

# Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

July 25, 2022

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

## **Attendance**

### **Members Present:**

Bethel Belisle, Hannah St. George, Darcy Lucey, Rachel Pugh; Sara Chambers (staff)

### **Guests Present:**

Mary Yanagawa, additional licensees

#### **1. Call to order**

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

#### **2. Approve agenda**

The board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

#### **3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest per AS 39.52.220**

All board members reported that there were no conflicts to disclose.

#### **4. Legal input on draft regulations (Presenters: Megyn Weigand, AAG)**

 [New MID regs draft.docx.docx](#)

AAG Greider walked through the proposal. She and the board made minor and conforming clarifications to language throughout. The board confirmed that the changes in procedures should match NARM CPM requirements, since that is the major thrust of these regulations. The board discussed collaboration with the State Medical Board and Board of Nursing and whether that would be a fruitful effort to move forward on expansion of scope of practice. The chair noted that physician collaboration may be difficult since hospitals and facilities were unwelcome to CDMs as healthcare partners during COVID.

The board discussed whether 12 AAC 14.560 subsections 11-13 expanding scope of practice should require additional standards in regulations--more than other items listed in subsection (a) that rely on confirmation by the preceptor. The board determined to remove pursuing multiple and breech births and add standards for VBAC procedures. The board also clarified that the two areas in 12 AAC 14.510 and 530 reflecting when a midwife may not deliver are responsive to statute.

AAG Grieder made several changes to her original draft during the meeting and will send a final version for public notice as discussed with the board. Director Chambers said that the timeline could not be assured, given the regulatory workload of the division and LAW; however, she urged caution in moving too fast and resulting in CDMs being required to attain NARM certification prior to renewal with very little notice.

#### **Motion:**

Move to accept all changes to the proposed draft that were made at this meeting and reviewed with AAG Grieder to move forward for public notice.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Darcy Lucey. unanimous approval

#### **5. Renewal review**

Review renewal processes, revisit renewal fee, and suggest any forms changes.

[mid-4256 renewal form for 2022 review.pdf](#)

[MID Fee Analysis 01.28.2022 To Board.xlsx](#)

The board weighed the pros and cons of decreasing fees at a time when several midwives have indicated they are closing their businesses and not renewing their licenses (and not because of the cost). They maintained their support of keeping entry-to-practice costs low and ultimately determined they could sustain current fees for full midwives for another season with the hope of reducing fees in the future.

**Motion:**

Move to reduce apprentice fee as recommended by the division and leave midwife fees at their current rate.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Darcy Lucey. unanimous approval

**6. New business**

- Implementation of HB 265
- Legislative proposal for 2023
- Annual Report next steps
- Set next meeting date

[HB0265Z.pdf](#)

[HB 265 Implementation Walk-Through.pdf](#)

[SB0192A.PDF](#)

Since it is not a high priority under A.O. 334, the annual report will be reviewed at next meeting. The board scheduled its next meeting 9am-12pm on Oct 3 with the hope that they can review public comment and adopt proposed regulations.

The chair invited MAA chair Mary Yanagawa to speak. Ms. Yanagawa said that MAA supported adopting national standards and certification. She also stated that if the proposed regulations were completed in time for this renewal it would not come as a surprise to CDMs.

**7. Adjourn**

**Motion:**

Adjourn at 12:52


Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Darcy Lucey. unanimous approval

Special note: Board member Hannah St. George left the meeting about noon and was unable to offer a final vote on the latest draft regulations.

I certify these meeting minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

  
Bethel Belisle, Chair

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Sara Chambers, Division Director