



Midwifery Committee

**Sacramento Convention Center
1400 "J" Street, Room 307
Sacramento, CA 95814**

April 26, 2007

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 Call to Order

The Midwifery Committee (Committee) of the Medical Board of California (Board) was called to order by Chair Richard D. Fantozzi, M.D., at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed to all interested parties.

Members Present:

Richard D. Fantozzi, M.D., Chair
Hedy Chang
Laurie C. Gregg, M.D.
Barbara Yaroslavsky

Staff Present:

Kathi Burns, Staff Services Manager I, Licensing Program
Kim Kirchmeyer, Deputy Director
Armando Melendez, Business Services Assistant, Business Services Office
Kelly Nelson, Legislative Analyst, Legislative/Regulatory Unit
Gary Qualset, Chief, Licensing Program
Regina Rao, Analyst, Business Services Office
Paulette Romero, Associate Analyst, Executive Office
Kevin Schunke, Regulation Coordinator, Legislative/Regulatory Unit
Anita Scuri, Supervising Senior Counsel, Department of Consumer Affairs
Pam Thomas, Analyst, Licensing Program
Linda Whitney, Chief, Legislative/Regulatory Unit
Curt Worden, Staff Services Manager I, Licensing Program
Teresa Schaeffer, Executive Assistant
Patricia Park, AGPA, Licensing Program
Scott Johnson, Business Services Assistant, Business Services Office
Billie Baldo, MST, Administrative Assistant, Licensing Program
Stacie Berumen, Staff Services Manager I, Licensing Program
Michael McCormick, Associate Analyst, Licensing
Richard Prouty, Staff Services Manager I, Enforcement Program

Members of the Audience:

Faith Gibson, L.M., California College of Midwives (CCM)
Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., California Association of Midwives (CAM)
Diane Holzer, L.M., CAM, Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA)
Karen Ehrlich, L.M., Birth Network of Santa Cruz County
Claudia Breglia, CAM

Agenda Item 2 Approval of Minutes from the February 1, 2007 Meeting

It was M/S/C (Yaroslavsky/Gregg) to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2007 Committee meeting.

Agenda Item 3 Midwifery Advisory Council Update

Mr. Qualset gave an update on the March 9th and April 17th meetings of the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC). The MAC has been working primarily on developing a coding system to capture midwifery practice data as required by Business and Professions Code section 2516.

Faith Gibson, L.M., Chair of the MAC, commented on progress reached in developing the coding system and described a concern about capturing data regarding patients lost from care for no medical or other identifiable reason. Ms. Gibson suggested adding a code to the category of “Outcomes” to capture the number of clients who left care before delivery for non-medical or unknown reasons. Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., member of the MAC, made a similar comment. Dr. Fantozzi agreed to add this as an “Outcome” code and suggested that a distinction between medical or non-medical transfers be made. He indicated that no regulation was needed to accomplish this.

Ms. Gibson stated that work will continue to further define terms within the coding system and provide guidance to licensed midwives in filling out the midwife annual report form.

Mr. Qualset announced that future MAC meetings are scheduled for June 12th, August 30th, and December 6th of 2007.

Agenda Item 4 Program Update

Mr. Qualset introduced Michael McCormick, the new Associate Analyst for the Midwifery Program.

Mr. Qualset advised the Committee that letters were sent to all licensed midwives advising them of the new annual reporting requirements for licensed midwives. This information was also included in the Board’s April 2007 newsletter. If a licensed midwife fails to file the mandatory

report with OSHPD, they will be reported to the Division of Licensing and their license will be ineligible for renewal until such time as a report is made.

Dr. Fantozzi directed staff to provide written statistics on the activity of the Midwifery Program at future Board meetings.

Staff was directed to add to the MAC agenda the topic of remedial re-entry to practice and retraining of midwives. Dr. Fantozzi directed the MAC to research the issue and bring back a proposal to the Committee at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 5 Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

No public comments.

Agenda Item 6 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.