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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 Teleconference
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9 September 29, 2017
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11 By the authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a
12 scheduled teleconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held September
13 29, 2017; 333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor Conference Room B Juneau, AK.
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15 **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order/Roll Call**

16 Chair Schneider called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM AKDT.

17 Members present: Dana Brown, Deborah Schneider, Jennifer Swander and Dr. Kathryn Ostrom

18 Staff Present: Deb Tempel and Renee Hoffard

19 There were no ethics to disclose.

20 **Agenda Item 2 – Review Agenda/Review Minutes**

21 A motion was made to approve the draft agenda by J. Swander, seconded by D. Brown, the motion
22 passed unanimously.

23 A motion was made to approve the draft minutes with typos corrected from March 24, 2017 by K.
24 Ostrom, seconded by J. Swander, the motion passed unanimously.

25 **Agenda Item 3 – Peer Review – Jessica Swander**

26 Deborah clarified that the Midwives Association of AK has changed their peer review form to be that of
27 the National Statistics form from the Midwives Association of North America (MANA). We now line up
28 with the national standard; this was a requirement for being a part of the association.

29 J. Swander reported that the peer review went very well and that we're in compliance. Two items came
30 up after the report was submitted: one reported to the investigator on August 7th, and the other was a
31 midwife seeking to reinstate her lapsed license. At the suggestion of R Hoffard, she submitted her birth
32 summaries that she would have been included in the report. This increased the totals for primary births
33 by 16 and assists by 7.

34 **Agenda Item 4 – Regulations Projects**

35 Dr. K Ostrom had to leave the call at 8:50 AM

36 The group discussed the previous regulations changes. R. Hoffard reported that the regulations project
37 is moving forward and that the board will need to review the proposed changes and make them final
38 before they go to the Regulations Specialist. In addition to the changes that were proposed at the March
39 24, 2017 meeting, the following were proposed:

40 12 AAC 14. 210 (a) is amended to read:

41 (a) An applicant must have completed all clinical experience requirements of this section
42 under the supervision of a preceptor who **holds a license in good standing and**

43 12 AC 14. 210(b)(3) is amended to read:

44 (1) 20 [ASSISTED LABOR MANAGERMENTS] **labor and delivery assists** that preceded any
45 primary responsibility for labor and delivery

46 12 AAC 14.120. (5) is amended to read:

47 (4) verification of the applicant's

48 (A) licensure status sent directly to the department from each jurisdiction where the
49 applicant holds or has ever held a license to practice midwifery; at least one verification
50 must indicate a current license in good standing; the verifications must document that
51 the applicant is not the subject of any unresolved complaints or any unresolved
52 disciplinary actions and has never had a license to practice midwifery revoked; **or**

53 (B) **valid Certified Professional Midwife certification in good standing issued by North**
54 **American Registry of Midwives.**

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56 **A motion was made by J. Swander to approve the proposed regulation changes as**

57 **discussed in the September 29, 2017 meeting minutes to be presented to the Regulations**
58 **Specialist for public comment, seconded by D. Brown, the motion passed unanimously.**

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60 R. Hoffard informed the board that they would go to the Regulations Specialist and that the
61 board would be informed of the progress of the requested regulation changes from March and
62 today.

63 9:40 – 9:50 AM Break

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65 **Agenda Item 5 – Investigations Report**

66 Brian Howes reported that there were 4 cases, three Probation cases and they are closed and completed
67 and one is a Standard of Care complaint and it is pending further information. Deborah asked about a
68 standard check sheet that Angela uses for probation complaints. Brian said he would look into it and
69 provide it to her next week.

70 R. Hoffard will get the requested check sheet to the Board next week.

71 **Agenda Item 6 – Division Update**

72 Sarah Chambers, Deputy Director went over the status of our finances and thanked the board for the
73 diligence in keeping costs low. The good news is that we are working on the deficit, there are no fee
74 changes proposed and that is unlikely happen till we get a slight surplus. She mentioned that the fee
75 analysis is done each year and it will be looked at but not to expect any changes. Jennifer wanted to
76 make sure that our progress is being communicated to Leg Audit, and Sarah reported that it will be
77 mentioned in the fiscal year report.

78 **Agenda Item 7 – New Business**

79 A. GBS Training online training program

80 B. NRP – We should just leave this as it is because it is only done in a hospital and does not pertain to us.

81 C. Vascular Access for CPM – This is not a part of our program. This is a huge debate on the National
82 level, and we need to do more research; the low risk pregnancy this is so very rare that we don't run
83 into this.

84 D. National Standard Changes – We just need to wait to see how this pans out nationally. It pertains to
85 birth centers, which we don't regulate.

86 E. Bridge Program was discussed and how difficult the paperwork is.

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88 The board took a lunch break from 11:15 – 12:20

89 The board reviewed the final copy of the regulations changes that were passed. Renee also commented
90 on the website updates and that the FAQ's would be added when our Publications Specialist returns
91 from annual leave.

92 The board discussed the confusion that applicants need to know that any transport to the hospital does
93 not count as an assist. Staff will add it to the FAQ's and on the application: *Please list all births. However,*
94 *anything that requires a hospital transport will count as an observation.*

95 The application also needs to be changed to read:

96 The application form 08-4198c A= Assisted w/Labor and Delivery

97 Form 08-4215e needs to be updated as soon as the Publications Specialist returns from annual leave.
98 For applicants that we will review in executive session today, we will have to require them to address
99 the three meds that we left off the form through email.

100 **At 1:09 PM J. Swander moved to enter into executive session in accordance with the provisions of**
101 **Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of**
102 **any person, provided the person may request a public discussion, D. Brown seconded the motion, the**
103 **motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session at 2:00 PM.**

104 **Agenda Item 8 – Public Comment**

105 **Susan Terwilliger, CDM, President of Midwife Association of AK, addressing the board as a midwife**

106 Wants the board to be aware that someone observing without having an apprentice license, should she
107 decide to go into midwifery, the ones she observed will not count towards her license.

108 Vita Vita has been given misinformation regarding that students could not sign up unless they had a
109 preceptor. She would like the board address this confusion by contacting Darleen at Vita Vita directly.

110 She obtained by Bridge Certificate while compiling all CEU's, and she would like to remind the board that
111 NARM is issuing the certificate. They are not requiring the certificate. If AK is going to move towards the
112 CPM being a direct route to getting your CDM, that Bridge Certificate is not a requirement of NARM.

113 In general she wants to state that Direct Entry Midwife's original intent of practice is to provide a care
114 option to low-risk woman for her birth, and that childbirth is a normal non-medical function of a healthy
115 woman's life. The woman is choosing this option out of informed consent to the practice of midwifery.
116 We should know the difference between medical care and midwifery care. We must know emergency
117 care for those situations that bridge midwifery care to medical care. The training requirements have
118 changed over the years and are different than a birth center. This is a slippery slope to require medically
119 advanced procedures for licensure. This requirement will phase out the DEMW and their role in Alaska
120 healthcare.

121 **Bethel Belisle**

122 Regarding the discussion the board had on labor management vs assisting during a birth, she pointed
123 out she can bill for a transport. She feels like the amount of transports could possibly be capped. She
124 said the preceptors are not knowledgeable about the fact a transport counts as an observation.

125 Concern re: the board error of not having the medication form updated. She does not want to see the
126 applicants today penalized for a board error.

127 **Noa Belisle**

128 She echoes everything Bethel commented on.

129 The board addressed the public comment:

130 Observes can occur any time before you get an apprentice license; we will add this information to the
131 FAQ's.

132 R Hoffard will contact Via Vita and Darlene directly to clarify the confusion.

133 Labor Management vs delivery – the board does not want to count transports an assists. They really feel
134 like transports are critical for the learning experience but can only be counted as an observation.

135 **At 2:35 PM J. Swander moved to enter into executive session in accordance with the provisions of**
136 **Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of**
137 **any person, provided the person may request a public discussion, D. Brown seconded the motion, the**
138 **motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session at 3:24 PM.**

139 **Agenda Item 9 – Application Review**

140 **A motion was made by Dr. Ostrom to accept the following applications with the stipulation that the**
141 **information in the applicant files will take precedence over the minutes of this meeting: Melanie**
142 **Hanson, Noa Belisle and Samantha Beard, seconded by J. Swander; the motion passed unanimously.**

143 **A motion was made by Dr. Ostrom to table the application of Rachel Pugh pending more information**
144 **from the applicant; seconded by D. Brown; the motion passed unanimously.**

145 **Agenda Item 10 – Board Business**

146 **The board will hold an interview with an applicant on November 14th pending that it works for the**
147 **applicant.**

148 **The board will meet on March 16, 2018 in an all-day teleconference.**

149 **A motion was made to adjourn by J. Swander; seconded by Dr. Ostrom; the motion passed**
150 **unanimously.**

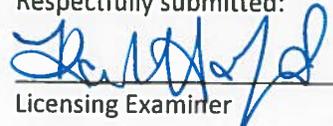
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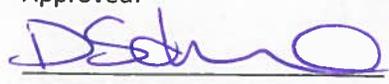
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Respectfully submitted:



Licensing Examiner

Approved:



Deborah Schneider, Chair
Board of Certified Direct-Entry
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