

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: October 29, 2020
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council Member Appointment
STAFF CONTACT: Diane Holzer, L.M., Chair

ACTION REQUESTED:

After review and discussion, determine if the Board should approve the Midwifery Advisory Council's (MAC) recommendation to appoint Tesa Kurin, L.M., to the licensed midwife position, effective December 1, 2020, for a three-year term that will expire June 30, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Business and Professions Code section 2509 authorized the Board to create a MAC and appoint members. The MAC consists of three licensed midwives and three members of the public (one of which is a physician). The MAC is an advisory council that represents the midwifery community and the organizations/associations that represent licensed midwives. The MAC meetings are held in public to discuss topics of importance related to the practice of midwifery in order to make recommendations and provide advice to the Board.

The Board received three applications for the licensed midwife position. At the March 5, 2020, MAC meeting, the MAC members discussed the qualifications and experience of each application submitted. Each applicant was present at the meeting and gave a brief statement.

The MAC voted at the August 20, 2020 meeting to recommend to the Board the appointment of Tesa Kurin, L.M., to the licensed midwife position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the MAC's recommendation to appoint Tesa Kurin to serve on the MAC effective December 1, 2020.