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**Identification of the Board**

Board Member	Duty Station	Date Appointed	Term Expires
<p>" "</p> <p>Certified Direct Entry Midwife, Chair</p>	<p>Anchorage</p>	<p>Mar 1, 2020</p>	<p>Mar 1, 2024</p>
<p>k h</p> <p>Certified Direct Entry Midwife</p>	<p>Eagle River</p>	<p>Dec 15, 2020</p>	<p>Mar 1, 2024</p>
<p>= o 8</p> <p>Public Member</p>	<p>Fairbanks</p>	<p>Jul 9, 2019</p>	<p>Mar 1, 2026</p>
<p>) O</p> <p>Certified Nurse Midwife</p>	<p>Wasilla</p>	<p>Jun 22, 2022</p>	<p>Mar 1, 2025</p>

**Identification of Staff**

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**FY 2022 Annual Report****Narrative Statement**

The Mission of the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives (CDM) is to ensure that competent, professional and regulated Direct Entry Midwifery services are available to Alaskan consumers. Members of the board are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the legislature. The board consists of two direct entry midwives, one OBGYN physician, one certified nurse midwife, and one public member. The board meets by teleconference at least twice per fiscal year, usually more often (quarterly) depending on circumstances, and conducts additional business through the OnBoard Passageways system.

The fiscal year (FY) is July 1st through June 30th; this report is for board business accomplished in FY 22, with proposed actions planned for FY 23. In FY 22, the board held 4 teleconferences in which Bethel Belisle was Chair, CDM presided as Chair. The board held 1 more teleconference with Bethel Belisle as Chair in the fall of 2021.

In these teleconferences, Bethel Belisle was board chair and a new CNM was welcomed to the board. The board discussed and acted on apprenticeship and license applications, regulation projects, goals and objectives for the current and upcoming fiscal year, as well as sought input for various regulatory and licensing issues from the Department of Law. The board was able to finalize the new proposed regulations. It is felt in the upcoming legislative session, the board will successfully have support for statutory changes, bringing the Certified Direct Entry Midwives up to National Certified Professional Midwifery standards.

For FY 22, total revenue was \$142,945 and expenses were \$28,242, leaving an annual surplus of \$67,329. This is the first year for a cumulative surplus in almost a decade.

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**Budget Recommendations for FY 202**

Budget Recommendations section anticipates the board's fiscal priorities for the upcoming year. Please complete all parts of this section with details about anticipated meetings, conferences, memberships, supplies, equipment, to other board requests. Meeting expenses that are being funded through third-party reimbursement or direct booking must be identified separately from expenses paid through license fees (receipt-supported services or RSS). Be sure to explain any items listed as "other" so they may be tracked appropriately.

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare: <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel: <input type="checkbox"/> Ground: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>			\$ 0.00

<b>Travel Required to Perform Examinations</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable			
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
<b>Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare: <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel: <input type="checkbox"/> Ground: <input type="checkbox"/> Conference: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>			\$ 0.00

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**Budget Recommendations for FY 202 (continued)**

**Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel** (Rank in order of importance)

#1 Rank in Importance or  Not Applicable

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff

**Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:				\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:				\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:				\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other				\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
<b>Net Total:</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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**Budget Recommendations for FY 202 (continued)**

**Non-Travel Budget Requests**

- Not Applicable     
  Resources     
  Examinations  
 Membership     
  Training     
  Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event

**Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

**Other Items with a Fiscal Impact**

- Not Applicable     
 Cost Per Event:  
 Number of Events:

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event

**Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

**Summary of FY 2022 Fiscal Requests**

Board Meetings and Teleconferences:	\$0.00
Travel for Exams:	\$0.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel:	\$0.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training:	\$0.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets:	- \$0.00
Other:	\$0.00
<b>Total Requested:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



**Legislative Recommendations - Proposed Legislation for FY 202**

**No Recommendations**

The Board has no recommendations for proposed legislation at this time.

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**Recommendations**

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:

Update Alaska Midwifery Statutes to meet or exceed the national standards of a Certified Professional Midwife.

Enhance protections by elevating application processing and educational verifications through NARM.

Change title from Certified Direct Entry Midwife to Licensed Midwife.

**Regulation Recommendations - Proposed k**

**for FY 202**

**No Recommendations**

The Board has no recommendations for proposed regulations at this time.

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**Recommendations**

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed regulations:

Increase scope of practice to Certified Professional Midwife standards.

Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2022's goals and objectives and how they were met:

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**Goals and Objectives (continued)**

**Part II**

**FY 2023's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.**

**Describe any strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and required resources:**

\ Conduct two meetings per year. Continue to primarily meet via teleconference. Use Passageways OnBoard and Zoom to facilitate board business and communication. ‡

\ Complete regulation projects. Work with division to streamline the regulation process. CPM national certification as the licensure standard for Alaska's CDMs.

The board is tasked with the protection of public safety. As such, the board will continue to pursue a regulatory change that will bring Alaska in line with the national certification standard for CDMs, which will ensure the highest standards for competency are met and maintained by Alaskan midwives.

This change will enable the board to more efficiently approve new licenses for midwives and allows the board to continue regulating practice for the midwifery profession.

\ Review investigative reports and monitor disciplinary actions.

The board is tasked with the protection of public safety. As such, the board will continue to monitor investigations and disciplinary actions and advocate for expeditious processing and completion of these cases.

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**Sunset Audit Recommendations**

**Date of Last Legislative Audit:** 2019

**Board Sunset Date:** June 2023

**Audit Recommendation:**

1) The board should recommend statutory changes that benefit the public.

process.  
**Action Taken:**

Attempted Statute changes in Legislation in 2022 SB 191 Bill did not advance

**Next Steps:**

Will continue to seek Statutory change in 2023

**Completed:**  No  Yes

**If yes, date completed:**

**Audit Recommendation:**

2) DCBPL's chief investigator should ensure investigations are completed timely.

**Action Taken:**

This is within the purview of the division.

**Next Steps:**

Will continue to complete board member review timely and work with division.

**Completed:**  No  Yes

**If yes, date completed:**

**Audit Recommendation:**

3)The board should improve oversight of the peer review.

**Action Taken:**

Attempted Statute changes in Legislation in 2022 SB 191. Bill did not advance.

**Next Steps:**

Will continue to seek Statutory change in 2023

**Completed:**  No  Yes

**If yes, date completed:**