

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
4 BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES
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6 MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING
7 April 7, 2021
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9 By the authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a
10 scheduled videoconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held April 7,
11 2021 and at State Office Bldg., 9th Floor, Commissioners Conference Room, Juneau, AK.
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13 **Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
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15 The meeting of the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives was called to order by Bethel Belisle, Chair
16 at 9:06 a.m. Members present were:
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18 **Board Members Present, constituting a Quorum:**
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20 Bethel Belisle, Certified Direct-Entry Midwife, Chair
21 Hannah St. George, Public Member
22 Dr. Dana Espindola, Physician/OB Practice
23 Rachel Pugh, Certified Direct-Entry Midwife
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25 **Absent from the meeting**
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27 Tanya Kirk, Certified Nurse Midwife
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29 **Division Staff present were:**
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31 Lacey Derr, Records & Licensing Supervisor
32 Logan Bugayong, Licensing Examiner
33 Sher Zinn, Regulation Specialist
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35 **Members of the Public Present:**
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37 None
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39 **Item 2. Review/Amend Agenda**
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41 The board reviewed the agenda.
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43 **On motion duly made by Rachel Pugh, seconded by Dr. Dana Espindola, and approved
44 by majority consent, it was Resolved to approve the agenda as presented.**
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46 **Item 3. Ethics Report**
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48 No ethics disclosures.
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Item 4. Proposed Regulatory Changes

Sher Zinn, Regulation Specialist, greeted the board.

The board reviewed proposed changes to Regulations 12 AAC 14.110, 14.130, 14.150, 14.200, 14.210, 14.220, 14.300, 14.400, 14.470, 14.500, 14.510, 14.520, 14.530, 14.560, 14.570, 14.900 as presented by Ms. Pugh and proposed changes to Chapter 65, 08.65.010, 65.010, 65.030, 65.040, 65.050, 65.060, 65.070, 65.080, 65.090, 65.110, 65.120, 65.140, 65.150, 65.160, 65.170, 65.180, and 65.190, as presented by Ms. Pugh.

Ms. Pugh stated, due to legislative and statutory changes some of the verbiage still within regulations is outdated still using the title "certified direct entry midwives"; legislative/statute change updated the title to "licensed midwives". Ms. Pugh went on to state that the title change had been requested for insurance billing services; most of the proposed changes to regulations are updating the license type title.

Ms. Pugh informed the board she had also been working with Ida Darragh, Executive Director of North American Registry of Midwives (NARM); Ms. Darragh had several suggestions which were included in this packet. Ms. Pugh stated that she had also looked at five other states regulations which she had copy/pasted into these regulations. Ms. Pugh went on to state that to update to national standards and offer more protection for licensed midwives, these updates were on track.

Board requested going through the changes piece by piece.

Ms. Pugh reviewed the changes as detailed in the meeting packet with the board. Ms. Pugh informed the board that certified nurse midwives are not considered CPN's as their regulations changed their title to Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APR)

Chair Belisle asked if it is now a standard to issue permits for apprentice midwives, is this just in Alaska, and will it bring revenue to the board.

Supervisor Derr stated the apprentice permit would be an avenue to monitor apprentices and a revenue generator for the program.

The board briefly discussed apprentice permitting, permitting in other states, and services an apprentice could provide. Sher Zinn stated a temporary license for other programs is not uncommon and is used for a pathway to full licensure.

The board and Ms. Zinn briefly discussed historical and current Medicaid /insurance billing.

The board briefly discussed NARM credentialing requirements.

Ms. Zinn thanked Ms. Pugh and asked the board if they approve these changes to let her know. Ms. Zinn also stated she believed the board would be working with Representative Dan Ortiz to move this project forward.

On motion duly made by Rachel Pugh, seconded by Dr. Dana Espindola, and approved by majority consent, it was Resolved to approve the proposed statutory changes as presented.

Chair Belisle thanked Ms. Pugh and the board stating the statutory changes should meet the Legislative Audit requirement of moving towards a national standard.

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105 as presented by Ms. Pugh.
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107 The board briefly discussed midwives needing to become CPN's which would require additional
108 education. The board agreed that current/active licensees would be grandfathered in with a set time
109 for those licenses to expire/be phased out.
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111 The board briefly discussed NARM's lack of a lapsed license status and NARM's 90-day grace period; if
112 license not renewed within 90-days a new application is required.
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114 The board briefly discussed scope of practice as related to preceptors.
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116 The board briefly discussed submission of knowledge, skills, and job analysis documentation. Supervisor
117 Derr assured the board that document changes or creations were doable to meet changes.
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119 Ms. Zinn sated when a program changes basic requirements for licensure, currently license individuals
120 should be grandfathered in under previous licensure requirements as these individuals have already met
121 set requirements to obtain licensure. Ms. Zinn stated the board should keep grandfathering verbiage in
122 mind through this process and especially when speaking with bill sponsors. Ms. Zinn assured the board
123 that the legislative body has attorneys that will assist in drafting statutory/legislative verbiage.
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125 The board briefly discussed self-study/online education and agreed to remove current limitations.
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127 Supervisor Derr suggested the board consider the use of "synchronous" which allows for live interactive
128 online courses or seminars. Supervisor Derr informed the board that several other programs within the
129 division allow live synchronous interactive courses.
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131 The board briefly discussed synchronous courses and agreed this would allow more pathways for
132 education.
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134 The board briefly discussed prenatal care, testing, care and screening.
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136 Ms. Zinn reminded the board that whatever verbiage the board may not want to include can be pulled
137 and if needed new sections/subsections can be created.
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139 Ms. Pugh asked who the board would talk to regarding a CDM administering medication. Ms. Zinn
140 responded the board would need to verify they had statutory authority to use a specific medication; if
141 statute allowed, regulatory verbiage could be added.
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143 The board briefly disused administering medication and agreed this would need to be updated through
144 statutory change. Ms. Zinn informed the board, when drafting this type of language, the full name of
145 the medication and not an acronym, would be required.
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147 Dr. Espindola stated the medication is Tranexamic acid, which is not a controlled substance and is used
148 for hemorrhaging. The board briefly discussed medications.
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150 The board briefly discussed their code of ethics last updated April 1994.
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152 Ms. Zinn informed the board that many of the proposed regulatory changes would need to wait for the
153 final legislative process and should be re-reviewed once the legislative process concluded. Ms. Zinn
154 stated some of the proposed regulation changes may not be contingent on statute change and she
155 would carefully review the proposed regulation changes to make that determination.
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157 The board briefly discussed NARM licensing and requirements for renewal of Alaska CDM licenses. Ms.
158 Zinn informed the board other programs also require current national licensure/certification for
159 renewal; which the Alaska licensee must prove they were current with during the concluding licensing
160 period.

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162 The board completed their review of proposed regulation changes and asked Supervisor Derr what their
163 next step would be. Supervisor Derr stated, based on Ms. Zinn's statement that legislation would need
164 to be passed and statutes updated in conjunction with regulations, she would meet with Ms. Zinn to
165 discuss the proposed regulatory changes and would keep the board updated. Supervisor Derr stated
166 that once the legislation had passed a draft of this project would be presented to the board and they
167 could then move forward with the public noticing process.

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169 The board thanked Supervisor Derr.

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171 **Item 5. Board Administrative Business**

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173 Supervisor Derr stated it was Annual Report time and by addressing legislation, statute, and regulatory
174 changes the board had met the Sunset Audit recommendations.

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176 Supervisor Derr informed the board she would email them the shell copy of the current Annual Report
177 so they could begin preparing board required submissions. Supervisor Derr reviewed board required
178 submissions, Goals & Objectives, Narrative Statement, Budget Recommendations (including travel and
179 national organization membership(s)), regulatory & legislative recommendations.

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181 Supervisor Derr asked Chair Belisle if she was prepared to be the lead board person for the report. Chair
182 Belisle stated she was willing to take on this roll.

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184 Chair Belisle informed the board that their Sunset Audit had passed through Finance and is moving onto
185 the next round of reviews in the Senate.

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187 Supervisor Derr reminded the board that confirmation/reconfirmation hearings were also scheduled for
188 today and Hannah St. George was on the schedule. Ms. St. George stated she was on the schedule and
189 would be in attendance.

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191 *The Board adjourned at 10:23 a.m.*

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193 Respectfully submitted:

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Lacey Derr, Records & Licensing Supervisor

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Approved:

Bethel Belisle, CDM, Chairperson
Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Date:

6/7/22

Approved June 1, 2022

Sara Chambers

Sara Chambers, Division Director

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Bethel Belisle, CDM, Chairperson