

1 **Department of Commerce, Community**
2 **And Economic Development**
3 **Alaska State Board of Certified**
4 **Direct-Entry Midwives**

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6 Teleconference
7 March 24, 2017
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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,
10 a scheduled teleconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held
11 March 24, 2017; 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 Board Chair Deborah Schneider called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
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18 **Board members present:**

19 Dana Brown
20 Dr. Kathryn Ostrom
21 Kathryn Roberts
22 Deborah Schneider
23 Jennifer Swander
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25 **Board staff present:**

26 Renee Hoffard
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28 **Public Present**

29 Bethel Belisle
30 Suzy Terwilliger
31 Megan Koontz
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33 The board had no ethics to report.
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35 **Agenda item 2 Review/Approve Agenda and Minutes**

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37 The board added discussion regarding HB90 and HB123 to the agenda at 9:30 am.
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39 **In a motion duly made by Kathryn Roberts and seconded by Dana Brown,**
40 **and approved by unanimous consent, it was resolve to approve agenda as amended.**
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42 The board reviewed the draft minutes for the September 2016 board meeting
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44 **Agenda item 3 Investigative Report**

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46 Investigator Amber Whaley joined the meeting to present the probation report. The board had 1
47 licensee released from probation. K. Gerrish was not in compliance with her quarterly reports but due

48 to recent submission of documents is back in-compliance. L. Mazoff submitted a letter requesting early
49 release from probation as she is moving from the state and will not be renewing her license. The board
50 stated that they had voted to release her from her probation at the September board meeting upon
51 review of final reports submitted in October 2016. Chair Schneider stated she would review the reports
52 and submit her findings to Amber.

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54 **In a motion duly made by Kathryn Roberts and seconded by Jennifer Swander, the board**
55 **moved that the Alaska State Board of Direct Entry Mid-Wives enter into executive session in**
56 **accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions,**
57 **for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are**
58 **required to be confidential; Board staff member Renee Hoffard and Investigative staff Amber**
59 **Whaley to remain on the line.**

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61 Off record at 8:45 am

62 Back on record at 9:23 am

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64 The board discussed amendments to the disciplinary policy that had been sent to the investigative unit
65 in 2016 with Senior Investigator Al Kennedy. The board discussed a letter submitted by Cheryl Corrick
66 for review of files for a probation review. The board discussed using Cheryl's letter as a template for
67 future letters of review. Al stated that the letter could be sent to him and he would ensure that the
68 letter would be sent to future reviewers as an example of what is expected. Chair Schneider asked what
69 would happen if the respondent did not submit the files for review in a timely manner; Al explained the
70 terms of consent agreements. There is language in the consent agreements that allows the division
71 and/or board to enforce the consequences of violating the consent agreements. The original letter was
72 sent to Inv. Sonia Lipkir so the division does already have it.

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74 Break at 9:37 am

75 Back at 9:47 am

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77 The board did discuss the fiscal reports presented in the board packets, the division was not available to
78 present the update due to legislative hearing schedules. The board discussed HB90 – establishes an
79 Investigative pool/fund for all professional licensing programs; HB49 – extension of the MID program;
80 hearing is scheduled for 3/31/17 at 1:30 pm; HB123 – Disclosure of health care costs. The board decided
81 to draft the letters via email in an effort to make the best use of their time during the meeting.

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83 The board discussed the FAQ page and making changes to add more information for applicants and
84 licensees to ensure that the most recent and accurate information is being provided. The board
85 discussed Renee creating a page on the website specifically for apprentices and/or midwifery students.

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87 Lunch at 11:35 pm

88 Return at 12:40 pm

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90 **Agenda item 5** **Regulations projects**

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92 The board discussed current regulations projects and worked on drafts to submit to the regulations
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95 **In a motion duly made by Jennifer Swander and seconded by Dr. Ostrom,**

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and approved by unanimous consent, it was resolve to approve the following wording for regulations and send to the Regulations Specialist:

“12 AAC 14.500 (2) (d) cervical cancer screening as appropriate”

12 AAC 14.400 (b) (4) is amended to read:

(4) submit copies that are current at the time of certificate renewal verifying certifications in

(A) Basic Life Support for health care providers (BLS)

(B) Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) from the American Academy of Pediatrics or neonatal resuscitation provided by the Midwife Association of Alaska (MAA).

Amend 12 AAC 14.470

(A) BLS

(B) IV Therapy as provided by MAA or MEAC

(C) GBS provided by MAA or MEAC

(D) NRP by AAP provided by MAA

Correction to page #19 of the regulations 12 AAC 14.900 (C) (3) (d) needs to be “....listed in 12 AAC 14.150(b).....”

amend 14.500(d)(1) and (d) (2) to read: “the appropriate gestational age the certified direct entry midwife shall discuss the availability of maternal screening”.

12 AAC 14.130(g) is amended to read: (g) In this section, “Apprenticeship program preceptor: means an individual who meets the supervisory requirements of AS 08.65.090(b); and has a license in good standing.

12 AAC 14.530(a) is amended to read: (a) A certified direct-entry midwife shall consult with a pediatric provider with hospital admitting privileges concerning an infant who.....

12 AAC 14.530(e) is amended to read: (e) A certified direct-entry midwife shall recommend to the client an evaluation of the infant by a licensed pediatric care provider within one week of birth or sooner if it becomes apparent that the infant needs medical attention.

12 AAC 14.500(h)(8) shall be amended to read: (8) has symptoms of a urinary tract infection despite first line treatment within the midwives scope of practice; laboratory evidence of urinary tract infection with or without.....

12 AAC 14.500(k) shall be amended to read: (k).....shall make a home visit before delivery.....

Agenda item 6 Annual Report

The board determined that Jennifer Swander, public member and board secretary would work on the annual report and submit it for review closer to the due date. Renee will send Jennifer the template as soon as it is available.

144 **Agenda item 7** **Review of Educational Programs**

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146 **In a motion duly made by Dana Brown and seconded by Kathryn Roberts,**
147 **and approved by unanimous consent, it was resolve to approve the following**
148 **education programs for a two (2) year period:**

149 **Via Vita Midwifery Foundation**
150 **Midwife to Be**

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152 The board decided to not reapprove the Ancient Arts of Midwifery program as they did not verify that
153 the course continues to meet the requirements of 12 AAC 14.200 Course of Study. Renee will send out
154 notification letters within the next 10 business days.

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157 **Public Comment**

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159 Two (2) members of the public were present to provide comments to the board.

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161 Megan Koontz – Concerned that the Midwife to be program does not have any cultural diversity specific
162 components.

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164 Suzy Terwilliger – MAA president – Recommend the board consider drafting changes to 12 AAC 14.500
165 Prenatal Care (h)(8) “unresponsive to treatments inside the CDM’s scope of practice”; 12 AAC 14.500
166 (k)...or as soon as possible if client is late to care. She had comments about communication; the peer
167 review letters and forms were incorrect; Renee apologized and will send a corrected letter and form via
168 email.

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170 Public comment closed at 2:23 pm

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172 **Audit review:**

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174 The Board reviewed 4 Continuing Education audits during their meeting.

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176 **Via roll call vote, the following audits were reviewed and approved by the board.**

177 **Madison Nolan Grimes**

178 **Tara Elrod**

179 **Jennifer Cave**

180 **Judi Davidson**

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182 **Agenda item 10** **Board Business**

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184 **Schedule next meeting:**

185 The Board has scheduled their next meeting for September 15, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. As a
186 cost saving measure the Board believes that they should be able to conduct all of their business in one
187 full day and the board determined that meeting telephonically is being fiscally responsible.

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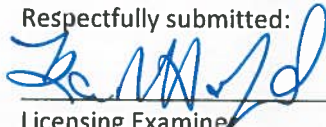
190 **Task list:**

191 The Board has assigned itself the following tasks:

- 192 • Draft letters in support of HB49 and HB90; the board will review and approve via email
- 193 • The board will draft letter to Sara Chambers and Janey Hovenden with their concerns regarding
- 194 the program.
- 195 • Jennifer Swander will write the narrative, goals and objectives for the annual report; the board
- 196 will review and approve via email.
- 197 • Renee will work on creating an apprentice specific page on the website
- 198 • Renee will correct the Peer review form/letter and send out via email
- 199 • Renee will send out notification letters to the educational programs

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201 **In a motion duly made by Kathryn Roberts and seconded by Dr. Kathryn Ostrom,**
202 **and approved by unanimous consent, it was resolve to adjourn the meeting.**
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204 Off record at 4:14 pm
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Licensing Examiner

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215 Deborah Schneider, Chair
216 Board of Certified Direct-Entry
217 Midwives

218 Date: 2/5/2020
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