

**DRAFT
MINUTES**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE
COUNCIL OF LICENSED MIDWIFERY**

**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Joseph, Chair, at 9:17 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Joseph, L.M., Chair
Char Lynn Daughtry, L.M.,
Susan (Robyn) Mattox, L.M.
Melissa Conord-Morrow, L.M, R.N.
Kathy Bradley, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Anthony Jusevitch, Executive Director
Alexandra Alday, Program Operations Administrator
Jacqueline Clahar-Anderson, Regulatory Specialist II

Members Absent:

Cathy Rudolph, CNM, ARNP

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ASSISTANT GENERAL
COUNSEL**

Alysson Bradley (absent)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 12, 2012 - General Business Meeting and June 7, 2013 General Business Meeting

Action Taken: Ms. Joseph made a motion to approve both minutes with the necessary amendment. Ms. Connord-Morrow seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

Council Chair Report – Ms. Joseph had no report. Ms. Joseph thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as the Chair. Ms. Joseph also welcomed Ms. Alday to the Council, and indicated she would hope to connect with Allyson Bradley in the future.

Counsel Report – No Report.

Executive Director's Report – No Report

Application - Schools

Ratification of New School

Action Taken: Ms. Joseph made a motion to ratify Midwifery Institute of the Americas. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daughtry which passed unanimously.

Application Liaison – No report.

Community Relations – Ms. Joseph had no specific report, however as a licensed Midwife you try to get the word out in the community to educate the public on midwifery and what is going on in the profession.

Consumer Advocacy – Ms. Bradley had no report, however stated she was involved with a fundraiser that recognize midwives in the Orlando area and also other services that support women.

Data Collection – Ms. Joseph indicated she was working with Mr. Jusevitch looking at the collection of data around the number of licensees, the number of renewals and retired licenses and to consider that as the data collection components as required by Statutes.

Ms. Joseph also stated previously data collection was created more for the Midwives to send in their data every year, however this has not been consistent and neither has it been regulated. Ms. Joseph also stated there has not been much success and compliance over the years with the fact that it was not within the jurisdiction to insist that Midwives report this data each year. Ms. Joseph stated still she feels this data should still be collected.

Ms. Daughtry further stated the birth center collect data every year and maybe they could formulate the form in that manner and have Midwives submit that data. It was also stated it could be tied to the license renewal and have licensees submit that data with their license renewal.

After discussion Mr. Jusevitch informed the Council they did not have statutory authority to require data collection it would have to be strictly voluntary and in the past that has not been very fruitful since you do not get many responses.

Ms. Mattox indicated a lot of the statistics required were already collected by Vital Statistics on the birth certificates.

After discussion Mr. Jusevitch advised the Council members send him a list of the data point they would like to collect to him and he would contact Vital Statistics for that information.

International Relations – No report

Unlicensed Activity – No report.

Laws and Rules – No report, however Ms. Mattox stated there were some rules changes coming out of the Agency for Health Care Administration (ACHA) in regards to Birth Centers and licensed Midwives and reimbursements.

After discussion Mr. Jusevitch explained to the Council that the Department of Health, the Council office is responsible for the changes in the regulations of the professions under his purview. Mr. Jusevitch further stated changes to reimbursement were not part of regulations. Mr. Jusevitch suggested the Council get in touch with the Associations and get in touch with ACHA. Mr. Jusevitch suggested someone should get in touch with the Associations and invite them to participate in the conference calls.

After further discussions Ms. Joseph indicated she would like to re-organize the names of the liaisons and the duties performed by each liaisons.

New Liaison Names and Responsibilities

Laws and Rules is now called Laws & Rules and Other Agency Actions Liaison – Ms. Maddox

This liaison is responsible for reporting Laws and rules that affect the profession.

Application/Education (Schools) and (Individuals) will merge and now be The Application Liaison. This liaison is responsible for reviewing applications that are out of the ordinary, such as criminal history, health history and education. This liaison will also review educational facilities. The liaison will be Charlyn Daughtry.

Community Relations and Consumer Advocacy now Merged and will be called **Community & Consumer Relations**. The liaison will be Ms. Bradley. After discussion it was decided Ms. Alday and Mr. Jusevitch will consult and work on a description for this liaison. Once this has been done Ms. Bradley will be contacted with this information.

Ms. Joseph then suggested a new liaison should be formed for Disciplinary Action. After discussion Mr. Jusevitch suggested instead of creating a new liaison he would request copies of final orders that has been filed for the past years and create a short synopsis which would be included as a report on each general business meeting agenda. The agenda will be posted on the website and this would be included on each agenda thereafter. Mr. Jusevitch also indicated he was also working on getting a Prosecutor's Report on the agenda at each meeting.

Data Collection Liaison

This will remain the same. This liaison will report and collect information for the Council.

International Relations Liaison

After discussion Mr. Jusevitch suggested staff will work on a method to track applicants who graduated from a program in another country. Once their license has been issued their contact information would be sent to the liaison, who will contact these licensees and put together a report which will be included on the agenda. This liaison will be Charlyn Daughtry.

Unlicensed Activity Liaison

Mr. Jusevitch explained this liaison is someone who the Department of Health will reach out to whenever the Department comes up with a campaign in regards to unlicensed activity. This liaison is Ms. Mattox.

Laws and Rules and Other Agencies Action Liaison

Mr. Jusevitch explained this liaison is someone who the Department would contact if there was a need to review a statutory change, or any rule changes that needs to be made. This liaison would work with Mr. Jusevitch along with someone from the General Counsel's office. This liaison will also be required to keep track of other agencies and what they are doing and how it affects the Midwifery profession. This liaison will be Ms. Mattox.

Healthy Weight Liaison

Mr. Jusevitch informed the Council that one of the State Surgeon General's number one priorities is to make Florida the healthiest state in the nation. A liaison is required for each board and each council, and they will all meet sometime in June to figure out how each profession can affect healthy weight, and then come up with a plan to institute and make Florida the healthiest state in the nation.

Ms. Joseph volunteered to become the liaison. Ms. Connard-Morrow will be a back-up if Ms. Joseph is unavailable.

NEXT MEETING

June 6, 2014
(Conference Call)

The meeting adjourned approximately 10.27 a.m.