

MINUTES

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

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL AUGUST 29, 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

Members Absent:

Cathy Rudolph, CNM, ARNP

STAFF PRESENT:

Christy Robinson, Executive Director
Alexandra Alday, Program Operations Administrator
Jacqueline Clahar-Anderson, Regulatory Specialist II

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

Gary Asbell, Esq.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. February 7, 2014 - General Business Meeting**
- 2. June 6, 2014 - General Business Meeting**

Action Taken: Ms. Joseph made a motion to approve both minutes as written. Ms. Bradley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

Ms. Joseph requested that Council staff added Chair Report to the list of reports on the agenda. Ms. Robinson apologized for the error, indicated this item will be on all agendas moving forward. Mr. Asbell Advised Ms. Joseph if she had a report it could be placed under the New Business at this time.

13. Counsel Report

Mr. Asbell did not have a report. He indicated that he was standing in to make sure no public records laws were broken and to offer assistance to any legal questions.

Ms. Robinson indicated she will get in touch with the Division Director to determine why the Council does not have an assigned counsel.

Action Taken: After discussion, Ms. Conord-Morrow made a motion to ask Ms. Robinson to get clarification of the status of a counsel for the Council of Licensed Midwifery. Ms. Joseph seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Executive Director's Report

Action Taken:

Ms. Joseph welcomed Ms. Robinson as the new Executive Director to the Council. Ms. Robinson did not have a formal report, however she indicated the Council has received 4 applications for Council positions. Ms. Robinson further stated the applications will be vetted and forwarded to the Surgeon General's office. Ms. Joseph requested the professions of the applicants. Ms. Robinson indicated there was a Licensed Midwife, a Pediatric Cardiologist, a consumer member and a Certified Nurse Midwife.

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Ms. Robinson advised the council of the vacancies that were currently available on the council. After discussion, Ms. Joseph asked staff to find out from council members if they were willing to continue as Council members after their term has expired. After discussion Ms. Robinson indicated she will research the term limit of council members and email members with this information.

Ms. Joseph asked Ms. Robinson to find out if there were any other applications submitted for Council positions. After discussion, Ms. Robinson stated she will research to see if any other applications were received and the status of these prior applications.

Ms. Robinson further stated if there was anything Mr. Jusevitch reported in the past, and if there was anything the Council would like to have reported in the future she is more than willing to have this done. Ms. Robinson stated she will research the past minutes for uncompleted requests and have a status update for the next meeting.

5. Application Liaison – No report.

6. Budget Liaison – No report.

7. Community and Consumer Relations Liaison – No report.

8. Data Collection Liaison – No report.

10. Laws and Rules and Other Agency Actions – No report.

11. Unlicensed Activity Liaison – No report.

12. Healthy Weight Liaison

Ms. Joseph represented the Council at the Healthy Weight Initiative meeting held in Tallahassee last month, which was attended by other Board Chairs and Council Chairs. Ms. Joseph stated the initiative is to encourage all healthcare practitioners to incorporate the message about obesity and childhood obesity into their profession.

13. International Relations – No report.

INFORMATIONAL

14. Letter from Children's Medical Services - Informational

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Joseph stated she would like to see the Chair Report re-instated to the agenda. Ms. Joseph further stated she was concerned for the Council and would like to see the Council get back up to being more proficient and organized.

Ms. Joseph indicated there were concerns in regards to the Medicaid codes that have been changed as of August 1st. Licensed Midwives can no longer bill for postpartum care, yet they are required to provide postpartum care. Ms. Conord-Morrow stated she did a brief informal study and would be willing to provide this information if needed.

Mr. Asbell stated in regards to the changes through the Agency for Healthcare Administration and changes in the billing codes of services provided by midwives, the Council of Licensed Midwifery has no input in that process.

After discussion Mr. Asbell stated the Department of Health regulates Midwives and the Council serves as an advisory body to the Department of Health. There are certain numerated functions of the Council for reference Section 467.004, F.S.

Action Taken: After discussion Ms. Mattox made a motion to send a letter to Department of Health to advise about the current situation affecting the licensed midwives in regards to Medicaid issues. Motion was seconded by Ms. Morrow which carried unanimously.

Proposed Meeting Dates

February 6, 2015, June 5, 2015 and October 2, 2015.

Action Taken: After discussion it was decided to have a quorum check before every scheduled meeting.

NEXT MEETING

October 3, 2014
(Conference Call)

The meeting adjourned approximately 11:05 a.m.