

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

Role, Responsibility, Mission and Vision of Council

Role (*definition: position or function, characteristic and behavior*)

The Midwifery Advisory Council shall meet in public from time to time to discuss topics of importance related to the practice of midwifery in order to make recommendations to and advise the Division of Licensing.

Responsibility (*definition: what the MAC is accountable for, answerable for one's behavior, capable of being trusted or depended on, marked by good judgment*)

The Midwifery Advisory Council shall provide sound and reliable advice to the Division of Licensing to facilitate the safe and sound practice of midwifery.

Mission (*definition: the business with which a body is charged*)

The Midwifery Advisory Council shall make recommendations on matters specified by the Division of Licensing of the Medical Board of California that include, but are not limited to, the practice of midwifery and home births, and the development of a coding system for gathering annual practice data of licensed midwives in California.

Vision (*definition: foresight, aspirational yet achievable, inspirational, imaginable in your lifetime or tenure of office*)

In promoting the Medical Board of California's consumer protection interests, the Midwifery Advisory Council will provide excellent advice in serving as a vehicle for further positive discussion on the practice of midwifery and home births in the state of California.