

Agenda Item #12

Midwifery Advisory Council Member Applications

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Midwifery Program**

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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

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| Name: | Last Gibson | First Faith | Middle Initial G. | Suffix L.M. |
| Address: | Street [REDACTED] | City [REDACTED] | State [REDACTED] | Zip Code [REDACTED] |
| Phone: | Cell# [REDACTED] | Home # [REDACTED] | Work# [REDACTED] | Fax# [REDACTED] |
| Email: | [REDACTED] | | | |

Are you a California Licensed Midwife? YES NO License Number: LM# 041

Are you a California Licensed Physician? YES NO License Number: _____

If yes, are you currently practicing as an obstetrician/gynecologist?

YES NO

Are you, or have you ever been, a board member of a midwifery or physician related entity? YES NO *If yes, please list the name of the board(s):*

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| Name | Dates of Membership |
| MBC Midwifery Advisory Council | 2007-2013 |
| Name | Dates of Membership |
| DCA Midwifery Advisory Council | 1980-81 |

Organization/Association:
(If volunteering as a non-licensure "public member" please insert the word "SELF - PUBLIC Interest")

Position within the Organization/Association:
(Board member, executive, or member)

CALIFORNIA College of Midwives, MAMA, California Assoc. Lic. Midwives (CALM)
Founder, Executive Director CALM

Do you know anyone who might oppose your appointment to the MAC Advisory Council? [REDACTED]

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? [REDACTED]

Have you ever been formally disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by an organization? [REDACTED]

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| Please attach your resume or curriculum vitae. ✓ |
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Apparently, I mis-read the instructions and asked 3 midwives and one client to mail, Fax or email their recommendation letter ^{directly} to the MBC Evergreen Address. However, I have (for historical interest only) included a copy of a 1981 DCA document - Minutes for the July 1981 Meeting of the original Midwifery Advisory Council.

Faith Gibson, L.M. #041 (Signature) Feb. 19th 2020 (Date)

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MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Northern California Steering Committee

MINUTES OF JULY 2, MEETING

Members Present: Ray Devries
Claudia Ford
Rebecca Sheranian
Dido Hasper

Staff Present: Patricia Ternahan
Marie Paris

Guests Present: Stacie Bradford
Kathy Frago
Kathleen Norton
Donna Lyons

Minutes of June 4th meeting were approved as corrected. There was a report on the NAPSAC conference; we spoke at both opening and closing sessions, and the Midwifery Advisory Council booth drew a lot of people. We collect over 100 interest cards.

Donna Lyons showed slides and tape for media production. Consensus is that focus should be Who is a midwife and what does she do? Working meeting for slide show is scheduled for July 14 - Donna, Faye, Claudia, Rebecca, Ray. You will be called about time and location.

Next Midwifery Advisory Council Northern California Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for July 23, from 1:00 - 4:00.

Claudia was elected as the Northern California Chairperson. Consensus was that MAC chairperson should coordinate activities between both steering committees. Consensus was to support the Department of Consumer Affairs' recommendation of MAC spokesperson (Claudia) and check with Southern California group.

Our decision making process was discussed. We agreed that a majority of members present have decision making power. We also discussed the necessity of getting approval for any printed materials and maintaining a high level of consciousness regarding how we represent ourselves, the Council, the steering committee, and the Department of Consumer Affairs.

The membership of the steering committee currently stands at six. It was agreed to appoint Kathy Frago and Stacie Bradford to fill the vacancies. We would like to find someone from the San Jose area, so if you know of anyone, please give us a call at the number above.

Faith Gibson, LM, CPM

Curricula Vitae & Resume 2019

California Licensed Community Midwife ~ Ca LM #041
Nationally Certified Professional Midwife ~ NARM #96050001
L&D nurse 1962-1976, ER nurse 1966-1970 under a Florida nursing license

Licensed in 1996 under the LMPA's "grandmother clause" after completing all its educational and documentary requirements and passing the California midwifery board; I currently have a small private practice and provide maternity services and midwifery care under a 501-C3 charitable association charter (Mennonite Maternal Services)

Achievements of Note:

Appointed to the California Medical Board's Midwifery Advisory Council -- 2007 to 2013; Elected as the first Chair of the Council, 2007-2010; appointed to a second 3-yr term in 2010

Publication accepted for September 2011 edition of professional journal BIRTH - Practitioner's Perspective: "*A Time Traveler's Perspective on Normal Childbirth*"

Author & editor of the original (long) version of the California College of Midwives' 51-page *Standard of Care and Practice Guidelines* for Ca LMs; available in hard copy and on the Internet, 1999 (content based on *Standards* published by College of Midwifery of British Columbia (CMBC) and developed by the International Conference of Midwives (ICM))

Developed the 14-paged synopsis of the CCM standard of care for California licensed midwives as accepted by the MBC's Midwifery Task Force (chaired by Dr. Richard Fantozzi) as fulfilling the requirement of SB 1950; at this same September 15th 2005 meeting, the VBAC compromise (CC section 1379.19), was worked out with 2 ACOG representatives; both were adopted by the November 2005 Medical Board quarterly meeting and approved by Office of Administrative Law March 9th, 2006

Legislative consultant to Senator Liz Figueroa's staff relative to 3 amendments to the *Licensed Midwifery Practice Act* (SB 1479, 2000; SB 1950, 2003 & SB 1638, 2006)

Administrator of a professional liability insurance consortium of 55 professional midwives providing OOH childbirth services (birth centers and home) in California, Florida and New Mexico in order to have access to affordable malpractice coverage ~ 1998 to 2000

Nationally-recommended as an "Exemplary Midwife", selected for participation in a Delphi Study on "Exemplary Midwifery" by Professor Holly Kennedy, CNM, University of Rhode Island, 1998

Expert Witness, Medical Board of California administrative hearing for licensed midwife Alison Osborn, 1999; BRN administrative hearing for Kathryn Newburn, CNM, 2011

Chronological List of Midwifery-related Activities

Legal-legislative Liaison between Medical Board & California licensed midwife organizations 1993-2013

Founder, *American College of Community Midwives* -- 1993 to present; executive director of its state chapter -- *California College of Midwives* -- 1998 to present

Conference Presenter -- Midwives Alliance of North American, (MANA) 1993 "*California Medical Practice Act 1876-to 1993*"

Internet web site developer and administrator of several childbirth- and midwifery-related web sites -- 1994 to present

Preceptor/clinical instructor for the National Midwifery Institute (NMI), supervising clinical training for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year midwifery students (approximately 25 students) ~ 1994 to present

One of 27 midwives featured in *Sisters On A Journey ~ Portraits of American Midwives* by Penfield Chester, published 1995

Original ratifying organization for the adoption of a consensus document "**Mother-baby-friendly Initiative**" developed by the Coalition for the Improvement of Maternity Services (CIMS) (1996)

Expert Reviewer -- 2001 Provided a formal statement in a civil case to delineate the *appropriate relationship between a midwifery student and her licensed preceptor midwife*: specifically the responsibilities of the licensed supervising midwife was to be physically present on the premise, have final authority over all clinical activities of the student, and as the primary (legal) care provider of record, the preceptor midwife bears *ultimate responsibility and liability* for the wellbeing of childbearing woman and/or her unborn or newborn baby

Technical Skills:

Legal Research: historical and contemporary laws governing midwifery and the practice of medicine. Particular expertise on medical practice regulation in California (Medical Practice Act- 1876-1993) and the history of midwifery politics (1910-30) in the US as it interfaced with the medical establishment

Consultant-expert reviewer for attorneys, consumer and professional organizations on midwifery legislation

Teaching material for a module on the "Law, the Practice of Medicine and the History of Midwifery Legislation", available on overhead projector sheets

Digital video editing & production skills for educational DVDs for Medical Board and state legislature; midwifery-related teaching tapes for childbearing families, the media & medical students

Additional Editorial Contributions and Published Works:

"The Official Plan to Eliminate the Midwife ~ history of organized medicine's 100 years war against the independent practice of midwifery"; **Twenty-First Century Feminist Anthology** (2001)
Midwives Alliance of North America -- Winter.95 Newsletter "The Calling"; Medical Board of California -
- written & oral testimony, 1993; Childbirth alternatives Quarterly, Spring.86 -- *Midwifery Comes of Age*;
California Office of Statewide Planning & Development, Birthing Alternatives Methods Study -- *oral and written testimony*, 1985; Childbirth Alternative Quarterly, Fall 1983; BMQA Hearings on changes in Medical Practice Act -- *oral & written testimony*, 1982

Speaking Engagements:

Medical Board California ~ presentations on midwifery licensing topics, 1994 to present
Presentation on fetal heart rate monitoring for birth educators and doulas – Blossom Birth, 2002
Utah Midwives Conference, May 2001
Midwives Alliance of North American Annual Conference, 1998
North Carolina Midwives Conference, May 1998
Utah Midwives Conference, March 1997
Association of Women Medical Students, UC Davis Med School, 1995-96
California Association of Midwives, Annual Conference -- 1993,1994, 1998
American College of Nurse-Midwifery National Convention, 1986;
Methodist Sunday School Teachers Retreat -- Birth & Sexuality seminar;
Santa Clara Law School seminar -- "The Law in Medicine", 1985;
VBAC In-service for Physicians, Parent Information Network, 1985;
Midwives Alliance of North America, Pacific Regional Conference, 1984;1998;
ASPO National Convention, 1981;

Organizational Positions & Membership:

Director, California College of Midwives, 1999 to present (state chapter, ACDM)
Director, American College of Community Midwives, 1993 to present
Medical Board Liaison, California Association of Midwives, 1997 to 2005
Member of the Midwives Alliance of North American (MANA)
Ratifying Member of the Coalition for the Improvement of Maternity Care (CIMS)

Volunteer Positions:

CAM liaison to California Licensed Midwives to Medical Board of California
Midwifery Implementation Committee, Medical Board of California 1994-96
California DCA -- Midwifery Advisory Council, 1980-81;
Domestic Peace Corps Worker 1976-79;
Church-affiliated hospice program 1972

To accompany by application for the 2020 Midwifery Advisory Council

Faith Gibson, LM #041

Personal and Professional History of Midwifery-related
Legal, Legislative, and Licensing Activities

Brief Synopsis of 40-years as both a citizen *and* professional advocate for direct-entry (i.e. non-nurse) midwifery legislation, associated legal issues, MBC licensing, medical-malpractice insurance, providing expert testimony, and administering a professional liability insurance consortium for Ca LMs

Late 1970s – Grass-roots lobbying for AB 1896, first licensing law for non-nurse mfry since original state-certification in 1917

Early 1980s - Citizen advocate -- My first experience as a citizen advocate was in the 1980s was a public member of the DCA's *Midwifery Advisory Committee* under Governor Brown's first administration

Mid-1980s ~ Organized and attended several state-wide public hearing by the Cal State Assembly (1982 & 1985) on issue of access to non- nurse midwifery services, planned home birth (PHB). Hundreds of families showed up, frustrated with the lack of safe and legal alternatives to 'business-as usual' hospital obstetrics.

Early 1990s -- I worked with Senator Lucy Killea, and her legislative assistant Nancy Chavez, to get the LMPA (SB 350) passed in 1993.

Mid-1990s -- Also when I began regularly attending MBC quarterly meetings. I attended my first quarterly Board meeting in May of 1993 and to regularly attend MBC Quarterly and "interested parties" meetings until 2013, when my husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer

March 1994 to September 1995 -- *Midwifery Licensing Implementation Committee*, -- citizen member chaired by Dr. Tomas Joas; I attended 7 all-day meetings Howe Street MBC offices; audiotaped several hours of discussions between midwives and representatives of CMA, AGOC, and med-mal carriers; transcribed tapes and posted transcripts on our website; available to public

1996 – Became California LM #41.

1998, I formed and administered a professional liability consortium that provided malpractice insurance to 55 community midwives (both CNMs and LMs) in three states (Cal. NM, Fla) who provided out-of-hospital (OOH) childbirth services.

I formed and administered a **professional liability consortium** that provided malpractice insurance to 55 community midwives (both CNMs and LMs) in three states (Cal. NM, Fla) who provided out-of-hospital (OOH) childbirth services. At the time, California OBs said they were unable to provide the legally essential "physician supervision" as mandated by the LMPA because their med-mal carriers would not let them have a professional relationship with midwives who did not themselves carry professional liability insurance.

Even though our consortium had 35 California midwives (incl. myself) that carried liability insurance for three years --1998-2000 -- but obstetrical profession in California declined to provide the elusive 'supervision'. Some obstetricians remarked that midwives carrying malpractice insurance only meant that both she *and* the physicians would both get sued when there was the inevitable home birth "disaster". According to the statistical account provided by the LMAR proved was not the care, but their lack of participation reminded unchanged.

1998 to 2013 -- worked informally with MBC Senior Counsel Anita Scuri and many staff members who had factual questions about how midwifery in OOH setting, identifying areas where the LMPA was problematically silent.

2000 to 2006 - worked with Senator Figueroa and administrative assistant Liz Smith and Senate B&P Committee analysts Jay DuFuria and Vince Marchand on 3 midwife-sponsored amendments to LMPA .

2003 - 2006 ~ regularly attending the Board's Midwifery Task Force; worked with Board president Dr. Fantozzi and Barbara Yaroslavsky to develop of the *Standard of Care for California Licensed Midwives* (SCCLM) until was adopted by the full Board in 2005 and approved by the OAL in 2006 .

SB 1479, 2000 ~ Back-up arrangement form; woman's right to choose OOH birth setting, be provided with informed choice, continuity of individualized care, hands-on assistance during labor, sensitivity to the *emotional and spiritual aspects* of childbearing. A provision in SB 1479 required LMs, in coordination with each of their clients, to develop a plan for accessing medical services during the prenatal and intrapartum period to provide evaluation and both out-patient and in-patient services as needed, as well as identifying an appropriately-staffed and geographically accessible hospital that can provide comprehensive obstetrical and perinatal services in an emergency (Medical Interface form)

SB 1950, 2002 ~ MBC required to adopt a *Midwifery Standard of Care* defining the competent practice of community-based midwifery and refer to this midwifery standard (and not an obstetrical one) in licensing, investigations or disciplinary actions

Historical Background: ~ As liaison between the MBC and two state midwifery organizations -- California Association of Midwives (CAM) and California College of Midwives (CCM) -- From 2003-to-2006 I worked closely with **Dr. Richard Fantozzi, MD** who was both president of the Board in 2005 and Chair of the Midwifery Task Force (different than the current MAC).

At the request of Dr. Fantozzi's, I provided him with a copy of the CCM's 51-page *Standard of Care and Practice Guidelines* as an **example** of community-based practice standards patterned after the professional standard published by the *Canadian College of Midwifery of BC* and consistent with standards in several other states.

A few weeks later I also gave Dr. Fantozzi a 14-page version of the CCM Standard that I'd specifically modified to better fit the needs of the MBC. This shorter version was chosen by the September 15, 2005 Midwifery Task Force (which also included Barbara Yaroslavsky).

During the morning bathroom break, Dr. Fantozzi, Dr. Ruth Haskins (obstetrician and ACOG rep) and Shannon Smith-Crowley (ACOG rep) and myself unexpectedly (and to the great surprise of the four of us!) worked the criteria for the infamous VBAC compromise of 2005, which was incorporated into the SCCLM as section 1379.19 (see attachment #1)

The 14-page "*Standards of Care for California Licensed Midwives*" (SCCLM) and VBAC compromise Section 1379.19 was adopted by the MBC at the November 2005 quarterly meeting, and officially approved by the OAL and implemented by the Board in March 9, 2006.

SB 1638, 2006 required the MBC to create the *Midwifery Advisory Council* and the *Licensed Midwives Annual Report* (LMAR); worked Senate B&P Committee legal analyst Vince Marchand to write the original draft of what became the LMAR

March 2007- 2013 ~ appointed to a 3-year term *Midwifery Advisory Council* by the Board, elected the Council's first Chair; resigned 2013 to care for my terminally-ill husband

1997-2019 ~ unpaid source of 'expert' information and testimony on community-based, OOH midwifery for plaintiff and defense attorneys in civil, OAL and criminal cases; court testimony in criminal case and OAL case (Allison Osborn, LM, Judge Roman, 1998).

Rachel Adams
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February 20, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I became a client of Faith's in the summer of 2017, when I was pregnant with my first child. I saw her monthly, bimonthly and weekly as my pregnancy progressed, and she assisted me during my first child's birth. Happy with my experience, and now pregnant with my second child, I am currently a returning client.

In my experience, Faith has been both a professional and personable midwife. The reason I originally chose Faith as my midwife was because of her experience working as a nurse and midwife, both in and outside of the healthcare system. I also immediately connected with her demeanor: straightforward, honest and calm.

I believe that Faith would be an excellent addition to the Midwifery Advisory Council. First, her years of experience as a midwife and her continued self-education make her very knowledgeable about pregnancy, labor, birth, and midwifery practices. She is also very reliable and dependable. It is easy to get in contact with her to schedule or change appointments, and for answering any questions or concerns. Finally, her care of me during both my pregnancies, and myself and my first child during the postpartum period, were professional and dedicated.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Rachel Adams

Rachel Adams
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Veronica (Ronnie) Falcão, LM MS
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[REDACTED]
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February 17, 2020

Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
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Att: Midwifery Program

Dear Members of the Medical Board of California:

I am writing to recommend Faith Gibson as a member of the Midwifery Council.

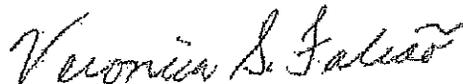
I have known Faith for 24 years, and we have been in the same Peer Review group for 23 years. She taught some of the classes I took in my midwifery training, and we have attended a number of births together.

Faith's qualifications for working on the Midwifery Council are beyond any reasonable expectations. Her knowledge of midwifery history and law are outstanding. Her knowledge of the science behind best midwifery practices is exceptional. The stellar outcomes in her midwifery practice are legendary.

Before becoming a midwife, I was a mathematician and a computer scientist. My master's degree is from Stanford University, in Computer Science. I have gone to school and worked with some of the best and the brightest in Silicon Valley. Faith Gibson's intelligence and thoughtful analysis are on a par with my previous computing colleagues.

I can wholeheartedly recommend Faith Gibson for this position.

Sincerely,



Veronica (Ronnie) Falcao, LM MS
CA LM #0044

Birth With Hope Midwifery



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FEBRUARY 18, 2020

To whom it may concern,

Faith Gibson has been a mentor and friend to me for 15+ years now. I assisted her at births from 2004 - 2011 and was her student in 2007, and now am a practicing midwife for the last eight years.

She hosts quarterly local peer reviews and has been very active in the promotion an safety of midwifery care. She is an excellent advocate for birthing families and their midwives

Should you have any questions regarding this reference, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Hope Willems LM, CPM

Lic # 324



2/19/20

Medical Board of California
2005 Emergreen St., Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815

ATT: Midwifery program

Dear Medical Board,

I am writing to recommend Faith Gibson, W.M., to be a member of your midwifery advisory council. I have known Faith for 40 years. During my own home birth practice from 1988-2003, I always preferred to have Faith as my assistant. She is trustworthy, highly knowledgeable and always interested in midwifery legislation. You couldn't find a better qualified licensed midwife for the advisory council.

Yours very truly,

Carol Knight, M.D.

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| Phone: | Cell# [REDACTED] | Home # [REDACTED] | Work# [REDACTED] | Fax# [REDACTED] |
| Email: | [REDACTED] | | | |
| Are you a California Licensed Midwife? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | License Number: LM # <u>510</u> | |
| Are you a California Licensed Physician? | <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 | | | |
| Are you, or have you ever been, a board member of a midwifery or physician related entity? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please list the name of the board(s): | | | |
| | Name WELCOME HOME MIDWIFERY SERVICES, INC | | Dates of Membership 2016-PRESENT | |
| Organization/Association: <i>(If volunteering as a non-licensee "public member" please insert the word "SELF - PUBLIC Interest")</i> | LICENSED MIDWIFE | | | |
| Position within the Organization/Association: <i>(Board member, executive, or member)</i> | | | | |
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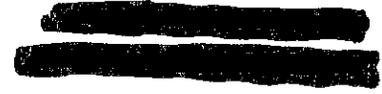
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MADELEINE J WISNER LM



February 15, 2020

Members of the Midwifery Advisory Council & Medical Board of California:

I am writing to request your consideration for a placement on the Midwifery Advisory Council as a Licensed Midwife member for a three year term, running through June 30, 2023.

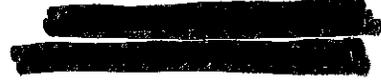
Prior to being a Licensed Midwife, I founded and directed a successful nonprofit community doula program, facilitating culturally humble, free and low-cost labor support to families in Sacramento. This volunteer-run organization trained several dozen birth doulas in the span of a decade, and has served over 1,000 families--70% of whom were Medi-Cal beneficiaries. While in midwifery school, I was an AmeriCorps Home Visitor for the Child Abuse Prevention Center, working face-to-face with Sacramento families who wanted to learn more ways to bond with and care for their young children. Following licensure while building my practice and awaiting my provider number as a Medi-Cal provider, I worked for the County of Yolo in their Tuberculosis Control branch of the Health Department, administering Direct Observational Therapy to patients experiencing Active TB infections. All of these experiences, combined with the grueling years of full-time midwifery school and apprenticeship, have greatly informed the way I practice and promote Licensed Midwife care.

I now work in a high-volume freestanding birth center and home birth practice, and am the only Licensed Midwife in the region enrolled as an individual Medi-Cal provider offering community birth. Midwifery in my life centers the needs of poor and working class families, who have been largely excluded from crucial conversations about midwifery access and quality of care. My job requires ongoing communication with each of the Medi-Cal Managed Care plans covering my region, the Department of Health Care Services, California Department of Public Health, and the Department of Managed Health Care.

In addition to providing healthcare to families in Central California (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and all of their surrounding counties), I train midwives as both a clinical preceptor and as an academic instructor. Inviting students to practice in a way that is congruent with their own cultural backgrounds while compensating them appropriately as workers are two huge priorities for me.

I have attended Midwifery Advisory Council meetings as a member of the public since 2010, and have watched Licensed Midwifery practice law slowly align more closely to the needs of families and workers. These changes obviously include the monumental removal of required physician supervision, but also include the precious addition of Licensed Midwives as Medi-Cal providers, and the inclusion of non-student Midwife Assistants. I've also watched continued, detailed conversations about the complaints and investigation processes at MBC as well as the need for advocacy for Social Security filings for newborns born at home and at LM-run birth centers. Each meeting moves the profession in the right direction, closer and closer to a better and more functional, cooperative, and integrated workforce.

MADELEINE J WISNER LM



The MAC has the unique responsibility of representing stakeholders in midwifery care, including licensees as well as parents and children. While the MAC is not a regulatory body, it is a crucial line of accountable communication between the midwifery community and the Medical Board of California.

As a MAC member, I would be committing to the following over my 3-year term:

- Attending quarterly meetings, including having coverage for my practice for meetings
- Centering the experiences and insight of poor and working class families in discussions about midwifery care access, quality of care, health plan coverage, and legislation
- Eliciting feedback from student midwives and new midwives in conversations about education programs and licensure requirements
- Introducing solutions for the years of expensive regulatory stalemates, barriers to practice, and bureaucratic hurdles related to MBC oversight of Licensed Midwifery practice

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Wisner'.

Madeleine Wisner LM

CURRICULUM VITAE

Formal Education

National College of Midwifery (2016-2017). Graduated with Associate of Science in Direct-Entry Midwifery (ASM).

Midwives College of Utah (2013-2015). Studied Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (BSM) program.

American Public University (2012-2017). Studied Bachelor of Science in Public Health program.

Sacramento City College (2011-2012). Courses included human sexuality, anatomy and physiology, and mathematics.

American River College (2009-2011). Courses included musicianship, history, and biology.

College of the Redwoods (2005-2008). Courses included critical thinking, history, philosophy, English, political science, and meteorology.



Other Education/Conferences Attended

Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program Provider Training (2019).

Held by California Department of Public Health.

Advancing Your Skills: Tools for a Culturally Aware Midwifery Practice (2018). Held by California Association of Licensed Midwives.

Birthworker Inclusivity Training Series (2018). Held by Lucky Tomaszek.

A Heappa HIPAA Help (2018). Held by HiveCE.

Maternal Mental Health (2018). Held by Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency.

California VFC Immunizations Training (2018). Held by California Vaccines for Children.

Web-based Tuberculosis Training (2018). Held by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Reducing African American Infant Mortality Through Breastfeeding (2017). Held by Sierra Health Foundation.

Workshop Week (2017). Held by BetterBirth. Included training in fetal heart monitoring, documentation, complete physical exams, normal labor and birth, and complications of labor.

Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Use (2016). Held by Harm Reduction Services.

Conflict Resolution (2016). Held by Child Abuse Prevention Center.

APIO Homecoming: A Conference for LGBTQ+ API and their Allies (2016). Held by PFLAG and Sacramento State University.

Intimate Partner Relationships with API Cultural Context (2016). Instructors: Lyia Jalao (WEAVE), Christine Nguyen (My Sister's House), Rejie Baloyos (My Sister's House).

LGBTQ Families Matter (2016). Instructor: Rick Oculito (Our Family Coalition).

PrEP, Why Isn't Everyone Doing It?: A Dialogue on Culture, Values, and Health (2016). Instructors: Tapakorn Prasertsith and Denmark Diaz (Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center).

Team Building (2016). Held by Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Baby Behaviors (2016). Held by Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Neonatal Resuscitation (2016). Instructor: Darlene Harris.

Fathers, Inc. Facilitator Training (2015). Held by Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Mandated Child Abuse Reporting Training (2015). Held by Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Nurturing Parenting Program BASICS Training (2015). Held by Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Make Parenting a Pleasure Facilitator Training (2015). Held by Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Home Visitor Training (2015). Held by Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Cultural Diversity (2015). Held by Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Maternity Care in California: Status Update & Opportunities for Improvement (2014), Held by California HealthCare Foundation.

Using Data to Improve Maternity Care Quality: Research Opportunitites and Future Collaborations (2014), Held by Institute for Population Health Improvement, California Department of Health Care Services, and California HealthCare Foundation.

AMANI Childbirth Educator and Labor/Birth Doula Training (2013), Taught by Aisha Al-Hajjar.

Exploring Social Competency in the United States: Care for Diverse Clientele and a Special Case Study for Working with Muslim Families (2013), Taught by Aisha Al-Hajjar.

Suturing in a Real Midwifery Practice, Parts 1 and 2 (2013), Taught by Lynn Arnold, LM CPM.

The Ins & Outs of Venipuncture (2013), Taught by Lynn Arnold, LM CPM.

Prenatal Care (2013), Taught by Cathy Larson, CPM, LDEM.

Prenatal Complications (2013), Taught by Melissa Mayo.

Pediatrics (2013), Taught by Sonia Ochoa.

Well-Woman Care (2013), Taught by Julie Frenette, CNM.

Preparing Your Client for Birth (2013), Taught by Mary Burgess.

Intrapartum Fetal Surveillance for Midwives (2013), Taught by Lynn Arnold, LM CPM.

The Art & Science of Breech Birth (2013), Taught by Lynn Arnold, LM CPM.

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (2013), Taught by Dale Bowman.

Integrative Resuscitation of the Newborn (2013), Taught by Karen Strange.

Shodhini Institute (2012), Topics included redefinition of the clitoris, discussions on miscarriage, abortion, and birth, fertility awareness methods, vaginal infections and natural remedies, group self-exam. Taught by Pati Garcia.

Lactation Support for Doulas (2012), Taught by Jaye Simpson, IBCLC.

Strength and Comfort In Labor Using the Rebozo (2011), Taught by Gena Kirby.

Lactation Education Resources (2010), Basic Lactation Management.

DONA International (2010), Birth Doula Training. Taught by Debbie Lavin.

Bloodborne Pathogens Training (2008), American Red Cross.

Relevant Work Experience

Welcome Home Community Birth Center, Inc. (2018-Present), Clinical Director, Licensed Midwife.

Welcome Home Midwifery Services, Inc. (2016-Present), CEO, Licensed Midwife.

Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (2018), Community Health Branch, Infectious Disease Unit, TB Control Program.

BetterBirth (2017), Primary Midwife Under Supervision, 4-Week Term.

Big Valley Midwives (2016-2017), Primary Midwife Under Supervision.

Big Valley Midwives (2014-2016), Assistant Midwife Under Supervision.

North Sacramento Family Resource Center (2015-2016), Home Visitor, Birth & Beyond Program.

Davis Food Co-op (2009-2013), Cheese Clerk

North Coast Co-op (2012-2013), Night Cook.

Sacramento Midwifery Services (2013-2014), Assistant Midwife Under Supervision.

Lifecenter Birth Center (2013), Student Midwife.

Pacific Northwest Birth Services (2012-2013), Mentor Doula, Shodhini.

Welcome Home Doula Services, Inc. (2010-2018), CEO, Education Director.

Open Door Community Health Centers, Arcata Site (2004-2008), Peer educator.

Six Rivers Planned Parenthood (2004-2006), Peer educator.

Relevant Trainings/Workshops Taught

Midwife Assistant Training, 40 Hours.

Childbirth Preparation, 10 Hours.

Preparing for a Natural Birth, 10 Hours.
An Introduction to Placenta Encapsulation, 3 Hours.
Raw Placenta Preparations, 3 Hours.
Placenta Tinctures, Essences, and Salves, 3 Hours.
Childbirth Education for Doulas, 10 Hours.
Cultural Intelligence for Birth Professionals, 10 Hours.
Professionalism for Birth Doulas, 10 Hours.
Pelvic Health, 10 Hours.
Birth Doula Skills Lab, 3 Hours.
Exploring Your Birth Options, 1.5 Hours.

Awards

Honorable Mention: Heroes of Human Service. Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (2014)

Activities and Interests

CEO: Welcome Home Midwifery Services, Inc.
Member: California Association of Licensed Midwives
Member: California Association of Licensed Midwives Medi-Cal Task Force
Member: California Association of Licensed Midwives Birth Center Division
Member: National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM)
Former Member: Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA)



February 20, 2020

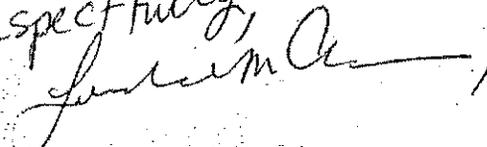
To Whom it May Concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend without reservation, Madeleine Wisner to represent midwives and consumers to the Midwifery Advisory Council of California's Medical Board.

As a licensed midwife and birth center owner in Sacramento, Madeleine's commitment to improving outcome for mothers and babies alike is unrivaled. Madeleine is a Med. Cal provider and works diligently to expand access to midwifery care to low income mothers and mothers of color.

Madeleine takes the time to understand both public health policies and regulations specific to midwifery as well as insurance billing and she has a unique ability to explain complex topics to anyone, regardless of their learning style or ability. I enthusiastically support Madeleine's application to join the MAC as a Council member.

Respectfully,

, LM 90



February 20, 2020

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to express my whole-hearted support of Madeleine Wisner in her application to serve as a part of the Midwifery Advisory Council.

I have known Madeleine for more than 7 years, and each year I have known her she has added more to her experience and accomplishments than any midwife I know. She has done this with a passion and goal of providing equitable care for communities that have been historically poorly served.

When I met her she had already been responsible for the founding and running of a nonprofit organization founded to provide birth doula services to low and no income families in the Sacramento region. She organized, founded and sat on the board of this organization while also providing birth doula services herself to hundreds of families and training teams of birth doulas yearly to expand the provision of these vital services to low resources families.

In her long years of working to make birth better in the Sacramento region, she has attended births in every hospital in the region as a doula, while also attending births at home and in birth centers with many of the licensed midwives in the area throughout her phases of midwifery training. She has a great understanding of the breadth of services, care and resources available to families in each area of our region- and an understanding of the challenges faced both in accessing and providing those services.

Immediately on licensure as a midwife she launched Welcome Home Community Birth Center and set out to become a Medi-Cal provider and a contracted facility to improve access to care for the community. She's also become a midwifery clinical preceptor and academic instructor, actively working to help midwifery as a profession to meet the needs of the birthing public.

She is brilliant, persistent, hard working and amazingly productive. I can think of no one better to represent both Licensed Midwives and the birthing public than Madeleine Wisner, LM.

Respectfully,

Brooke Myung, LM499



16 February 2020

Members of the Midwifery Advisory Council & Medical Board of California:

I am writing to request your consideration for placement of Madeleine J Wisner LM on the Midwifery Advisory Council as a Licensed Midwife member for a three year term, running through June 30, 2023.

As a fellow Licensed Midwife, I believe Madeleine to be a wise choice for placement on the MAC. Madeleine has the drive, determination, and intelligence to advocate for the many things Licensed Midwives in the State of California need in order to properly provide adequate health care to the people of our state.

Madeleine has fought very hard as a provider to give the people the health care they deserve. Although she has the opportunity to generate much more revenue, she chooses to continually be underpaid and overworked in order to serve those who cannot afford out of pocket maternity and health care expenses. This is a reality that very few midwives in the state of California choose to live, and our regulatory board deserves an advocate so humble.

Please consider Madeleine for this placement, I can personally attest to her knowledge, skill set, and advocacy, and I promise you will be blown away by the amount of work she will put in to fight for what is best for the people.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alia Clark LM, CPM

[REDACTED]



Jocelyn Brown, CPM, LM | [REDACTED]

February 17th, 2020

Dear Members of the Midwifery Advisory Council and Medical Board of California,

It has come to my attention that one of my colleagues, California Licensed Midwife Madeleine Wisner, is requesting consideration for placement on the Midwifery Advisory Council. I can think of no better candidate for the position than Mrs. Wisner.

Since I have known Mrs. Wisner, she has demonstrated a tireless commitment not only to providing excellent care to her clients, but just as importantly, to improving California families' access to that care through starting a non-profit birth center and advocating strongly for Medi-Cal reimbursement for Licensed Midwives.

Mrs. Wisner's advocacy is very meaningful to me. I have been a licensed midwife in the State of California since 2015 and previously practiced as a licensed midwife in Oregon. I have nearly 11 years of clinical experience attending births at home and in out-of-hospital birth center settings, as well as accompanying high-risk families into hospital care. While I attended midwifery school to become a low-risk maternity care provider who provides out-of-hospital birth to all families who desire it, upon graduation I quickly learned that to maintain a financially thriving practice and in order to provide myself with a middle class salary, it was realistic to market my services only to relatively privileged families who can afford care out-of-pocket.

Accepting Medi-Cal as payment for my services, and, likewise, accepting Medicaid reimbursement in Oregon was simply not sustainable in the out-of-hospital setting, due to low reimbursement rates and conflicts of interest. I know that many midwives have expressed similar frustrations. We very much desire to serve a population for whom home birth care is simply out of reach, financially. I also want to add that not only do I believe all families should be able to access a full range of affordable choices for their

maternity care, but that improving access to out-of-hospital care may well improve upon the abysmal neonatal and maternal morbidity and mortality rates for people of color in our country.

Madeleine Wisner's hard work, persistence, creativity, advocacy and attention to this issue will not only positively affect low-income and working families' access, but will improve California midwives' ability to provide excellent care to the low-income population. I also have faith in Mrs. Wisner's commitment to participation on the Council and I can clearly see her enthusiasm for the position. In my experience, Mrs. Wisner gets things done.

Please feel free to contact me for questions or clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jocelyn Brown', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jocelyn Brown, LM (0449)

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Midwifery Program**

Midwifery Advisory Council Member Application

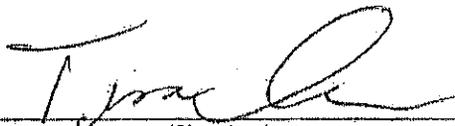
The Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) is an advisory council responsible for making recommendations on matters presented by the California Medical Board (Board) members, Board staff, or designees. The MAC represents the midwifery community and licensed midwives in the State of California. The MAC is comprised of three licensed midwives, one physician and surgeon, and two public members. Public member representatives have an interest in midwifery, but are not licensed midwives. The MAC members volunteer to serve and attend all MAC meetings for up to a three-year term. This application form has been developed to review volunteers interested in serving on the MAC. To be considered for appointment, please mail, email, or fax your MAC Member Application form no later than February 24, 2020 to:

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

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| Phone: | Cell# [REDACTED] | Home # [REDACTED] | Work# [REDACTED] | Fax# [REDACTED] |
| Email: | [REDACTED] | | | |
| Are you a California Licensed Midwife? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | License Number: LM # 435 | |
| Are you a California Licensed Physician? | <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 | | | |
| Are you, or have you ever been, a board member of a midwifery or physician related entity? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please list the name of the board(s): | | | |
| | Name | Dates of Membership | | |
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| Organization/Association: <i>(If volunteering as a non-licensure "public member" please insert the word "SELF - PUBLIC Interest")</i> | [REDACTED] | | | |
| Position within the Organization/Association: <i>(Board member, executive, or member)</i> | [REDACTED] | | | |
| Do you know anyone who might oppose your appointment to the MAC Advisory Council? | [REDACTED] | | | |
| 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? | [REDACTED] | | | |
| Have you ever been formally disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by an organization? | [REDACTED] | | | |

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Midwifery Program

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| Please attach your resume or curriculum vitae. |
| Please attach a letter outlining your qualifications and interest in midwifery and home birth, including prior involvement with midwifery-related organizations. |
| 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) |



(Signature)

2.23.20

(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 submitted by February 24, 2020 to be considered.

TESA KURIN

In consideration for MAC position

DEAR MAC AND MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA,

My name is Tesa Kurin, I'm a licensed Midwife in southern California serving a large area in south/western Kern county and Northern LA county.

My Private Practice:

I licensed as a Midwife in 2015 with the California Medical Board. I opened a homebirth practice and served mostly Kern County residents with homebirth services.

In 2016 I opened a Birth Center in Lancaster located in the most northern parts of LA county. I also have a rural office in Tehachapi, CA servicing those who are 1 hr + driving distance from our local hospitals.

Currently I'm an active Medi-Cal provider. I'm in network with multiple IPA's providing our community with access to Midwifery care and out of hospital births. My practice is made up of 80% Medi-Cal clients, 70% are people of color.

I also actively teach clinical skills to Midwifery students. I currently have 2 students and have 2 more coming into the practice in the spring.

The birth center is a host to many community classes and events.

In my private practice, one of my goals has been to establish quality community standards and relationships. I have made it a priority to communicate with hospital labor and delivery Doctors to help develop a healthy professional relationship. This has allowed for good transport protocols and communications between teams. It has also been a positive experience for clients as well, when they are well received by the staff at the hospital. The hospital staff is always appreciative that my practice follows good community standards and ACOG recommendations for care and has quality patient charts.

Another goal of mine in our community is providing access to care. It has become the cornerstone of the birth center practice to be in network with insurance providers to help those who wish to have a Midwife or a OOH birth access services with in their insurance benefits.

My work within the community:

Staff Midwife with a FQHC- I was hired last year in April to provide Midwifery care to patients at the Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center. The clinic has a genuine desire to answer to patient desires, reduce bad outcomes, increase satisfaction, and

Increase clinic productivity. Using a Mid-level provider like a skilled Midwife has made it easier for them to utilize the OB doctor for high risk cases and surgical needs. I primarily work with the low-risk pregnancies and provide well woman care. This has allowed for me to develop relationships with health clinics all over the county. Showing other organizations, the use of Midwives is very practical and cost effective in a clinic model.

Supportive Pregnancy Care:

Supportive pregnancy is a multi-agency community-based program to provide group prenatal to anyone who is seeking care. Together with March of Dimes, Antelope Valley Partners for Health, Bartz- Altadonna Community Health Center, FQHC, we provide education, prenatal care, and resources to help pregnant people have better pregnancy and birth experiences. Our goals include; increasing breastfeeding rates, reducing complications and increasing satisfaction for the birthing family.

Volunteer:

Antelope Valley African American Infant & Maternal Mortality Community Action Team- I participate and attend community meetings as a provider. The goal is to help develop practice protocols to help reduce maternal mortality in African American communities.

Why I would like your consideration:

I'm passionate about the advancement of Midwifery in our current culture. I believe that that Midwives can be a valuable part of the medical community and utilized to help reduce poor outcomes and help alleviate the burden of cost of health care to the public. With good guidance from Midwives like myself who are doing the work I believe the state can help meet the demands of the growing need for providers in the maternity care field. I have firsthand experience with developing relations within our medical community. I have actively engaged in helping my medical community understand what I do as a Midwife to help reduce the incidence of negative interactions.

I represent those Midwives who work in rural areas of the state. We have different challenges getting access to what we need to do our jobs.

I would like to be a voice for other Midwives like myself who also share the passion of access to care.

I'm able to commit to the responsibilities asked, I have another LM in my practice to share the workload, allowing for me to come to meetings.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application,
Sincerely,
Tesa Kurin, LM

Tesa Kurin

Midwife, Clinical Director, Clinical Preceptor, CEO and Business Owner

PROFILE

After serving in the Air Force for 10 years as an Aircraft mechanic, I worked as a civilian aviation technician for 2 more years. I choose to change careers and go back to school to become a Midwife. I graduated from UOP and NCM top of my class.

Immediately after school I went into Private Practice Midwifery. Realizing a need for services in the Antelope Valley, I opened The AV Birth Center in February 2016. My clinic model of care has allowed low income families to receive expert care and birth services; improving birth outcomes.

United States Air Force Veteran
 Married for 19 years
 7 Children, 5 still living at home
 Lives in Tehachapi
 Grew up all over, Father was military as well, Have been in The AV area for 15 years.

CONTACT

PHONE: [REDACTED]

WEBSITE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

EDUCATION

University of Phoenix

10/14

Bachelors in Business Management, 4.0 GPA.

National College of Midwifery

03/12-03/15

Associates in Midwifery, 4.0 GPA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Antelope Valley Birth Center Inc.-Clinical Director

01/16-current

Serves as CEO, and Clinical Director. Develops clinical policies and procedures appropriate for the birth center model of care. Plans, manages, and evaluates patient care. Organizes and manages employees/contractors. Oversees daily business activities such as accounting, marketing, development, improvement, and community involvement.

1505 West ave J, Ste 203, Lancaster Ca 93534

P# 661-733-6945

Clinical Preceptor

01/18-Current

Currently precepting two students with National College of Midwifery. In charge of daily clinical education. Oversees student clinical experiences and coordinates all clinical educational needs. Have trained 5 students to date.

Staff Midwife-Bartz Alta Donna, FQHC

04/19-Current

Provides Midwifery, Gyn care to patients at Bartz Alta Donna. Co-Coordinator for the Supportive Pregnancy Care Program. Contact info: Pamela Griffin

4332 Gingham Ave, Ste 104, Lancaster, CA 93534

P# 661-874-0450

Supportive Pregnancy Lead Provider/Coordinator

01/20-current

Provides prenatal care in a community setting to pregnant people. Provides supervision and direct clinical care for the multi-agency program designed to reduce bad birth outcomes in the northern LA county area. Designs and administers patient education. Coordinates marketing and recruitment in the community.

Midwife

04/15-Current

Provides full scope antenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum care to healthy low risk pregnant people. Provides immediate care to the healthy newborn. Provides nutrition assessments, advise, and screening to patients. Provides a full scope of holistic well woman care. Attended more than 300+ births in and out of hospital. Primary Midwife in 250+ births. Supervising Midwife at Birth Center.

Tesa Kurin

Midwife, Clinical Director, Clinical Preceptor, CEO and
Buisness Owner

Certified Doula

01/15-01/18

Trained and experienced in childbirth and helps prepare the mother for birth by working with her to develop a birthing plan, educating her about the birthing process, providing her with emotional support and if desired, offering support services during and just after childbirth.

Attended more than 100 births in and out of hospital. Certified with DONA international.

Child Birth Educator

01/16-current

Community based childbirth education. Provided expert informational and educational classes for expectant parents in all settings.

CERTIFICATIONS

Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics- certified in 2016 (5yr cert)

Neonatal Resuscitation Provider -March 2015, 2017, 2019 (exp2021)

BLS provider- March 2015, 2017, 2019

Lactation Peer Counselor- Accredited through LLL International

Professional Organizations

National Association of Registered Midwives

Midwives Alliance of North America

American Association of Birth Centers

California Association of Licensed Midwives

BAKERSFIELD BIRTH CENTER INC.

JUSTINE O. BACKHAUS, LM, CPM, IBCLC

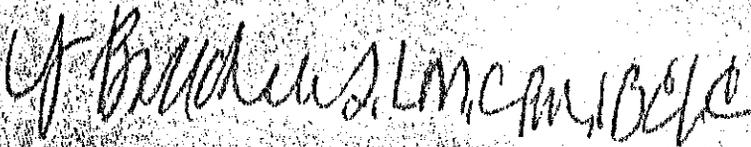
February 20, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Tesa Kurin, LM. I have known Tesa for many years. She and I are colleagues and we share call coverage with one another. Tesa has worked as a LM over the past four years at the time of this writing. During this time Tesa has run a busy birth center and home birth practice. She now also works in a medical clinic in LA County. Tesa has a wealth of clinical and business experience. She is reliable and has good standing in the midwifery community.

If there are any other inquiries, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Justine O. Backhaus, LM, CPM, IBCLC



February 18, 2020

To: MAC Board

Re: Tesa Kurin, LM

Dear MAC Board,

I strongly recommend Tesa Kurin, LM for your vacant position. I have known Tesa for many years and know that she is an evidence based, kind, caring and competent midwife. I feel that Tesa would represent the Southern CA area well.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions.

Thank you,

Sue Turner, LM
CA License #LM0048
Ventura Birth Center



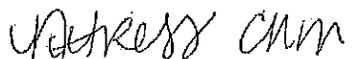
February 25, 2020

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Tesa Kurin. I have had the absolute privilege of getting to know Tesa over the last 9 months. Tesa and I currently working together as midwives in our local FQHC in Lancaster. I have never seen someone with more heart or more drive to make a difference in the lives of the women we see on a daily basis. She truly has the best interest of the patient at heart and that guides every decision during their prenatal care. She is constantly looking for new ways to get patients the appropriate education and resources. She always strives to do better for them, while also trying to find ways for more access to midwives. We need more wives, we need patients to know midwives are available and by striving to be a prominent figure in our community, that is exactly what she is doing. She is professional, driven, and truly wants better for the women we care for. I can think of anyone better for the position with the Midwife Advisory Counsel. I am honored to work with Tesa and look forward to all the good she can do within our community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. 

Thank you,



Nicole Gress, CNM