



**FLORIDA | Council of Licensed Midwifery**  
September 25, 2017

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**Council of Licensed Midwifery**  
**September 25, 2017**  
**10:00 am**

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Melissa Conord-Morrow, LM, Chair  
Susan Robyn Mattox, LM, Vice-Chair  
Charlie Young, LM  
Tania Mondesir, RN, LM  
Corrine Audette, CNM, ARNP  
Dana Barnes, MD  
Robert Pearson-Martinez, MD  
David S. Stewart, MD  
Kathy Bradley, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kama Monroe, J.D. Executive Director  
Carol Taylor, Program Administrator  
Christa Peace, RSIII  
Gerry Nielsen, Regulatory Supervisor

**DEPARTMENT COUNSEL:**

Linda McMullen, Assistant General Counsel  
DOH Office of the General Counsel

**COURT REPORTER:**

For the Record  
850-222-5491  
Ray Convery, Court Reporter

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ron Watson. Legislative Lobbyist, public participant  
Amanda Mann, Midwife, public participant  
Justine Clague, public participant  
Abby Rhinehart, public participant

*Please note the minutes reflect the actual order agenda items were discussed and may differ from the agenda outline.  
Minutes from this meeting can be found online: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/midwifery/meetings/index.html>*

## **General Business:**

### **1. Preparing Annual Report**

Discussion ensued regarding reviewing the numbers. Last year there was 50% participation in submitting the annual report. This year participation has increased significantly, mostly due to personal e-mails and calls. Those who do not submit their forms this year will be referred to the Consumer Services Unit for non-compliance.

Additionally, there was discussion regarding the failure of the form to capture the data sought in the manner desired. The goal is to determine how to obtain the information needed. The desire is to obtain an overall picture of Midwifery, which includes, how many people walk into a Midwifery office, how many people are accepted into the care of a midwife, and the percentage of people who are not accepted for care by a midwife. Due to the fact there are people in practices with multiple midwives, there is uncertainty whether the data provided is accurate. Midwives in practices are submitting data that is practice based and not individual based.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding possible solutions to ensure the data provided is accurate. Suggestions included: changing the form to a practice based form; practices extrapolating the data throughout the year to ensure the data is reported accurately for the individual reports; changing to the MANA stat system; and ensuring there are checks and balances. The question arose as to whether midwives are meeting the standard as compared to obstetrical care. There was consensus that correct numbers are needed to facilitate using the data to improve the profession. Suggestions were requested to enable the Department to provide revised forms for the October meeting. The council requested board counsel determine if there is authority to mandate a different type of report and to provide the information at the next meeting.

### **2. 2016 Annual Report**

The 2016 Annual Report as of the date of the meeting was provided for review. An updated report will be provided on the October 23, 2017, agenda.

## **Rule Discussion**

### **3. Rule 64B24-7.014 Midwifery Records and Reports DH-MQA 5011 proposed new form**

The proposed new form is in the process and was provided for informational purposes.

## **Reports:**

### **4. Executive Director's Report**

Introduction of New Council Member and Announcement of Re-appointment of Council Member

New council member Corrine Audette was introduced and welcomed. Additionally, reappointed council member Charlie Young was acknowledged. Members whose terms have expired or are nearing expiration were identified and directed to the location of appointment application forms.

Standardization of Applications and Possible Changes to Current Application  
2017 Midwifery Annual Report as of September 22, 2017

The council was informed that there is a standardized application being created, which would

include the personal data questions that are included on applications for all professions. Upon adoption of the standardized application, the profession specific application will be revised to only include questions that are not included on the standardized application.

5. Application Liaison –

There was no application liaison currently appointed.

Nomination: by Ms. Mattox, seconded by Dr. Pearson to appoint Charlie Young as the new application liaison. Nomination accepted.

6. Budget – Kathy Bradley

Budget information was provided in the agenda materials for informational purposes.

7. Community and Consumer Relations - Kathy Bradley

There was no report at this time.

8. International Relations –

There was no application liaison currently appointed. After discussion, which included comments wherein Ms. Mattox noted meeting with midwives in Rome regarding the European model and the importance of staying in touch with as many midwives as possible across the pond:

Nomination: by Ms. Mattox, seconded by Dr. Pearson to appoint Charlie Young as the new International Relations liaison. Nomination accepted.

9. Laws & Rules and Other Agency Action – Susan (Robyn) Mattox

Ms. Mattox reported that everything is at a standstill and that there is a lot of outstanding rules that need clean up. She requested an update. Department counsel confirmed that every rule was revised last year except for the practice parameter rule. She further added that if additional changes are needed, the rulemaking process would need to be started all over again. The new rulemaking for the annual report was recently opened back up. Council members opined that there is a need to move forward on the Risk Criteria rule for clarification purposes. Department counsel noted there had been much discussion on the matter but it was never opened for rulemaking because a consensus was never met. She further indicated that she would pull previous information for distribution and review and noted the council might wish to consider a group to work on draft language. Board counsel emphasized the workgroup would have to operate in the sunshine. There is no quorum requirement for a committee.

10. Unlicensed Activity – Susan (Robyn) Mattox, L.M.

There was no report at this time.

11. Healthy Weight Initiative – Melissa Conord-Morrow

The annual meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma; therefore, there was no update.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

Council chair introduced Ron Watson, the lobbyist for the licensed midwives of Florida. Mr. Watson noted there is a legislative issue about adverse incident reporting. If an adverse incident reporting bill is filed it would also require a public record exemption bill to accompany it. There is no bill at this time; however, there is talk of potential sponsors.

Board staff Gerry Nielsen was introduced to the council. Mr. Nielsen has been working on the school application process and will be working on the upcoming school review. He will also be working on the website to ensure it is more user friendly.

**Adjourn: 11:19 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: October 23, 2017: 10 a.m.**

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