

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES
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7 Videoconference
8 March 9, 2020
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10 By the authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a
11 scheduled videoconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held
12 March 9, 2020; 333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor Conference Room B Juneau, AK.
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14 **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order/Roll Call**
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16 Chair Elect Penwell called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM AKDT.

17 Members present: Manga Penwell, Bethel Belisle, Hannah St. George, Dianna Kristeller, and Dr.
18 Dana Espindola, Former Board Chair Deborah Schneider

19 Staff Present: Lacey Derr – Licensing Examiner, Andy Khmelev – Acting Records & Licensing
20 Supervisor, Sher Zinn – Regulations Specialist

21 There were no ethics to disclose.

22 **Agenda Item 2 – Review Agenda**

23 **A motion was made to approve the draft agenda as written by B. Belisle; seconded by D.
24 Kristeller; the motion passed unanimously.**
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26 **Agenda Item 3 & 4 – Introduction of New Board Members, Elect New Chair**

27 Manga Penwell introduced herself first and her background in midwifery. She explained she
28 was excited to be part of the board and the future of midwifery in Alaska. Bethel Belisle
29 introduced herself next and was also looking forward to tasks the board will accomplish.
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31 Manga Penwell offered to assume the position of Board Chair.
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33 **A motion was made to elect Amanda ‘Manga’ Penwell by D. Kristeller, seconded by B. Belisle;
34 and agreed unanimously.**

35 **Agenda Item 5 – Executive Session**
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37 **I, Dianna Kristeller, move that the Alaska State Board of Direct-Entry Midwives enter into**

38 executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to
39 Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or
40 ordinance are required to be confidential. Seconded by B. Belisle, the motion passed
41 unanimously.

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43 **Executive Session begin 9:10am**
44 **End Executive Session at 9:28pm**

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46 **Agenda Item 6 – Regulations Project**

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48 Chair Penwell directed the Board’s attention to the Peer Review Regulations Project. She began
49 by introducing what NARM uses as their process for Peer Review and redefine as ‘Community
50 Peer Review’. Provide a way to come together and provide routine, confidential, professional,
51 protected, educational, nonpunitive, non-discoverable, a time where midwives come together
52 and discuss cases together. She continued by recommending a definition of: assessment and
53 evaluation of midwifery practice by other midwives to ensure quality of care and uphold the
54 midwives code of ethics found in regulations appendix B. Community Peer Review could be the
55 time to hold each other accountable and continue to improve midwifery care.

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57 Former Chair Deborah Schneider explained Peer Review was written to allow midwives a safe
58 place specifically to come together and discuss cases which fall under 12AAC 14.900(c)(3). She
59 explained she felt the regulation was then added on to by including language to include
60 disciplinary action for things like regulations breaks. Ms. Schneider discussed the Board had set
61 up Peer Review as a way for the Board to remain informed of issues like what’s identified in
62 12AAC 14.900(c)(3) and if there is a threat to public safety, it’s identified. She continued to
63 explain that how it is currently written does not fit the idea in which Peer Review was meant.

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65 The Board continued to discussion options for clearly defining Peer Review, the roles in Peer
66 Review, and separating out section 12 AAC 14.900(c)(3) as its own section of Peer Review. The
67 discussion focused on how would the Board be adequately notified of charts which may need
68 review but also keep the Board subjective to all licensees who may have potential
69 investigations brought against them.

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71 **Agenda Item 7 – Regulations Specialist**

72 Regulations Specialist Sher Zinn joined to help the Board to help craft the amendments of the
73 Peer Review Regulations. Specialist Zinn advised the Board should remove from 12AAC 14.900
74 what they don’t want and amend the sections they do what to keep. Chair Penwell explained
75 they’re running in the issues where they cannot find the current regulation meets the true idea

76 of community peer review, and they would like to remove 12AAC 14.900 in its entirety. But
77 they wanted to keep areas of the regulation and apply them appropriately with other current
78 regulations.

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80 Specialist Zinn assisted the Board in formulating a new section 12AAC 14.455 to include the
81 definition of Community Peer Review they're seeking. And add the compliance sections of 12
82 AAC 14.900 to section 12 AAC 14.460.

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84 **A motion was made by Dianna Kristeller to repeal section 12 AAC 14.900 –Peer Review in its**
85 **entirety, seconded by Bethel Belisle, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.**

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87 **A motion was made by Bethel Belisle, seconded by Dianna Kristeller, and unanimously**
88 **approved by roll call vote to add section 12 AAC 14.455 – Community Peer Review:**

- 89 a. A midwife shall participate in community peer review, as defined by the board as: The
90 assessment and evaluation of midwifery practice by a minimum of 2 licensed midwives in this
91 State, to include 1 midwife outside of the same practice, to ensure quality of care and uphold
92 the midwife quality of a care as defined in Appendix B.
93 b. Midwives shall participate in community peer review for 4 hours each licensing period.
94 c. Community Peer Review is confidential, non-discoverable, professional, non-punitive, and
95 educational.

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97 **A motion was made by Dianna Kristeller, seconded by Bethel Belisle, and approved by roll call**
98 **vote to amend section 12 AAC 14.460 to include:**

- 99 (a) 14.420-14.455
100 (c) 14.420-14.455

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102 **Agenda Item 8 – Adjourn**

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104 **A motion was made to adjourn by Dianna Kristeller; seconded by Bethel Belisle; the motion**
105 **passed unanimously.**

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107 **Meeting Adjourned at 12:08pm.**

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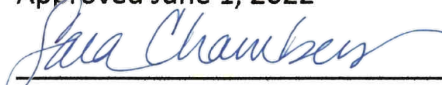
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Lacey Derr, Licensing Examiner


Amanda 'Manga' Penwell, CDM Chair

Date

122 Approved June 1, 2022

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124 Sara Chambers, Division Director

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126 Bethel Belisle, CDM Chair