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Midwifery Committee

Hilton San Diego Mission Valley

Newport Ballroom

901 Camino del Rio South

San Diego, CA 92108

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MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 Call to Order

The Midwifery Committee (Committee) of the Medical Board of California (Board) was called to order by Chair Hedy Chang at 10:35 a.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed to all interested parties.

Members Present:

Hedy Chang, Chair
Mary Lynn Moran, M.D.
Barbara Yaroslavsky

Staff Present:

Anita Scuri, Supervising Senior Counsel, Department of Consumer Affairs
Armando Melendez, Business Services Assistant, Business Services Office
Billie Baldo, MST, Administrative Assistant, Licensing Program
Cindi Oseto, Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA), Licensing Program
Gary Qualset, Chief, Licensing Program
Kathi Burns, Staff Services Manager I, Licensing Program
Kelly Nelson, Legislative Analyst, Legislative/Regulatory Unit
Kurt Heppler, Senior Counsel, Department of Consumer Affairs
Pat Park, AGPA, Licensing Program
Paulette Romero, AGPA, Executive Office
Randal Freitas, Business Services Assistant, Business Services Office
Regina Rao, Analyst, Business Services Office
Stacie Berumen, Staff Services Manager I, Licensing Program
Valerie Moore, AGPA, Discipline Coordination Unit

Members of the Audience:

Barbara Herrera, L.M.
Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Member, California
Association of Midwives (CAM)
Celesta Rannisi Owen, L.M., CAM
Claudia Breglia, L.M., CPM, CAM
Donna Hooyen
Faith Gibson, L.M., MAC Chair, California College of Midwives

Gerri Ryan, L.M., CPM, A Better Birth
Heather LeMaster, A Better Birth
Lindsey Meehleis, Nizhoni Institute
Marissa Perino, Nizhoni Institute, CAM
Michelle Butler, Center for Public Interest Law, University of San Diego School of Law
Rose Cope, Nizhoni Institute
Sandi Villafana, Nizhoni Institute

Agenda Item 2 Approval of Minutes from the July 25, 2007 Meeting

It was M/S/C (Yaroslavsky/Moran) to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2007 Committee meeting with amendments.

Agenda Item 3 Midwifery Advisory Council Update

Ms. Burns reported that the MAC approved the Midwife Annual Report Coding System, annual report form, and instructions at its September meeting. The next meetings are scheduled for December 6, 2007, April 3, 2008, June 19, 2008, and October 9, 2008. At the next MAC meeting scheduled for December 6, 2007, the members will explore the process for developing a plan for remedial education or retraining of licensed midwives facing enforcement action or returning to practice after a long absence. The types of complaints and reasons for enforcement actions against licensed midwives will be discussed to determine what, if any, preventative steps could be taken to reduce the occurrence of identified violations.

Faith Gibson, L.M., reported that the MAC is still gathering information regarding the types of violations that occur most commonly and what form of remediation might be needed. The College of Midwives in Tao, New Mexico is willing to provide the didactic testing relative to remediation. There is a new midwifery training school in California that may be used instead of the out-of-state school. This may offer a closer and more economical option for midwives.

Agenda Item 4 Program Update

Mr. Qualset reported that the Midwife Annual Reporting Coding System has been completed and staff is currently working with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP) to finalize the forms for distribution. The summary for the September 6th MAC meeting is on the Board's web site on the Midwife Program page for the public to view. The final forms will be mailed to licensed midwives on November 9, 2007. The forms and instructions will also be made available on the Board's and OSHDP's websites. The date for submission of forms by licensed midwives to OSHDP is March 31, 2008 for data relating to the 2007 calendar year. OSHDP will report those licensed midwives who fail to report to the Board by April 30, 2008. The first year's data in, aggregate form, will be sent by OSHDP to the Board by June 30, 2008. The Board will present the data in the annual report to the Legislature.

From July 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, there were 5 midwife licenses issued, 4 applications received, and no applications denied. There are 3 applications presently pending. As of August 30, 2007, there are 172 renewed and current licensees.

There are currently six members on the MAC. Two members have one year terms, two have two year terms, and two have three year terms. Two terms expire in February 2008. More information regarding the appointment process will be reported at the Division of Licensing meeting.

Agenda Item 5 Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Claudia Breglia, L.M., stated that some licensed midwives are unable to secure lab accounts. Account representatives have been sent a copy of the law that pertains to licensure of midwives, but labs are still declining to establish accounts for some midwives. Ms. Breglia was advised to contact staff in the Division of Licensing and provide additional information to see if any assistance could be provided.

Agenda Item 6 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.