

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: January 6, 2017
ATTENTION: Board Members
SUBJECT: Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) Chair Report
CONTACT: Carrie Sparrevohn, L.M., Chair

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approval of the following agenda items is requested for the next MAC meeting:

- Task Force update on revisions to Licensed Midwife Annual Report (LMAR)
- Update on continuing regulatory efforts required by Assembly Bill (AB) 1308
- Update on Midwifery Task Force
- Update on Hospital Transfer Form
- Discussion and approval of MAC Licensed Midwife position which expires in June 2017
- Update on midwifery related legislation expected to be introduced or followed this year
- Update on progress of midwifery assistant regulations
- Update on the midwifery program

BACKGROUND:

The last MAC meeting was held on December 1, 2016. At this meeting, the MAC was updated by staff on the following:

- Recommendations for changes to the Licensed Midwife Annual Report (LMAR). This process continues to move forward.
- Progress of midwifery assistant regulations
- Midwifery Program
- Midwifery Task Force
- Update on Hospital Transfer Form

Regulations required by AB 1308 (Bonilla, Chapter 665, Statutes of 2013), specifically language required by Business and Professions Code Section 2507 (b)(1)(A)(i) and (ii), continue to be stalled due to disagreement between the interested parties as to whether it is appropriate to place a history of prior cesarean delivery on the list of conditions requiring a referral to a physician for consultation and determination that the risk factors presented by the woman's disease or condition are not likely to significantly affect the course of pregnancy or childbirth, prior to the midwife continuing care for a particular client. The meeting of the Midwifery Task Force to discuss this matter is yet to be convened.

The California Association of Licensed Midwives (CALM) gave a presentation regarding their newly formed Quality Care Program, designed to provide licensed midwives with a framework for community standard of care.