number: LM # <u>183</u>		
<b>Are you a California Licensed Physician?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO      License Number: _____ If yes, are you currently practicing as an obstetrician/gynecologist? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
<b>Are you, or have you ever been, a board member of a midwifery or physician related entity?</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO      If yes, please list the name of the board(s): Name <u>M.A.C.</u> Dates of Membership <u>2016 to present</u> Name <u>M.A.N.A</u> Dates of Membership <u>1982-2010</u>		
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Attention Midwifery Program

I am writing to express my interest in re-applying to the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC). I have served the past three years and this year was appointed as the Chair. I have been able to attend all meetings and have also attended extra task force committee meetings to work on the LMAR. I have enjoyed my work with the MAC and feel ready and capable to serve a second term.

Prior to the MAC I served as President of the Midwives Alliance of North America and was on that board of directors for almost 20 years in various capacities. I also served as a board member for the Midwifery, Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC) for 13 years. Being involved in accreditation of midwifery schools and representing midwives nationally has given me a broad perspective on the profession and the work that needs to be done to continue moving forward. Dialog between the midwives and the obstetrical medical community is not only important to further our professional goals but also to improve outcomes for mothers and babies throughout the state. I believe the work of the MAC to be instrumental in both those objectives.

I have been attending births both at home and in birth center for close to 40 years and have seen the difference that improving communication and working together can achieve. I appreciate the chance to work for the midwives and hope to continue in my role as MAC member and chair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Holzer", written in a cursive style.

Diane Holzer, LM-CPM

# Heart Wisdom Midwifery

Joan Green, LM, CPM

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January 12, 2019

To the Medical Board of California:

I am writing this letter to recommend Diane Holzer to the Medical Board Advisory Council. She is a licensed midwife in Marin. I have known Ms Holzer for almost 35 years. She is an excellent midwife of good standing within the community. She regularly participates in peer review and her wise voice is always appreciated. She has a good skills as a listener and is capable of making helpful suggestions to others. She has participated in both national and international midwifery concerns. She is very capable of serving her midwifery community by continuing on the MAC board.

Sincerely,



Joan Green, LM 138

January 21, 2019



Sue Baelen, LM, CPM

CA LM #195  
CPM#06010005

To members of the Medical Board of California,

I'm writing to enthusiastically recommend Diane Holzer as a member of the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Ms. Holzer is uniquely qualified to serve on the MAC:

1. She is an outstanding and experienced California midwife who understands the needs of community-based licensed midwives
2. She is a valued member of the homebirth community, embraced by both providers and consumers
3. She has held national leadership positions and negotiated with global leaders regarding homebirth procedures and safety
4. She understands multiple perspectives within the medical community thanks to her additional training and work as a physician's assistant
5. She is currently chair of the Council

There is no better candidate to serve on the MAC than Ms. Holzer.  
Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Sincerely,

Sue Baelen  
Licensed midwife

Carrie Sparrevohn, LM

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Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Program  
2005 Evergreen St. Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95493

January 20, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Diane Holzer for re-appointment to the Midwifery Advisory Council. I have known Diane for close to 30 years and during that time, not only have I worked with her on various midwifery projects related to California midwifery (the LMAR for one), but she has independently been active in both national and international midwifery. She has worked tirelessly on education, licensure, and setting standards for midwives in California, the US and abroad. Diane was instrumental in the creation of the California Challenge Process, through which the first 100 or so midwives were licensed in California. She helped create the many, now independent, midwifery groups in the US; she is a founding mother of MANA (and past president) and helped with the creation of MEAC, NARM and the data collection arm of MANA. For many years, Diane has also represented US midwifery at the Council of the International Confederation of Midwives.

Diane understands the midwifery profession, as well as it's points of intersection with the medical profession. She is able to represent midwives with integrity, professionalism and respect for varied viewpoints, as well as interface with physicians and members of the public in a respectful and meaningful exchange. She has worked most of her life serving mothers and babies all the while being active in the creation of an infrastructure where midwives are valued and accepted as care providers. I originally nominated her to serve on the MAC and am very pleased with the job she has done thus far.

For these reasons and more, I highly recommend that you re-appoint her to serve on the MAC. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the phone or email above.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sparrevohn

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**DIANE HOLZER**

**EDUCATION**

Stanford School of Medicine  
Primary Care Associate Program, Palo Alto, CA  
September 1992-March 1994

El Paso Community College, El Paso, TX  
Dean's Honors 1988-1991 Associates Science

Southwest School of Botanical Medicine 1989 Certificate Program

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
Biology Major 1976-1978

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
Ornithology Specialty 1979

Member on the National Dean's List.

**MIDWIFERY EDUCATION**

Advanced Midwifery Skills Training, Ann Arbor, MI  
Informed Birth and Parenting 2/81-7/81

Apprentice 1981-1983  
Apprentice to experienced midwife in home birth practice.

Childbirth Preparation Certification 1980  
Dearborn, MI. Informed Birth and Parenting

The Maternity Center 1983-1984, El Paso, TX  
The clinic attended 80 births a month, providing pre and postnatal care for all the clients.

IV Certification, The state of New Mexico  
A one-week (40 hrs) certification course  
An 8 hr. re-certification is required every year.

Neonatal Resuscitation, Bi-annual, American Heart Association

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

Physician Assistant--State of California 3/94-present  
Licensed Midwife--State of New Mexico 1983-2009  
Licensed Midwife--City of El Paso since 1983-2001, State of Texas 1994-2001  
Licensed Midwife--State of California 3/2005-Present  
Certified Professional Midwife 1992-present



**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS HELD**

Midwives Alliance of North America(MANA)  
New Mexico Midwives Association (NMMA)  
Association of Texas Midwives (ATM)  
California Association of Physician Assistants (CAPA)  
National Association of Physician Assistants.(AAPA)  
American College of Nurse Midwives Supporting member (ACNM)  
National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM)  
California Association of Midwives (CAM)

**OFFICES HELD**

The City of El Paso Midwifery Commission, Midwife representative 1986-1991. Helped to develop the city ordinance regarding midwifery and designed and administered written and oral examinations for licensure of midwives. Assigned to subcommittees to review complaints about midwives, and helped to revise and update current legislation.

Board Member, Western Regional Representative, Midwives Alliance of North America. 1987-1992

Advisory Board Member, National College of Midwifery

Founding Board Member, Midwifery Education and Accreditation Counsel (MEAC) 1991-2002

Founding member Certification Task Force 1994-1996. Had task of proposing a model for a national midwifery certification process for non-nurse midwives.

Board Member, MANA, Second Vice President, 1992-1999

Official Liaison to the International Confederation of Midwives from MANA, 1991-present

Regional Representative of the Americas for the International Confederation of Midwives 1995-2002

ICM representative to the United Nations in New York. 1995-1999

President, Midwives Alliance of North America March 2002-2008

Chair of Collaboration Task Force, Homebirth Summit 2013-present, a multi-disciplinary group dedicated to making homebirth safe for mother and babies by seamless collaboration between medical and midwifery disciplines

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Grievance committee, Association Texas Midwives 1991-1992

Member Education Committee, MANA

Member Affirmative Action Committee, MANA

National Coalition of Midwifery Educators, founding member.

Chair, Carnegie Task Force Selection Committee. Co-coordinated the solicitations for applications and choosing of final members to the newly created Carnegie Working Group to establish national non-nurse accreditation programs for midwifery.

Conference Coordinator, MANA 1991, Annual Convention, Sisters on a Journey, Hermanas en Camino. El Paso TX Was responsible for organizing an extremely successful conference with 400 participants and \$50,000 profit.

MANA conference coordinator 1999 and 2009 annual convention

Mexican Midwives Training Programs. Developed and taught a three-month intensive training program through Maternidad La Luz in Spanish to a group of midwives from the interior of Mexico.

North American registry of Midwives (NARM) exam reviewer and question writer, 1987-1992

(Midwifery and Education and Accreditation )MEAC Site Visitor, responsible for visiting midwifery schools all over the country and inspecting for national accreditation purposes. 1997-2002, 2014-present

CERT trained and certified. Disaster response worker. 2009-present.

Midwifery Consultant for Jungle mamas, a program run by Pachamama Alliance devoted to training community health workers with a focus on midwifery skills deep in the Amazon rainforest in Ecuador. 2013-present

### HEALTH/MEDICAL RELATED WORK/EMPLOYMENT

Director, Maternity Center, El Paso TX 1984-1987

Was responsible for all clinic operations and supervision of all students. This included all clinic appointments and management of all births. The center attended 100 births a month and did extensive prenatal, postpartum and childbirth preparation and follow up.

Midwife, General Intake and Triage

Annunciation House Health Clinic 1987-1989

A voluntary/free health care clinic located in the barrio of El Paso serving mainly undocumented persons. I did all OB/GYN care and intake and triage of all patients.

Instructor/ Well Woman Course. 1987

Developed and taught a well woman class course at Annunciation House. Classes included menstrual cycles and knowledge of body, well woman prevention care, and parenting. All taught in Spanish.

Maternidad La Luz, El Paso, TX 1987-1992

Staff Midwife. Duties included supervision of student midwives and all clinic activities. We trained over 100 midwives and attended over 2000 births while I was there. The clinic serves mainly a Hispanic population on the border of TX and Mexico.

Rio Grande Valley Midwives 1988-1992

Founder and Co-owner of small home birth practice.

Marin Community Clinic, CA 1992-1995 The adult clinic sees about 30-40 patients daily, a large percentage are Medi-Cal or are from under served areas, especially the Hispanic and Asian communities.

Redwood Family Practice, Petaluma, Ca. 1994-1998 a busy family practice seeing both adult and pediatric populations. The clinic saw about 45-50 patients daily.

Marin community Midwives 1994-2000

Founder and Co-owner of small home birth practice.

Pt. Reyes Medical Clinic, 1992-Present, work with both adult and pediatric population. Clinic serves the surrounding rural farming community as well as the small town that has a large 'new age' community.

Bolinas Family Practice, 1992-Present, a small medical clinic in an isolated area on the coast. Work with both adults and children.

Stinson Beach Medical Clinic, 1992-Present, a small medical clinic in a rural area that serves a large elder population.

Faculty, Maternidad La Luz, Midwifery training program, El Paso Texas 1993-2014

Taught "physical assessment", "well woman care" "suturing" and "Current Midwifery Issues"

Circle of Life Midwifery Center 2001-2006

Founding member/midwife/CEO Administrator- non-profit community birth center

Birth Keepers, founding member collective of birth workers in private practice. Homebirth practice 2005-present

### WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Taught course for EMT's on "Emergency Childbirth"

1982 Ann Arbor, MI

New Mexico Midwives annual conference 1985

"Management of Hemorrhage"

"Twins"

MANA Western Regional Conference 1988

"Border Health Panel"

MANA 1990 Annual Convention

"Educational Routes to Midwifery"

"Suturing"

New Mexico Midwives annual conference 1990

"Suturing"

Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA) conference 1991

"Third Stage: Issues and Fears"

Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA) conference 1993

"General Health Assessment During Pregnancy"

"Community Midwifery Panel" sponsored by the Coastal Health Alliance 1994

"Homebirth night" sponsored by Friends of Homebirth, Mill Valley 1995

"General Health Assessment during Pregnancy" California Assoc. Midwives annual conf. 1995

International Confederation of Midwives Triennial Congress, Norway 1996

"NARM, MEAC, and MANA a winning combination"

Fourth Annual Mexican Midwifery convention June 1997 Puebla, Mexico

"Suturing", "Advanced Suturing" "What does it mean to be an independent midwife?"

California Association of Midwives annual conference Sept. 1997

"Physical Assessment"

MANA annual convention October 1997

"Well Woman Care"

Fifth Annual Mexican Midwifery convention June 1998 Oaxaca, Mexico

"Suturing", "Advanced Suturing", "The start of an Apprentice" "The Present and Future of Traditional, Indigenous Midwifery and Professional Midwifery in Mexico"

California Association of Midwives annual conference, Sept. 1998

"Suturing"

Midwifery Educators Conference, Eugene Oregon March 1999

"Understanding Hepatitis C"

Sixth Annual Convention Mexican Midwifery, Rediscovering Paths in Midwifery, Cuernavaca, Mexico. June 1999

"Suturing", "Advanced Suturing".

International Confederation of Midwives Triennial Congress, Manila, Philippines May 1999

"Chronic Hepatitis C" "Understanding Hepatitis A,B,C,D,E" "Understanding the woman's Cycle, women's health Promotion," chair person,

"Health Care Models and Approaches to Birth Care in California", Guest participant, UCSF Center for the Health Professions, summit on maternity care, July 1999

Midwifery Today international conference, "country reports", "The impact of the Western Model of Birth on the World: Medical Imperialism", Cultural Roundtables, Caribbean Midwifery, Where do we go from here?" December 1999

MANA annual convention 1999 "Report from the Philippines, Midwifery and Safe Motherhood, beyond the year 2000"

Seventh annual convention MANA Mexico, "Newborn assessment" "Where do we go from here, the future of Mexican Midwifery" San Luis Potosi, Mexico, June 2000

"Physical Assessment: Our Bodies Beautiful", "Enacting Our Vision", panel member California Association of Midwives annual conference, Walker Creek, September 2000

"Homebirth in the USA", "Hepatitis C", Mesa International "al obstetrica respetando la participacion de la uder en su maternidad y crianza" panel member Annual conference Colegio de Obstetricas del la Provincia de Buenos Aires, October 2000, La Plata, Argentina

"Breaking the China Vase: Domestic violence and our responses to it" MANA annual convention Albuquerque, New Mexico September 2001

"How to start a Birth Center", "Midwives in Partnerships", "Current Issues in California Midwifery", California Association of Midwives annual conference October 2001 Carmel CA.

"Homebirth in the USA", "Prenatal Deviations", "Conflict between natural childbirth and our growing and expanding technocratic society", "Global growth and development of midwifery in the Americas, panel member" Sharing the Similarities, Diversities and Challenges, November 2001, Port of Spain, Trinidad/Tobago

"Homebirth in the USA" International Confederation of Midwives tri-ennial congress April 2002, Vienna, Austria Facilitator of Collaborative Pre-congress workshop on Violence against women and adolescent girls. Co-sponsored by ICM, WHO, UNFPA, Vienna Austria April 2002

"Metodos de suturar la vagina" MANA Mexico, San Miquel de Allende June 2002

"Newborn Exam", "Over the counter Medicines, what the midwife needs to know", MANA October 24-27 2002, Boston MA

"Examen del recién nacido" Austin Texas, MANA annual convention Oct. 2003

"Unity of Midwives" Portland, Oregon Midwifery Today conference March 2005

"The Future of Midwifery, ACNM and MANA working together", Portland Oregon, Midwifery Today March 2005

"Keeping Birth Normal" Portland, Oregon, Midwifery Today March 2005

"Traditional Midwifery in the Americas", Portland Oregon, Midwifery Today March 2005

"How did this get so complicated?" Cervical cancer screening update MANA conference Baltimore, 2006

"Protecting Midwives and Midwifery: Expert Witnesses" MANA conference Florida October 2007

"Nurturing the Future, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders: Multipl Routes to Midwifery Leadership" MANA conference Florida October 2007

"The updated Role that HPV plays in Cervical Cancer Screening and Perspectives Regarding the New Vaccine" November 2007 Canadian Assoc of Midwives Annual convention

"Our Bodies Beautiful, the Art of Physical Exam and Assesment" full day workshop California Association of Midwives 2008

"State of the Union-National Updates on Maternity Care and Womens Health" panel session American Association of Birth Centers annual conference September 2008

Also taught classes on various topics, especially suturing and herbs, for pregnancy and birth for 5 years at the maternity clinic.

Faculty/instructor for Maternidad La Luz teaching ongoing classes yearly in Physical Assessment and Exam, Well woman care, suturing, and current midwifery issues.

### **PUBLISHED WORKS**

ATM Midwifery Position Paper

MANA, MEAC, and NARM a winning combination, 1996

Chronic Hepatitis C, May 1999

Home birth in the USA 2002

"Valuing Traditional Midwifery in Mexico", Journal of the International confederation of Midwives, April 2004, Volume 17

Traditional Midwifery in the Americas: Making a Difference, April 2005 Presented ICM Regional Conference April 2004

Into These Hands, chapter in book edited by Geradine Simkins 2009

### **PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

DOB March 31, 1958      Married with 2 children

Member stilt dance troupe with multiple performances in San Francisco/Bay area.

Attended over 1000 births      References Available

Languages spoken Spanish fluent, German rusty

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To whom it may concern:

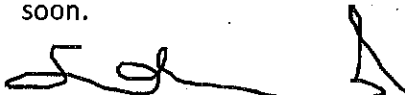
I'm please to throw my hat in the ring for one of the vacancies on the Midwifery Advisory Council at the Medical Board of CA.

I'm a Licensed Midwife, Certified Professional Midwife and International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. For the past five years since licensure I have worked as a midwife in birth centers and attending home births in Los Angeles County. This past year, I opened my own private practice (Horizon Midwifery). I also have worked at multiple Los Angeles area hospitals as a lactation consultant on a per diem basis. I very much enjoy engaging with a diverse group of patients and on interdisciplinary teams, and find that spending time practicing both in and outside of the hospital allows me to strike a unique balance that creates enhanced safety and information for all of my patients.

I serve as a Regional Representative for the California Association of Licensed Midwives, and I am a founding member of the Queer and Transgender Midwives Association- an organization that was created to support the unique needs of LGBTQIA midwives and student midwives internationally. I am also a community advisor for a comprehensive pregnancy and parenting space in Los Angeles called LOOM, and I'm a member of the Midwives Alliance of North America and the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives. I've previously served as a Board member for Mujeres Aliadas, an American non-profit organization supporting the advancement of humanized birth in Mexico.

I am currently pregnant with twins (due in April) and will not be able to travel to the meeting in March to introduce myself to you in person. However, I believe that I'd be an excellent addition to the MAC—bringing with me a commitment to enhancing and improving the profession of midwifery in the state of California, and an eagerness to work with your team at the Medical Board.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, and I hope to hear from you soon.



Sara Howard, LM, CPM, IBCLC

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# SARA HOWARD, LM, CPM, IBCLC

## EDUCATION & LICENSURE

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IBCLC Certification	<i>UC San Diego Extension</i>	2016
California Licensed Midwife 385	<i>CA Medical Board</i>	2013
Certified Professional Midwife	<i>North American Registry of Midwives</i>	2013
ASM in Midwifery	<i>National College of Midwifery</i>	2013
BA in Creative Writing	<i>Beloit College</i>	2002

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Lactation Consultant (per diem), Good Samaritan Hospital, Lactation Resource Center, Sep 2016-present

- Provide evidence-based breastfeeding support and care from preconception to weaning in an outpatient clinic setting.
- Facilitate the development of policies that promote and support breastfeeding.

### Lactation Consultant (per diem), Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, July 2017- Feb 2018

- Plan, organizes and deliver lactation management services to breastfeeding patients, both in-patient and outpatient.
- Consult with inter-disciplinary team members as required and adjust plans as indicated to ensure optimal breastfeeding success and achievements of goals.

### Owner, Midwife & Lactation Consultant, Horizon Midwifery, March 2017-present

- Provide prenatal and postpartum care, labor and delivery, preconception services, well-person care and lactation consultations in a solo-practitioner private practice.
- Manage all day-to-day operations, including all administrative and billing duties and student supervision.

### Midwife & Lactation Consultant, Santa Clarita Valley Birth Center, Dec 2014-March 2017

- Provide prenatal and postpartum care, birth center birth and well-person care in a fast-paced birth center environment.
- Provide lactation consultations at the bedside and at outpatient visits.

### Midwife & Lactation Educator, Dragonfly Natural Health, 2013-May 2015

- Provide birth, postpartum care, well-woman care and lactation support as a primary midwife for low-risk women throughout Los Angeles.

### Vice President of Public Affairs & Communications, Planned Parenthood Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley, 2010-2013

- Create and execute the public affairs strategy for a local affiliate through public policy, communications, marketing and advocacy programs.

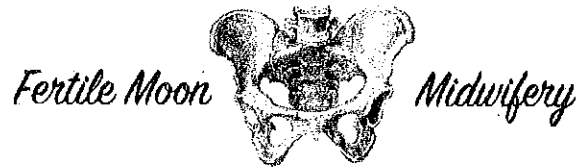
## SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

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Licensed Midwife (LM 385) & Certified Professional Midwife (CPM)

International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC)

Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO), Basic Life Support (BLS), & Neonatal Resuscitation (NRP)



January 16, 2019

Midwifery Advisory Council  
The Medical Board of California  
2005 Evergreen Street, suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815

Dear Midwifery Advisory Council,

It is my great pleasure to personally recommend Sara Howard for the role of Midwifery Advisory Council member at the Medical Board of California. Sara Howard is a treasured member of our birth community in Los Angeles and is loved by her clients and my personal clients alike. As a fellow licensed midwife of California, I have worked alongside with Sara Howard in both her own home birth practice and in my own. I can assure you that Sara Howard is an outstanding midwife who will quickly become an integral member of the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Sara Howard's midwifery practice reflects up to date research guidelines, is evidenced based, and is aligned with the midwifery model of care. She is committed to offering an accessible model of care where the client's safety is the foundation of her practice. She practices her commitment to midwifery through continued research and regular participation in peer review.

I have no reservations giving Sara Howard my highest recommendation for this position. I am confident she will become an invaluable addition to your council. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding her character or midwifery abilities.

Sincerely,

Christian Toscano, LM, CPM  
Licensed Midwife, Certified Professional Midwife, Clinical Herbalist

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SCV Birth Center

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Sara Howard to the Midwifery Advisory Council.

I have known Sara Howard since 2011 when she was a midwifery student. I soon became one of her clinical preceptors and subsequently Sara became a partner in my practice for two years. Sara is a well respected member of our Los Angeles Peer Review as well as a contributing member of CALM. In addition to running her a solo practice as a home birth midwife, Sara also finds time to be a community advisor for LOOM, a pregnancy and parenting resource center in Los Angeles.

It is my opinion that the MAC Board would greatly benefit from having Sara be a member of their Board.

Sincerely,

*Renee Sicignano*

Renee Sicignano, LM, CPM, IBCLC

January 24, 2019

Midwifery Advisory Council  
The Medical Board of California

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to strongly recommend Sara Howard to the Midwifery Advisory Council of the Medical Board of California.

I first met Sara when I was looking for a home birth midwife for my third baby. I had previously had two hospital births under the medical care of midwives, and for my first home birth, it was important to me to find a good fit. In Sara, I found that, and so much more. She is a tremendously skilled practitioner. Sara is calm and thoughtful, smart and sensitive, careful, deliberate and flexible. She is also just a truly exceptional and special person. One of the most challenging things for me about choosing a home birth was dealing with the reactions of my extended family, and Sara helped us navigate that with such grace and skill—emotionally, intellectually and interpersonally.

As a psychotherapist specializing in treating women and families in the transition to parenthood and the associated perinatal mental wellness issues, I am confident that Sara's attention to the psychosocial aspects of her patient's experience is as top notch as her care for the physiological.

I can say with great enthusiasm that Sara is absolutely a person you want as a part of your team—be that the team helping you to birth your baby, or your professional advisory council leading the way for best practices and new innovations.

Very warmly,

Alexis Jaeger  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
Midwifery Program**

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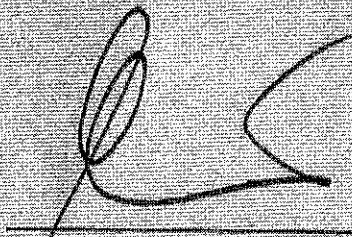
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2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
Attention: Midwifery Program  
FAX: (916) 263-8936  
tonya.morairty@mbc.ca.gov

Name:	Last <b>NUGENT</b>	First <b>ANGELIKA</b>	Middle Initial	Suffix
Address:	Street [REDACTED]	City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
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(Signature)

Angelika Nugent

03/01/2019

(Date)

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To the Medical Board of California  
Attention: Midwifery Program

January 30th, 2019

Re: letter of recommendation for Ms. Angelika Nugent LM # 88

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to hear of the decision of Ms. Nugent to apply to serve on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Ms. Nugent has been my midwife for the birth of my last 2 children, in 2015 and 2018. The two journeys with her by my side to finally welcome my third and fourth children were highly educational and deep spiritually and humanely. Ms Nugent offered me a constant support after a strong training in Germany, a Californian certification and many years of practice. Meeting Angelika in San Francisco was a gift and after training many midwives I strongly think she will be a wonderful addition to the Medical Board of California, reaching many more colleagues.

Due to her vast experience and knowledge and her strong professional ethics and dedication,

I recommend her for this position. She has my full support and trust.

For further questions I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Regards,



Auriane Mathieu de Halleux

Angelika Nugent Hebamme/Midwife LM/CPM # 88  
 Angelika Nugent, midwife [REDACTED]

- 1980 -1983 Hebammenschule ( Midwifery School ). Berlin/Neukölln ( Germany)  
                     Frauenklinik Mariendorferweg, Prof. Dudenhausen
- 1983               State exam/ Residence permit
- 1983-1985       midwife labor and delivery, ante partum and post partum floor  
                     Frauenklinik ( teaching hospital) Mariendorferweg, Berlin/Beukölln.  
                     Residential home visiting midwife in West Berlin.
- 1985-1991       University hospital, Marburg/Germany  
                     University hospital Giessen/Germany  
                     Supervision of midwifery students  
                     Labor and Delivery floor  
                     Residential home visiting midwife Marburg/Allendorf  
                     Teaching Childbirth and Parenting education and gymnastics
- 1992               Marriage to US citizen  
                     Relocation to San Francisco/ CA.  
                     Home Birth Practice Labor of Love Mill Valley  
                     Supervision of student midwives 1st to 3rd year
- 1993-2015       Private Home Birth Practice S.F. Midwifery Service with Heike Bettenworth  
                     RN
- 1998               CA implemented Licensure Legislation for direct entry midwives  
                     Licensing exam/ CA license # 88
- 2015-2017       Meditation retreat
- 2017-2019       Hospice and Midwifery practice San Francisco

Special Interest and Continuing Education

- 1995 -           Mindfulness Meditation for Birth and Parenting (Jon Kabat-Zinn)
- 2008           Teaching and supervision of midwifery students.
- Current       Waldorf teacher training with Dorit Winter S.F. Waldorf School  
                     Early Childhood development  
                     Leading Child Observation classes ( Rudolf Steiner )  
                     Meditation ( classes with Lama Lodru KDK institute for Tibetan  
                     Buddhist study )
- Iyengar Yoga teacher training/ pre natal teacher training  
                     Iyengar institute S.F.
- 2008-11       Zen-Hospice training/S.F. with Jennifer Block  
                     Volunteer work at Zen hospice



Teaching activities

1985-16 midwifery students. Entry level to junior midwife level

1995-16 mindfulness based child observation classes, birth and parenting,  
parenting groups for early childhood.

2012-

Current. Pre natal yoga teacher training program S.F Yoga Garden  
Anatomy, Post Partum, Philosophy and Mindfulness Meditation.

Family.

Divorced since 1998

5 children. 1970, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1995

3 grand children.

Jana Silverman, MFT, ATR-BC

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Medical Board of California

Midwifery Advisory Council

**Letter of Recommendation**

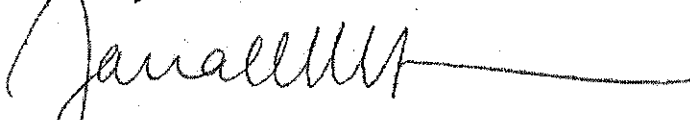
January 30th 2019

To whom it may concern!

This is to confirm that Ms Nugent provided complete maternity care for both of my pregnancies. After my children were born, I assisted Ms Nugent at births before I went into private practice as a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. I strongly support Ms Nugent in her decision to apply to serve our midwifery community at large. Her dedication, her vast professional experience and strong commitment to all midwifery professional concerns make her a suitable candidate to serve on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

If I can help with further inquiries, I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Jana Silverman

I have known Angelika Nugent for over 20 years, first as her apprentice, then as a friend and now as a colleague. I first met her while aspiring to become a midwife and, as her apprentice, learned lessons that solidified my desire to become a midwife and that I still draw on today. About communication, about assessment, about community and honoring each family. I went on to grad school at UCSF, graduating in 2001 and had a long career in midwifery in many different settings. Always feeling like Angelika, as my first mentor, was at my side.

Angelika had the good fortune of training to be a midwife in Germany where midwifery is institutionalized as part of routine care for women and so, normalized. She has been a midwife since 1984 and when I met her in 1997 she had delivered then, over 2000 babies and had a thriving home birth practice in San Francisco. Having the experience of providing care both in a hospital setting and in clients homes provides her with a rich understanding of the interconnectedness of both settings and allows for a more expansive understanding of the complexities of the systems within which women give birth.

Angelika has always been deeply involved in her community, actively participating in peer review and remains dedicated to teaching and training new midwives.

She is deeply committed to being evidence based and attends workshops and conferences regularly to keep abreast of the newest literature and studies.

Angelika would be a valuable addition to the medical board and I would recommend her highly.

Laura Paoletti

## Public Member – Three Year Term

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Midwifery Program**

**Agenda Item 10B**

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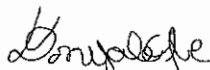
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**MAC 10B-75**

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
Midwifery Program

Agenda Item 10B

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**DONYALE ABE**



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
2005 EVERGREEN ST, STE 1200  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95815  
ATTENTION: MIDWIFERY PROGRAM

I would like to be considered for the public position on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

I am currently the faculty leader for the Community Health Worker certificate program at Sacramento City College teaching six courses in the Allied Health Department. I have a Master's degree in Medical Education Leadership from the University of New England, and have 10 years experience overseeing health education programs.

For 15 years I worked as a health educator for Kaiser Permanente hospitals, Dignity Healthcare, and the UC Davis Health System in California. Also, I have written and developed certification programs and courses for advanced professional training.

I am the executive director and leading faculty member for Childbirth Professionals International, a training organization. In this position I mentor and teach student midwives, nurses, and other health care professionals. Through CPI I also work as a midwifery advocate as many individuals do not understand the scope and care that midwives provide to families. My long term goal is to expand midwifery education by developing the required program and offering it through the California community college system. Additionally, my children were born at home with Birthstream Midwifery Services.

Thank you for your consideration,

Donyale Abe

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donyale Abe".

MAC 10B-75

# DONYALE ABE

## COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE LEADER

### CONTACT

### PROFILE SUMMARY

Over 20 years experience as a health educator working with diverse populations.

10 years staff development and management experience of women's health programs.

Excellent interpersonal communication skills.

Highly proficient at writing, speaking, and group facilitation.

Able to organize and successfully manage multiple projects.

Author of the books:

- Called to the Childbirth Profession
- Facilitating Birth Yoga
- Birth Yoga Mother's Guide

### EDUCATION

**Masters Degree** UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND, Portland, ME  
Major: Medical Education Leadership  
Graduated: August 2017

**Bachelors Degree** UC BERKELEY, Berkeley, CA  
Major: Ethnic Studies  
Graduated: May 1992

### EXPERIENCE

SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE  
**Professor Allied Health** Sacramento, CA  
August 2018 to Present

- Served as lead faculty member and instructor for the Community Health Worker Certificate program.
- Oversaw program promotion and partnering with Sacramento schools and community organizations such as Valley High School and Sacramento Urban League.
- Taught students skills to be effective community leaders.
- Developed teaching materials, student assessments, and utilized Canvas to facilitate assignments and complement instruction.
- Administered evaluation of student performance based upon course rubrics.

TEACHING THE FOLLOWING COURSES:  
AM 101 INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORK  
AM 103 U.S. HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AND THIRD PARTY PAYERS  
AM 105 COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES  
AM 106 COMMUNICATION FOR ALLIED HEALTH CAREERS  
AM 121 SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH  
AM 301 HEALTHCARE IN A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

CHILDBIRTH PROFESSIONALS  
INTERNATIONAL  
**Program Director, Faculty**

Sacramento, CA  
January 2008 to Present

- Assisted hospitals, birthing centers, midwives, nurses, physician groups, and community health organizations to develop evidence-based childbirth education programs or revamp existing programs.

MAC 10B-75



# DONYALE ABE

## MUNITY HEALTH CARE LEA

### CERTIFICATIONS

Childbirth Educator  
Birth Doula  
Postpartum Doula  
Prenatal Yoga Instructor  
Breastfeeding Specialist

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Health Pathways  
Community of Practice  
Committee Member, 2018  
to Present

American River College  
Midwifery Advisory Board  
Member, 2016 to 2018

International Childbirth  
Education Association,  
Board of Directors, 2008  
to 2010

International Journal of  
Childbirth Education,  
Managing Editor, 2008

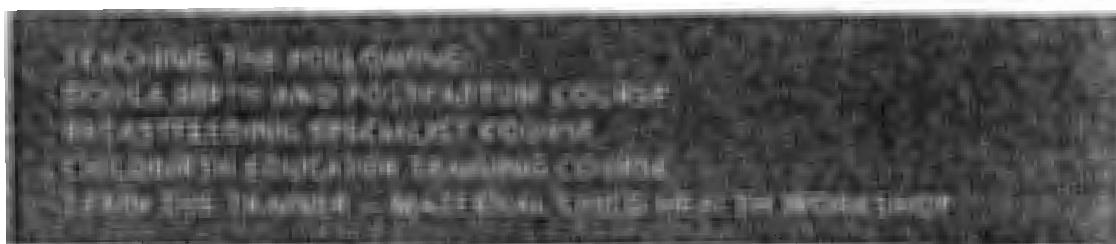
### COMPUTER SKILLS

Able to use both Mac  
and PC operating  
systems. Proficient in  
Microsoft Word,  
PowerPoint, Excel,  
Outlook, WordPress,  
Google Docs, Pages,  
and Keynote.

### EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

#### CHILDBIRTH PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL

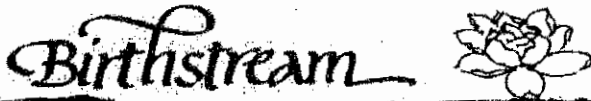
- Oversaw staff operations, organization budget, and instructor training.
- Led program development, and implementation of health seminars, workshops, and online courses.
- Promoted new health programs using a variety of methods: telemarketing, social media campaigns, and email marketing.
- Built and maintained a network of community partnerships.
- Created online course teaching modules, wrote course booklets, and designed course presentation materials.



#### KAISER PERMANENTE Health Educator

Sacramento, CA  
1996 to 2011

- Responsible for the health education program and curriculum development.
- Taught pregnancy, childbirth education, breastfeeding, newborn care, and prenatal yoga courses.
- Collaborated in developing outreach strategies.
- Facilitated connection with physicians and community members by serving as the hospital's liaison working on various committees and attending health care fairs to promote healthy behavior and lifestyle choices.



Rachel Fox-Tierney, LM, CPM  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

March 15, 2015

Sarah Bedell  
Office of Graduate Admissions  
University of New England  
716 Stevens Ave.  
Portland, ME 04103

Dear Ms. Bedell:

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Donyale Abe in support of her application to the Medical Education Leadership Program at the University of New England. I have known Ms. Abe for well over a decade in varying capacities, both as her health care provider and as a fellow childbirth professional in my area, and I recommend her without reservation to this program.

Ms. Abe has all of the characteristics that you desire in a student. She has good organizational skills, excellent written skills and most importantly a passion for the field. In addition, Ms. Abe and I were on a professional panel together at the University of California, Davis discussing midwifery care. More recently, I attended a conference in which she was a speaker on the Birth and Social Justice panel. Every time she presents she exhibits poise, professionalism and the audience is engaged.

Ms. Abe will bring all of her highly desirable professional skills to your program, but more importantly she is someone with vision, authenticity, and the desire to use her gifts and talents for the betterment of others.

Please feel free to contact me via e-mail [REDACTED] or telephone [REDACTED] if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

*Rachel Fox-Tierney, LM CPM*  
Rachel Fox-Tierney, LM, CPM  
California State Licensed Midwife LM#188 and Certified Professional Midwife

A midwifery service providing homebirth care for the childbearing year.

MAC 10B-75

Hello,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a reference for Donyale Abe. I am a Nursing Project Coordinator working in the Health Education Department at Kaiser Permanente in Sacramento, California. I hired Donyale in 1996 as a Health Education Assistant for Perinatal Education. We are a large medical system and provided Childbirth Education, Newborn Care, Breastfeeding, and a variety of other classes at seven teaching sites.

Donyale worked for me from 1996 to 2011, when she left to pursue other professional goals. Initially, she was hired for behind the scenes organization and was very successful at that. She then became a Certified Childbirth Educator and went on to become a Health Education Instructor, working in that capacity until 2011. During those years she went from the new instructor to providing leadership for the Childbirth Team of 20 instructors. She is bright, capable, confident and has excellent writing and presentation skills. She is a quick learner and was always willing to update and change her presentations. She is also very insightful and taught us all how to balance technology and hands on in the classroom. Donyale provided leadership and innovation to our team. She led the way when we integrated technology into the classroom. She reviewed every curriculum and Power Point for every class. We serve a population that expects the latest in information and technology and Donyale always delivered. She was never satisfied with status quo- always updating, changing and trying new things.

Donyale is interested in empowering the learner. She has gone on to work at one of the highest level in our field- as Managing Editor of ICEA Journal and as a very successful Childbirth Educator trainer in California and nation. Donyale is a person that isn't willing to compromise her values. She is dependable, a leader, and one of the most ethical employees I have ever worked with. When she was in the classroom, I was 100% confident that the students were getting the best. She genuinely cared about each presentation and student.

In addition to Donyale working for me, I was also able to benefit from her growth as a trainer. I have attended three of her conferences as a student. She is very professional. Donyale is able to work with students with a variety of medical backgrounds from a doula to an MD. She is open and willing to discuss differences of opinion with other staff and providers.

I believe that Donyale will excel in anything she decides to do. She has been a pleasure to work with and to watch blossom into a leader in our community.

Please don't hesitate to call me if I can provide any further insight.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hanson RN IBCLC  
[REDACTED]

Name of Evaluator: Barbara Hanson  
Position: Nursing Project Coordinator/Health Education  
Relationship to Student: Manager  
[REDACTED]

Shaeheea Hollis-Sachau, Counselor  
Diablo Valley Community College

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Midwifery Advisory Council,

I have known Donyale Abe to be an inspiring and effective educator for more than 20 years.

We met when I was living in Sacramento, CA working for Sierra community college. Donyale took out time to speak to my students and offer career advice.

I know her to be passionate about the work that she does empowering and preparing students to enter the childbirth profession as midwives, doulas, and childbirth educators. I was amazed that given her busy schedule she somehow found the time to write a book about her career to help others find success in the field.

She will be an excellent addition to your board. She is smart, hardworking, tech savvy, and detail oriented. Donyale is a dynamic woman and I have no doubts at all that she will be successful and achieve her goals through any situation or circumstance, because that is her track record for as long as I've been acquainted with her.

I respect and admire her deeply.

Sincerely,

Shaeheea Hollis-Sachau

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<b>Email:</b>	[REDACTED]			
<b>Are you a California Licensed Midwife?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO      License Number: LM # _____			
<b>Are you a California Licensed Physician?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO      License Number: _____ If yes, are you currently practicing as an obstetrician/gynecologist? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
<b>Are you, or have you ever been, a board member of a midwifery or physician related entity?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO      If yes, please list the name of the board(s): Name _____ Dates of Membership _____ Name _____ Dates of Membership _____			
<b>Organization/Association:</b> (If volunteering as a non-licensure "public member" please insert the word "SELF - PUBLIC Interest")	<b>Self- Public Interest</b>			
<b>Position within the Organization/Association:</b> (Board member, executive, or member)				
<b>Do you know anyone who might oppose your appointment to the MAC Advisory Council?</b>	[REDACTED]			
<b>Is there anything in your background, if made known to the general public through service on the Advisory Council, would cause embarrassment to you and/or the Board?</b>	[REDACTED]			
<b>Have you ever been formally disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by an organization?</b>	[REDACTED]			

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
**Midwifery Program**

Please attach your resume or curriculum vitae.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please attach a letter outlining your qualifications and interest in midwifery and home birth, including prior involvement with midwifery-related organizations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please attach three letters of recommendation from licensed midwives or clients in your area. (If applying for midwife position at least 2 of the letters must be from practicing midwives in your area)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Windy Post Asker  
(Signature)

Feb 4, 2018  
(Date)

**DISCLOSURE:** Providing this information is strictly voluntary. The personal information requested on this form is being collected for consideration of appointment as a member of the MAC. This information will be reviewed by Board staff and members of the Board and/or MAC. This form will be retained in the files of the Licensing Program. This form and attachments must be returned no later than February 4, 2019.

February 4, 2019

Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento Ca 95815

To Whom it May Concern;

It is an honor to submit this application to represent the public as an appointed member of the Midwifery Advisory Board.

In 2011 my husband and I hired a team of Licensed Midwives to provide our maternity care and plan for a home birth of our first child. With a 'precious pregnancy' following years of infertility treatment, we valued the highly personalized care and extensive education that we received at every appointment. We were encouraged to ask questions and make informed decisions about all aspects of our care. My husband and I were supported to make choices that were best for our family, ultimately leading to a post-dates induction and hospital delivery. We welcomed our son 2 days after Christmas, surrounded by our family, our midwives who continued to support us as doulas, and an incredibly compassionate and professional medical team.

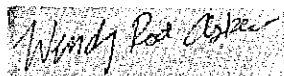
I have worked as a legislative analyst for an elected County Supervisor for the past ten years, advising on issues related to health, social services, and public safety. Since 2014 I have been serving as a Trustee on the Board of Education for our local School District. I served for six years as an appointed representative on the regional Community Action Commission. I have a deep appreciation for the responsibility that the public entrusts in elected and appointed officials and take pride in my ability to seek out and listen to a diverse set of interests and find common ground.

My primary interest in serving on the Midwifery Advisory Board is to ensure that the voices of regular mothers in our state are included in the decision making process. I believe that women desperately want to trust that the maternity system is providing them the highest quality care, and yet reports like the "tale of two births" released by the California HealthCare Foundation demonstrate that this is not the case for many California women. Policy recommendations from the Midwifery Advisory Committee will play a significant role in ensuring that all mothers have access to maternity care that they feel is best for themselves and their baby.

I originally applied for this appointment in 2015 and appreciate the opportunity to resubmit my application for the now open seat. I have included letters of recommendation that were originally submitted in 2014.

Thank you again for considering my application. It would be an honor to represent California mothers in this role.

Sincerely,



Wendy Root Askew

## Wendy Root Askew



*I am a highly motivated self-starter and team player with an entrepreneurial spirit that inspires vision and the achievement of realistic goals. I take pride in my work to make our community a better place through systems and policy change. Those who know me respect my ability to get things done.*

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **LEGISLATIVE ANALYST FOR SUPERVISOR JANE PARKER, COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

2009 - CURRENT

• Advise the Supervisor on Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Policy. • Represent the Supervisor on County Commissions and State health leadership Boards. • Secured funding for development of the 2010 Framework for Safety and Peace that led to the selection of the City of Salinas as one of six initial participants in the White House Forum on Violence Prevention. • Increased transparency and accountability, developing policy/procedure for annual performance evaluations of executive County leadership, requiring full staff reports posted online, development of annual report policy for County Commissions. • Content creation and day-to-day management of website, social media, and email newsletter.

- Transportation Agency of Monterey County
- Children's Council for Monterey County
- Restorative Justice Commission of Monterey County
- Maternal Mental Health Task Force for Monterey County
- Community Alliance for Safety and Peace, Salinas Ca
- Blue Ribbon Task Force for Violence Prevention, Seaside Ca
- Early Childhood Development Bright Beginnings Advisory Group
- Lead Me Home 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Planning Team
- Government Alliance on Race and Equity

♥Wendy listens intently, cares fiercely, is smart, committed, and visionary. Wendy cuts to the heart of the matter, finding the most powerful leverage points to benefit children, families and the entire community. - Supervisor Jane Parker

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PARENTING CONNECTION OF MONTEREY COUNTY**

NOV 2014 - NOV 2015

• Recruited to serve as Founding Executive Director (part-time) to establish policy and procedures for operation of a parent education and early childhood development program. • Responsible for fundraising and managing annual \$100,000 budget, including grant management, donor solicitation, and evaluation.

♥Wendy is a loyal, honest, considerate, and supportive individual who has the ability to see and understand things from another person's perspective. Her friendly and positive nature put those around her at ease. - Shirley Van Lieu, Ph.D as Board member of the Parenting Connection

#### **PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR MONTEREY COUNTY DEMOCRATS**

JUNE-DEC 2008

• Inspired and empowered over 100 regular active volunteers over 6 month campaign leveraging interest in presidential campaign into engagement on state and local issues. • Developed and executed 'get out the vote' strategy for local, state, and federal races with multiple precinct specific GOTV contacts to over 15,000 households. • Developed and led weekly and issue specific volunteer trainings on topics including: complex voter identification system, grassroots canvassing strategies, voter registration, poll watcher program, healthcare reform, and advance directives.



## Wendy Root Askew

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♥Wendy is the most organized and clear-thinking community organizer I ever had the pleasure of working with. She knows how to inspire teams to rise above themselves by giving them a vision, a structure, and a goal that can be accomplished. - Vinz Koller as Chair Monterey County Democratic Central Committee

### FOOD BROKER & PRESIDENT, FOODBLITZ INC

2005 - 2009

• Negotiated over \$5 million in annual sales of perishable commodities by developing and sustaining strong client relationships. • Mediated prompt resolution of contract disputes and logistics. • Started, grew, and sold the S-Corporation.

♥Her professional knowledge on the topic (reproductive health of farmworkers), plus connections in the community, were invaluable as I was navigating the tricky landscape of agribusiness interests and environmental advocates in Monterey County. Wendy is a joy to work with and I highly recommend her. - Traci Townsend, Townsend & Associates

### SENIOR DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE, CHARTWELL SCHOOL

2001 - 2005

• Secured over \$450,000 in annual fundraising revenue and managed complex Raisers Edge donor management program. • Interim director of successful \$10 million capital fundraising campaign for first USGBC LEED Platinum K-12 school in the country. • Responsible for all aspects of planning and execution of \$200,000 annual fundraising event, sponsorships, ticket sales, silent and live auction, facility logistics, and stewardship. • Initiated and consultant development of website, re-designed admissions materials and application, print newsletters, and other outreach materials.

♥Wendy comes by her talents honestly. She works hard, is extremely bright, is a team player and is a natural leader under the most demanding circumstances. - Douglas Atkins, M.Ed. as Executive Director of Chartwell School

## ELECTED / APPOINTED EXPERIENCE

### MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, AREA 1 TRUSTEE

2014 - CURRENT

• Elected representative for pre-K - grade 12/Adult public school district serving 10,000 students across five cities • Set and Maintain high standards for Students, Faculty, and the Community. • Make financial decisions that have the highest return on our investments. • Ensure equitable distribution of limited resources

- Policy Committee
- Board Bond Committee, Chair
- Safe Routes to School Planning Grant Advisory Group
- Peninsula Elected Housing Collaborative

### COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION, MONTEREY COUNTY DISTRICT 4 REP, 2006 - 2011

• Collaboratively recommended and evaluated CDBG contracts to non-profit organizations working to eliminate poverty in Monterey County.

## CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### MEASURE I SCHOOL BOND CAMPAIGN, CHAMPION 2018

• Board Champion and Steering Committee for successful \$213 million school bond to support critical facility improvements for Monterey Peninsula Unified School District facilities serving 10,000 students. Approved with over 70% of the vote.

### MEASURES N, P, & V CITY TAX MEASURES, SIGNATORY & CHAMPION 2018

## Wendy Root Askew

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• Signatory, Champion and Steering Committee for successful citizens initiative Sales Tax (N), Transient Occupancy Tax (P), and Cannabis Tax (V) raising over \$2 mil annually in support of general operating revenues for the City of Marina.

### **MEASURE E PARCEL TAX CAMPAIGN FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, 2016**

• Champion and Steering Committee for successful Parcel Tax measure to raise \$1.2 mil annually to protect local open space, coastal lands, beaches, creeks, rivers, wildlife habitat, and natural beauty of our area; maintain/improve neighborhood parks, trails, playgrounds; and increase recreational access to natural areas.

### **AB 1308 MIDWIFERY PRACTICE ACT REAUTHORIZATION, ORGANIZER AND CHAMPION, 2013**

• Advised the California Association of Midwives and California Families for Access to Midwives on advocacy, organizing, and communication strategies. • Organized constituent advocacy effort including letter writing campaign and public testimony resulting in endorsement of AB 1308 by tri-county Medi-Cal Managed Care Agency.

### **MEASURE P SCHOOL BOND CAMPAIGN, CHAMPION, 2010**

• Signatory and champion for successful \$110 million school bond to support critical facility improvements for Monterey Peninsula Unified School District facilities serving 11,000 students. • Intervened in dysfunctional campaign plans, re-organized campaign decision-making, and spearheaded campaign fundraising.

## **VOLUNTEER NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE**

### **2020 MOM MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE, AMBASADOR, 2015 - CURRENT**

Champion and statewide organizer for maternal mental health awareness and legislation, including successful 2018 Bills: AB 2193, Maternal Mental Health Screening and Support, AB 3032, Hospital Maternal Mental Health, AB 1893, Maternal Mental Health Federal Funding, and ACR 180, Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

### **MONTEREY BIRTH AND WELLNESS CENTER, ADVISORY BOARD, 2015 - CURRENT**

Advisory board for freestanding birth center that provides evidence-based midwifery care.

### **IMPROVINGBIRTH.ORG, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2014 - 2016**

#### **DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE, RALLY TASK FORCE**

• Initiated and implemented individual donor program and first ever grants program. • Developed action plans for implementation of Community Advocacy Program. • Wrote Fundraising Toolkit and Worksheets to transform annual public awareness event into signature fundraising event. • Advise the Board on non-profit operating procedures, volunteer management, and Board policy.

### **PARENTING CONNECTION OF MONTEREY COUNTY -(FORMERLY) FRIENDS OF PARENTS PLACE, FOUNDING TRUSTEE AND PAST PRESIDENT 2001 - 2014**

• Started the 501(c)3 non-profit, doubling fundraising revenue during tenure as President • Led development of sustainability planning process following changes to California Adult School funding models that eliminated dedicated funding for Parent Education. • Hired and managed early childhood development parent educators to deliver services to approximately 300 families in a weekly playgroup-type program during weeks that the School District closed. • Hired and managed contract staff including Transition Coordinator, Grant Writer, Bookkeeper, Curriculum Development Specialist, and Operations Director. • Manage annual grants program of \$100,000 annually. • Co-chair of 20th anniversary celebration event including \$20,000 silent auction.

### **JOINT USE FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MONTEREY PENINSULA USD, 2007 - 2014**

## Wendy Root Askew

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- Advisor to the City of Marina and MPUSD on joint use planning for improved youth development and sports facilities in Marina.

### **GIRLS INC OF THE CENTRAL COAST, FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER, 2011**

- Approved and supported the transition of the organization from incubator agency to an independent non-profit.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS FACILITIES TASK FORCE, MONTEREY PENINSULA USD, 2005 - 2007**

- Collaboratively developed MPUSD Facilities Master Plan with focus on rebuilding trust between the public and District leadership necessary to pass future facilities bonds.
- Promoted equity in resource allocation among three distinct communities.

## **EDUCATION**

**CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY - San Luis Obispo, 2000**

B.S. Business Admin, Concentration in Management with a Focus in Human Resources

**UNIV OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ, Sierra Institute, Nature and Culture - Spring 1999**

**TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE AT CHARTWELL SCHOOL - Summer 2004**

**CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION - MASTERS IN GOVERNANCE 2018**

**EMERGE CALIFORNIA, Northern California Cohort, Class of 2018**

**PACIFIC EDUCATIONAL GROUP, Courageous Conversations about Race**

**CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION - EQUITY NETWORK 2018-2019**

## **REFERENCES**

♥Wendy is well connected to women and families in our community and throughout the state, shows integrity in her interactions and decision making, and cares deeply about ensuring that all women have access to high quality maternity care. ~ Assemblymember Mark Stone, AD 29

♥Wendy is a passionate and tenacious advocate in advancing much needed organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction while also being respectful of the people working within the constraints of institutions and understanding, empathetic to the complexities of our healthcare system. ~ Michelle Slade, C4 Consulting

♥Tenacious in her pursuits, Ms. Askew will jump into a project and work tirelessly until completion. She is an incredible leader, which means she can learn, listen and work just as well as she can delegate, make decisions and project accurately. ~ Jessica Chezem

Jane Parker, Monterey County Supervisor, District 4

Vinz Koller, Past Chair, Monterey County Democratic Central Committee

Elizabeth Carrington, Operations Manager, Boots Road

Dawn Thompson, President, ImprovingBirth.org, Inc.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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March 4, 2015

Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento Ca 95815

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the nomination of Wendy Root Askew as the public representative on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

I believe Wendy would be an excellent selection for several reasons. Wendy is well-connected to women and families in our community and throughout the state, shows integrity in her interactions and decision making, and cares deeply about ensuring that all women have access to high quality maternity care.

I also know that she understands the political process and is a proven advocate who amplifies the voices of community members who are not otherwise engaged in political action, as she has consistently brought her concerns to my attention very effectively and respectfully. Furthermore, Wendy has personal experience as a client of both Licensed Midwives and Obstetricians which informs her advocacy for organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction.

Wendy will be a tremendous asset to the Midwifery Advisory Council, and I recommend her without reservation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Stone  
Assemblymember  
Twenty-Ninth District



March 13, 2015

Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento Ca 95815

To Whom it May Concern;

I am pleased to provide my highest recommendation for Wendy Root-Askew for the public representative to the Midwifery Advisory Council of the Medical Board of California. I have worked closely with Wendy for the past 7 years as she has been a strong advocate for advancing healthcare in our region. As the Chief of the Medical Staff and the chairman of the Department of Ob/Gyn at Natividad Medical Center, I have partnered with Wendy to promote the highest quality of Maternity Care for our community. During this time Wendy has proven to be a passionate and effective leader and is building a tremendous legacy for women's health in our region. A sample of this legacy includes:

1. Supporting communication between Licensed Midwives and the physicians at Natividad Medical Center in order to provide safe and coordinated maternal transports from home.
2. Providing political support to encourage establishment of a Vaginal Birth after Cesarean (VBAC) program at Natividad Medical Center and obtaining "Baby Friendly" and "Mother Friendly" Status at our County's hospital.
3. Promoting evidence based maternity care with the goal of lowering our cesarean section rate and promoting safety on labor and delivery.
4. Grassroots education of women in our community to help them successfully navigate healthcare during pregnancy.
5. She has had an impact through parenting education by her leadership in The Parenting Connection.
6. Her impact on women in our community with peri-natal mood and anxiety disorders through her leadership in the establishment of a postpartum "warm line" and support groups.



Having a public member with the extensive leadership experience and impact that Wendy has enjoyed will be a great asset to The Advisory Council. Wendy is a woman of high integrity and she is a joy to work with. She understands the complexities of both our political system and our healthcare system and is able to respectfully advocate for organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction. She is a good listener and has proven that she can respectfully advocate for and amplify the voices of community members who are not otherwise engaged in political action. In addition, because she has personal experience as a client of both Licensed Midwives and Obstetricians she brings a valuable perspective to any discussion.

I highly recommend this thoughtful, bright and articulate local leader who would be a great asset to the Advisory Counsel.

Sincerely,



Peter Chandler, MD, MPH  
Interim Chief Medical Officer  
Natividad Medical Center



February 8, 2019

Medical Board of California  
Attn.: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, California 95815

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to support the nomination of Wendy Root Askew as the public representative for the Medical Board's Midwifery Advisory Council.

I believe Wendy would be an excellent selection, because for the 7 years I have known her, she has advocated for women and children every single day. Through her work as a legislative analyst for Monterey County Supervisor Jane Parker, she has an intimate knowledge of political, legislative, and community outreach needs. As a board member for the Parenting Connection of Monterey County, she has fought to provide access to parenting support groups, early childhood education, and early postnatal depression intervention and assistance. And as a full-time working mother, she understands the needs of childbearing mothers during their prenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal periods.

She has long been a supporter of access to midwifery care as both a consumer and advocate. From my personal experience, I know she cares deeply about ensuring that **all** women have access to high-quality maternity care. As a Central Coast native, she is intimately aware of the unique issues facing Monterey County midwives - both Licensed Midwives and Certified Nurse-Midwives alike. With her knowledge of the complexities of our healthcare system, she forcefully - but respectfully - advocates for organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction.

I know Wendy would make an amazing, hardworking advocate for midwives and access to safe midwifery care, and I cannot recommend her strongly enough for a position on the Midwifery Advisory Board.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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Kristin Bakhda, MS  
Certified Nurse Midwife

D'Arrigo Family Specialty Services

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March 9, 2015

Andy Krackov  
Associate Director for External Engagement  
California HealthCare Foundation

Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento CA 95815

To Whom it May Concern;

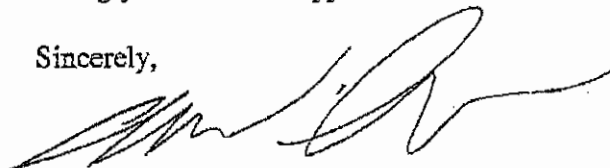
I am writing to strongly support the nomination of Wendy Root Askew as the public representative on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

I believe Wendy would be an excellent selection, because she cares so deeply about ensuring that all women have access to high quality maternity care and because she so thoroughly understands the local political process in California and how it can be applied to the complexities of our healthcare system. As you may know, Wendy's role working for Supervisor Jane Parker in Monterey County places her in a unique position to collaborate with a wide array of stakeholders, from the county health department to hospitals and other health care providers to low-income individuals in need of care. This surely is the kind of broad and seasoned perspective that would benefit the Midwifery Advisory Council.

I've gotten to know Wendy through my work at the California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF) to help county policymakers better leverage health data to support their policymaking. Wendy has contributed enormously to CHCF's work in this realm by offering valuable insights into how supervisors and their staff now use data and through her effectiveness at persuading leaders across Monterey County to play a lead role in CHCF's efforts to move this initiative forward.

Thank you for considering this recommendation, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like more information. I'm certain that Wendy would bring a passionate, well-reasoned, and important perspective to the Council's work – just as she has for CHCF – and I hope you strongly consider her application.

Sincerely,



Andy Krackov





To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Wendy Root Askew as a public representative on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Wendy would do an excellent job in this role. She is connected to so many women and families in our community in her role as assistant to Supervisor Jane Parker of Marina. She is exposed to the larger community to which we belong. One of Wendy's passions has been to advance the care of birthing women and their families in our community. She understands how to navigate the political process and on many occasions has provided a strong and effective voice for those who support and respect the value of Midwifery Care. She is helping to improve the care of birthing women locally.

As a young woman who has personally experienced the care of a Midwife, she speaks from personal experience also. This is of great value when speaking to a sometimes uninformed population, especially in the political arena in which Midwifery Care lives today.

As a registered nurse who has worked in local hospitals for over 30 years, many of them caring for moms and babies, along with having two home births with local midwives, I feel qualified to make this recommendation.

Currently I am Co Chair of Birth Network of Monterey County, a local non-profit whose mission statement is to protect the birth experience by providing women and the families with education, resources and advocacy.

Wendy would be an excellent choice as a public representative on the Midwifery Council.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Carol Jungwirth, RN, BSN

Co-Chair Birth Network of Monterey County

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol Jungwirth", is written over the typed name and title.

March 4, 2015

Medical Board of California (the "Board")  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815

Re: Appointment of public representative to Midwifery Advisory Counsel

To whom it may concern:

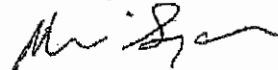
I am writing to support the nomination of Wendy Root Askew as the Midwifery Advisory Council's public representative.

I came into contact with Wendy through my pro bono legal work on behalf of Improving Birth, a California non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality and delivery of U.S. maternity care. Wendy is a highly valued member of the Improving Birth team whose contributions in the Northern California area (including awareness raising and productive engagement with local hospitals) have been of clear benefit to the public, including myself.

Women are often not represented in high-level discussions regarding maternity care, despite having the most stake in the outcome and being best positioned to articulate their needs. Therefore, it is important to have a voice on the Midwifery Advisory Council that speaks on behalf of women as the consumers whose health care options will ultimately be impacted by the midwifery regulatory scheme adopted by the Board. Wendy would be an excellent selection because she is well connected to women and families locally and throughout the state, understands commonly held concerns among women and families regarding maternity care in California, cares deeply about ensuring that all women have access to evidence-based maternity care and choices with respect thereto, understands the political process and has proven an effective advocate amplifying the voices of community members, has personal experience as a client of both licensed midwives and obstetricians, understands the complexities of our healthcare system as well as needed changes, and shows integrity in her interactions and decision making.

Thank you for considering this recommendation. I look forward to hearing of Wendy's appointment.

Sincerely,



Diana Snyder  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP





Midwife Caroline

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento Ca 95815

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing to support the nomination of Wendy Root Askew as the public representative on the Midwifery Advisory Council. I believe Wendy would be an excellent selection because she is well connected to women and families on our community and throughout the state. She has worked with organizations like California Association of Midwives, California Families for Access to Midwifery, Improvingbirth.org and Girls, Inc. to improve the quality of life for mothers and families.

I have had the great pleasure of working with her and have witnessed her integrity in her interactions and decision making. It is obvious that she cares deeply about ensuring all women have access to high quality maternity care. In addition she understands the political process and has proven to be an effective and respectful advocate amplifying the voices of community members who are not otherwise engaged in political action. I also believe that her personal experience as a client of both Licensed Midwives and Obstetricians will be an important asset to the Midwifery Advisory Council. Furthermore, she understands the complexities of our healthcare system and can respectfully advocate for organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Caroline Cusenza, LM, CPM



February 26, 2015



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Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
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C<sup>4</sup> Consulting  
Michelle Slade  
Chief Strategist

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing to support the nomination of Wendy Root Askew as the public representative on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Selecting Wendy for this important opportunity is a wise investment for many reasons. Firstly, she is a passionate and tenacious advocate in advancing much needed organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction while also being respectful of the people working within the constraints of institutions and understanding, empathic to the complexities of our healthcare system. Additionally, Wendy is a wise choice as she:

- is well-connected to women and families in our Monterey County community and throughout the state;
- shows integrity in her interactions and decision making;
- cares deeply about ensuring that all women have access to high quality maternity care;
- understands the political process, both as a concerned, engaged citizen and a professional within the County political administration;
- has proven to be an effective and respectful advocate amplifying the voices of community members who are not otherwise engaged in political action; and
- has personal experience as a client of both Licensed Midwives and Obstetricians.

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From both the perspectives as a fellow "Mom for Change" and a colleague working to improve conditions for women, children and families, I wholeheartedly recommend Wendy to serve as the Public Representative of the Midwifery Advisory Council. I am confident selecting Wendy will help drive positive changes in the healthcare system that will benefit women, children and families.

Please do contact me if any clarification is needed regarding my recommendation of Wendy. Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Slade*

Michelle Slade

2/28/15

To: Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council

To Whom It May Concern;

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I believe Wendy would be an excellent selection because she is well connected to women and families in our community and throughout the state, shows integrity in her interactions and decision making, and she cares deeply about ensuring that all women have access to high quality maternity care.

Wendy understands the political process and has proven to be an effective and respectful advocate amplifying the voices of community members who are not otherwise engaged in political actions. She has personal experience as a client of both Licensed Midwives and Obstetricians, understands the complexities of our healthcare system yet respectfully advocates for organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction.

Wendy is an outstanding change agent in our community. She has the commitment, skill and energy to excel in this position.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

*Maureen Manning, L.Ac.*

Maureen Manning, L.Ac.

[REDACTED]



Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815

Ladies/Gentlemen:

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I believe Wendy would be an excellent selection because she is well connected to women and families on our community and throughout the state. She cares deeply about ensuring that women all women have access to high quality maternity care. She has been involved with and understands the political process, and has proven to be an effective and respectful advocate amplifying the voices of community members who are not otherwise engaged in political action.

I have had the privilege of working with Wendy on other advocacy issues in our community, on the local and state level, and strongly believe that she would be an invaluable asset to the Midwifery Advisory Council. She has personal experience as a client of both Licensed Midwives and Obstetricians and understands the complexities of our healthcare system while at the same time respectfully advocating for organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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Traci Townsend  
Principal

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Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento Ca 95815

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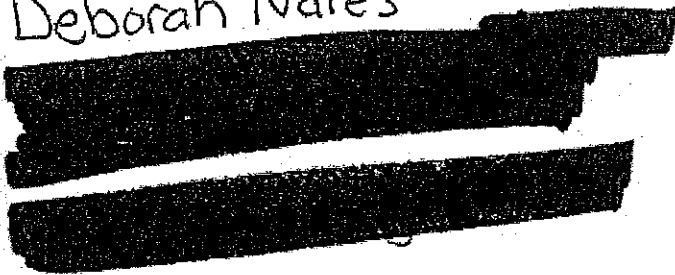
I believe Wendy would be an excellent selection because she understands the complexities of our healthcare system yet respectfully advocates for organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction. She is a champion for mothers, regardless of their insurance status, and has always been a voice of reason in local discussions about sometimes highly emotional topics.

Wendy is well connected to women and families in our community and would be an effective and respectful representative for mothers throughout the state.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,  
Deborah

Deborah Nares

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Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento Ca 95815

February 26, 2015

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I am writing to support the nomination of Wendy Root Askew as the public representative on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

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Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Nora S Yerena, CFLE

[REDACTED]



JESSICA NICOLE BOOTH

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March 11, 2015

Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento CA 95815

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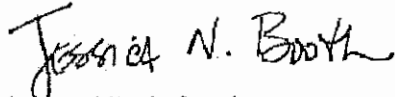
I am writing to support the nomination of Wendy Root Askew as public representative on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

I believe Wendy would be an excellent selection because she is passionate about improving the experience of women and families in her community and throughout the state – especially when it comes to the issues of quality maternity care. She has personal experience as a client of both licensed Midwives and Obstetricians. In addition to her passion and personal experience, she understands the political process and understands the complexities of our healthcare system.

I have known Wendy in a professional capacity since 2002 and have found that she shows integrity in her interactions and decision making. Wendy has already invested many hours as an ~~effective and respectful advocate amplifying the voices of community members who are not~~ otherwise engaged in political action. She advocates for organizational changes that improve patient care and satisfaction – and is the kind of person you want on the team when you want thoughtful communication and effective change implemented.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Jessica Nicole Booth

**2020**  
*mom*



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To Whom it May Concern;

It is my honor to provide this highest recommendation for Wendy Root Askew as the public representative on the Midwifery Advisory Council of the California Medical Board of California.

I met Wendy through my work as the Director of 2020 Mom and have been continuously impressed with her ability to navigate the complexities of state and local political and legislative process. She was a valuable asset in our organizations work last year to on 4 California Bills (AB 2193, AB 3032, AB 1893, and ACR 180) to support implementation of the 2017 report from the California Task Force on the Status of Maternal Mental Health Care.

Ms. Askew has achieved some great successes expanding awareness of maternal mental health issues in Monterey County, working in partnership with the County Health Department, First Five, the County-owned Natividad Hospital, and local non-profits. She has persistently championed local policy that supports screening all women for perinatal mood disorders and the streamlining of access to appropriate mental health treatment for women who need it. Ms Askew is a vocal advocate that maternal mental health is a necessary component of high-quality evidence-based maternity care systems.

Ms Askew's passion for supporting women and children is inspiring and inclusive. She has a talent for skillfully navigating complex systemic challenges and making those systems understandable for those outside of the system. She is not deterred by political barriers, and instead is always looking for opportunities to leverage collaborative solutions that improve the quality of life for the women and families.

I highly encourage your selection of Wendy Root Askew as a bright, articulate leader who will respectfully and collaboratively work to support and advance policy that improves the lives of women, children, and families. Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

*Joy Burkhard*

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**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA Agenda Item 10B**  
**Midwifery Program**

**Midwifery Advisory Council Member Application**


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Medical Board of California  
 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
 Sacramento, CA 95815  
 Attention: Midwifery Program  
 FAX: (916) 263-8936  
 tonya.morairty@mbc.ca.gov

<b>Name:</b>	Last <u>Dugan</u>	First <u>Jocelyn</u>	Middle Initial	Suffix				
<b>Address:</b>	Street [REDACTED]	City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]				
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**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA Agenda Item 10B**  
**Midwifery Program**

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Please attach three letters of recommendation from licensed midwives or clients in your area. (If applying for midwife position at least 2 of the letters must be from practicing midwives in your area)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

  
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(Signature)

2/1/2019  
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(Date)

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**JOCELYN D. DUGAN, MBA**

*Summary* – Accountant turned advocate helping to improve birth equity across California and beyond by increasing visibility of licensed midwives, educating the public, and centering communities of color.

*Professional Background*

**Californians for the Advancement of Midwifery - CAM**

January 2019 – Present

**President**

- Formulate, organize and oversee all CAM projects, including the JumpStart program specifically for student midwives of color.
- Co-Chair of the Birth Disparities & Equity Team
- Decide on suitable strategies and objectives to further the mission of the organization
- Develop and control deadlines, budgets and activities
- Assist in grant writing to fundraise for programs
- Manage personnel and volunteers for programs
- Assume responsibility for the program's people and vendors
- Assess program performance and aim to maximize ROI
- Prepare reports for Board of Directors

**California Association of Midwives - CAM**

Feb. 2011 – December 31, 2018

**Chief Financial Officer**

- Oversaw statewide non-profit organization to ensure financial solvency and fiscal responsibility to members, consumers, and board of directors.
- Responsible for creating and maintaining accounts for ten separate regions as well as a general fund for the organization
- Coordinated and held four statewide conferences, as well as one co-conference with a national organization
- Reconciled bank accounts and handle all aspects of accounting functions, using QuickBooks and Excel
- Prepared taxes as necessary to maintain a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, including Form 990, 199, and RRF-1.  
→ Took company from a continuous net loss to a profit within 14 months.

**Dugan Tax Services**

December 2009 – December 2016

CTRP, AFSP

**Principal Consultant/Owner**

Created a boutique style tax practice that served complicated individuals, small businesses and non-profit organizations. Offered a range of accounting services including; preparation of work papers, tax returns, and bookkeeping for multiple complex clients.

References available upon request

February 1, 2019

Jocelyn Dugan  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Program  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
Fax: (916) 263-8936

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a midwifery advocate since my home-birth-after-cesarean nine and half years ago. I was appointed Treasurer to the California Association of Midwives Foundation (CAM) and I have worked with countless midwives and midwifery organizations to increase access to high-quality midwifery care. Having served a single term as a public member of the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) I feel that I understand the rules, procedures and nuance of the MAC. I believe I should have another term as public member on this committee in part because I understand the nature of the MAC, but also because I am deeply passionate about community birth and improving birth equity.

As a beneficiary of community birth, I have felt the transformation that maternal autonomy can bring. I have seen the difference between the medical model of care and the midwifery model of care. I believe without a doubt that midwives can have a huge impact on birth outcomes, especially among the most vulnerable and marginalized populations.

In recent years, CAM has worked to improve birth equity, recognizing that midwifery is part of the solution to the maternal mortality crisis facing the United States. We created the Birth Disparities & Equity Team to center communities of color and create programs to affect positive change in maternal and infant outcomes within communities of color.

This past November, we changed CAM's name to be more reflective of the work we do. The new name is Californians for the Advancement of Midwifery and I was elected President of the organization as of January 1, 2019.

I believe midwifery can help improve birth outcomes. I believe birthing parents can be informed and make excellent decisions for their babies and their bodies. I believe that patient autonomy and

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informed consent/refusal are the gold standard of care. If I am reappointed to the Midwifery Advisory Council, I will continue to advocate for birthing parents within California, and I will do so tirelessly.

Sincerely,

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Jocelyn Dugan, MBA

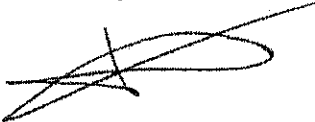
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this my letter of recommendation for Jocelyn Dugan to the Midwifery Advisory Council. As an experienced MAC member, Jocelyn has been an advocate for the public for the past three years. She understands the MAC proceedings and has been present at meetings to speak on behalf of parents in California. Having experienced a home-birth-after-cesarean with a qualified Licensed Midwife, Jocelyn understands the need to educate California families about licensed midwives so what more families can have community birth. Additionally, Jocelyn works closely with the California Association of Licensed Midwives (CALM), serving as a non-voting officer, and is well informed about challenges facing LM's within California. Jocelyn's unique experience and skill set makes her an excellent fit for the MAC. Jocelyn's is committed to the wellbeing of all women and serves tirelessly to ensure options to midwifery care.

Please consider her as my recommendation to the MAC.

Sincerely,

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Debbie Allen, LM, CPM



Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Program  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
Fax: (916) 263-8936

To Whom It May Concern:

Please let this serve as my letter of recommendation for Jocelyn Dugan. Already a public member to the Midwifery Advisory Council, Jocelyn is an excellent fit as a public advocate. I have worked with her for years within the California Association of Midwives Foundation and the California Association of Licensed Midwives and my experience of Jocelyn is that she cares deeply about improving access to licensed midwives and community birth. She understands the unique needs of California licensed midwives and is outspoken on behalf of families in California who wish to have more choices in birth. She would be a wonderful asset to the MAC.

Sincerely,

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Sharon Potteiger, LM, CPM

Medical Board of California  
Attn: Midwifery Program  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
Fax: (916) 263-8936

To Whom It May Concern:

Having served one term on the Midwifery Advisory Council as a public member Jocelyn Dugan has consistently shown up for meetings as an advocate for the public. Her entire career within the midwifery world has been centered around maternal autonomy and improving birth outcomes by making licensed midwives more visible. Serving on the board of the California Association of Midwives Foundation for many years, Jocelyn understands the unique challenges facing midwives within California. As a HBAC parent, Jocelyn is aware of the issues facing parents who seek community birth providers. Jocelyn's is well qualified to represent the public as she is extremely familiar with midwifery in California and already understands her role on the MAC.

Please consider her as my recommendation to the MAC.

Sincerely,

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Alicia Hubbell, LM, CPM

## Licensed Physician – Three Year Term

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
Midwifery Program**

Agenda Item 10B

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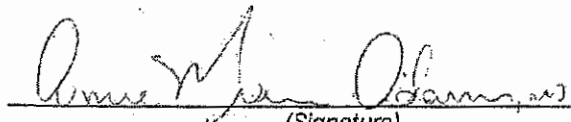
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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
Midwifery Program

Agenda Item 10B

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(Signature)

2/21/2019  
(Date)

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***Curriculum Vitae***

**Education**

1971-1975    *Mercy High School, Carmichael, California*  
1975-1978    *University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana*  
              *Bachelor of Science, Professional Studies, 1979*  
1978-1981    *Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, D.C.*  
              *Doctor of Medicine, 1981 (Accelerated Curriculum)*

**Honors and Awards**

*Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation Merit Scholar*  
*American Medical Women's Association Citation for Scholastic Achievement*  
*Outstanding Student in Surgery Rotation*  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*

**Postgraduate Studies**

1981-1982    *Hurley Medical Center, Flint, Michigan*  
              *Internship, Flexible Medicine*  
1982-1986    *Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois*  
              *1982-1985 Junior Resident, Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
              *Supervisor Cook County Certified Nurse Midwifery students*  
              *1985-1986 Chief Resident, Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
              *Supervisor Cook County Certified Nurse Midwife service and*  
              *Certified Nurse Midwifery students*

**Medical Practice**

1986-1995    *Solo Practice, Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
1995-2009    *Women's Health Care Consultants, Inc., Group Practice, Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
2009-2016    *Solo Practice, Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
2016-current *Abiding Grace Midwifery, Home Birth and Midwifery care*  
2010-2016    *Preceptor of Samuel Merritt Student Nurse Practitioners*  
2014-2016    *Preceptor of NMI Student Midwife*

**Languages**

*Primary- English*  
*Secondary- Spanish*

**Professional Organizations and Activities**

5/16-current *Midwifery Advisory Council Member, Medical Board of California*  
2014-2017    *Supervisory Physician for local area Certified Nurse Midwife*  
2014-current *member CAM Area 5 Peer Review*  
2008-2009    *Chairman - Mercy San Juan Medical Center- OB/GYN Dept*  
2006-2007    *Vice Chairman, Mercy San Juan Medical Center, OB/GYN Dept*  
2006-2007    *Member, Mercy San Juan Medical Center, Quality Management*  
2009-2011    *Member, Mercy San Juan Medical Center,*  
2000-current *Diplomate, American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
1990-1998    *Medical Audit Committee- Mercy San Juan Surgery Center (peer review)*  
1986-1998    *Member- Sacramento El Dorado Medical Society*

## Other ongoing memberships

Capitol Medical Society

Northern California Ob/Gyn Society

## Continuous Volunteer Activities and Community Service

1990-1996 Member- Board of Directors of the Sacramento Life Center

1988-2018 Missionary Activities- Sacramento, Ecuador, Mexico, Dominican Republic, El Salud (Stockton, CA), Uganda, Nicaragua, Honduras. Short term mission activities with area Christian churches involved building, evangelism outreach, children's ministries and medical outreach. Most recent activities with Global Health Outreach and Christian Medical Dental Association include a 1 week medical/dental outreach to areas near Catacamas, Olancho Department, Honduras and an upcoming week long outreach 16 March 2018 with Christian Medical Dental Association to areas near Santa Barbara Department, Honduras

6-2018 Volunteer Attending Physician Kijabe AIC Hospital, Kijabe, Kenya

## Research Activities

1. A Multi-Center, Randomized, Controlled Clinical Trial Comparing the Safety and Efficacy of XXXXX to XXXXX in Women with Endometriosis-Associated Pain

2. A Phase II, 3-Month, Randomized, Double-Blind Study to Evaluate The Efficacy and Safety of Three Doses of XXXXX and XXXXX (0.5, 1.5, and 5 mg QD) Versus Placebo in Subjects with Endometriosis

Women's Health- Hormone Replacement Therapy

3. A Randomized, Double-Blind, Double Dummy, Placebo-Controlled, Multi-Center Study Assessing the Effects of XXXXX and XXXXX in the Improvement of Moderate to Severe Age-Related Skin Changes in Postmenopausal Women

4. A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, One Year Safety and Efficacy Study of Three Doses of an XXXXX in the Prevention of Estrogen-Induced Endometrial Hyperplasia in Postmenopausal Women with Intact Uteri.

5. A Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Randomized Study to Determine Efficacy in the Relief of Hot Flashed Receiving XXXXX

6. A Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Randomized Study to Determine Efficacy in Relief of Hot Flashed in Women Receiving Low Dose XXXXX

7. A Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Placebo and active Controlled Efficacy and Safety Study of the effects of XXX/Conjugated Estrogens Combinations on Endometrial Hyperplasia and Prevention of Osteoporosis in Postmenopausal Women.

Women's Health- Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome

8. A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double Blind, Parallel Group Clinical Study to Assess The Effect of Nine Months of Repeated Daily Oral 1000 mg BID and 2000 mg BID Doses of XXXXX on the Ovulatory, Endocrine, and Metabolic Abnormalities of Women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)

Women's Health

9. A Double-Blind, Randomized Placebo Controlled Study of the Efficacy and Safety of an Intravaginal Ring Delivering XXXXX in the Treatment of Bacterial Vaginosis

10. A Multi-Center, Randomized, Controlled Study to Investigate the Safety and Tolerability of Intravenous XXX vs. Standard Medical Care in Treating Iron Deficiency Anemia in Heavy Uterine Bleeding and Postpartum Patients.

11. Evaluation of the Amplicor HPV Test and the Linear Array High Risk HPV Genotyping Test for the Detection of High Grade Cervical Disease in Samples Prepared with the cobas x 421 Instrument.

Amy Berg, CPM, LM

February 24, 2019

Re: Letter of Recommendation

To whom this may concern;

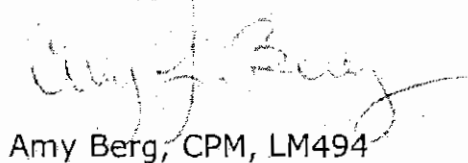
I had the wonderful experience of working with Dr. Adams and I can attest that she is an incredible source of information, skill and experience.

As a newer LM, I am forever grateful for Dr. Adams mentorship and willingness to allow me to soak up any knowledge she enthusiastically shared with me.

Dr. Adams innate wisdom, Midwifery passion and Obstetric skill set melds beautifully together to provide families with informed consent and safe birthing options. I truly feel she would be an asset to the Midwifery Advisory Council.

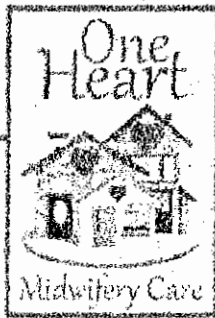
I fully recommend Dr. Adams, and I'm confident that her skills, knowledge and wisdom will positively impact any position relating to Midwifery practice, Obstetrics, education, mentorship and council.

Sincerely,

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Amy Berg, CPM, LM494





Marlene Smith - CA Licensed Midwife 137  
Kaleem Joy - CA Licensed Midwife 63

February 25, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that we offer a letter of reference for Dr. Anne Marie Adams OB/GYN. We have known Dr. Adams since March 2014. At that time she began to attend our monthly community midwifery peer review and business meetings. During our meetings she interacts with several midwifery home birth practices and gives suggestions to improve those practices. She contributes to the discussions on community midwifery practice guidelines.

Dr. Adams present and future involvement on the Midwifery Advisory Committee at the Medical Board Of California will continue to provide a balanced perspective regarding midwifery. Her knowledge and experience practicing in both hospital birth and out of hospital birth and her association with our local community midwives make her a valuable asset to the MAC board.

Over the past 10 years, The Medical Board of California has developed awareness and knowledge of Licensed midwifery standards of care. Partnering to safeguard the public regarding midwifery care by having people on the board who are also out in the field makes Dr. Adams, as a member of the MAC board, an optimal choice. Her expertise in both hospital and home births coupled with her regular involvement in our local midwifery community gives her the best understanding of midwifery care in California.

Thank you for appointing her to another term on the Midwifery Advisory Council.

*Kaleem Joy LM, CPM*

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*Marlene Smith LM, CPM*

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February 22, 2019

Medical Board of California  
Midwifery Advisory Council  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95815

To All It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Anne Marie Adams, MD for a second term on the Midwifery Advisory Council as the physician representative.

Ann Marie Adams brings a valuable and unique viewpoint to the midwifery Advisory Council as a practicing OB-GYN who also attends home births. She has experienced all sides of the care for birthing families, and has bridges to the many facets of both physician-led care and midwife-led care.

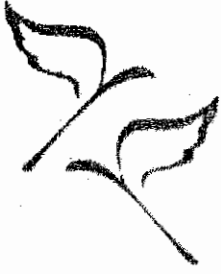
I have known Dr. Adams for the last five years as a member of our local home birth peer review, and have known her by reputation for several decades. I also had a chance to be a member of the Midwifery Advisory Council when she was first appointed. She has been a thoughtful, knowledgeable, and compassionate member of our community and remains a valuable member for the Midwifery Advisory Council to consider.

I strongly urge you to reappoint Anne Marie Adams to the Midwifery Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

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Tosi Marceline, LM, CPM



## *Abiding Grace Midwifery*

Home Birth, Midwifery and Women's Health Service  
Anne Marie Adams, M.D. Pauline Carr, LM, CPM

February 1, 2019

To: Midwifery Advisory Council  
Re: Anne Marie Adams, applicant for physician vacancy position  
Statement of interest and qualifications

Dear Council:

I would like to submit my application for reappointment to the physician position of the midwifery advisory council. I began attending council meetings in 2014, have been a member of the council for the preceeding term (2016-2019) and look forward to continuing to serve.

I have been involved in the concerns of midwifery practice since my residency. Recognizing the value of midwifery care for women, I attempted to model those practices to my clients receiving hospital based care. I personally noticed only benefit for women receiving such care, from the personalized and individualizes care and attention, holistic care and improvement of outcomes. For the past 5 years, I have been directly involved in the home birth midwifery community, performing home births in my personal practice, working with home birth providers in the Sacramento area, as well as the Bay Area and Southern California.

In my opinion, this council has been vital to providing guidance and working as a liason between hospital based medical practitioners and home birth practioners. Safety is the major concern for both parties, as it should be, however there is still much progress to be made in the area of mutual respect, practical care and recognition of the viability of both models of care.

Having worked extensively in both the hospital setting as well as the home setting, I understand the vagaries, burdens, practices and concerns of each group. I believe this is a unique perspective that is invaluable to this council. I look forward to the time that home birth is universally recognized as a safe, viable option for women giving birth. I believe this council is an important entity ushering in that time.

Thank you for considering this application for my reappointment. I would be pleased to respond to any additional questions and can be reached at the numbers provided in my application.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Adams