

1 STATE OF ALASKA
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 Videoconference
8 June 26, 2020
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10 **These DRAFT minutes were prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations, Business
11 and Professional Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.**

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13 By the authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a
14 scheduled videoconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held
15 June 26, 2020; 333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor Commissioners Conference Room, Juneau, AK.
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17 **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order/Roll Call**

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19 Chair Penwell called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM AKDT.

20 Members present: Amanda ‘Manga’ Penwell, Bethel Belisle, Dianna Kristeller

21 Staff Present: Lacey Derr, Director Sara Chambers, Chief Investigator Greg Francois
22 Public Members & Representatives of the Alaska Birth Collective.
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24 **Agenda Item 2 – Review Agenda**

25 **A motion was made to approve the Agenda as written by D. Kristeller, seconded by B. Belisle;
26 and agreed unanimously.**
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28 **Agenda Item 3 – Ethics Report**

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30 There were no ethics to report.
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32 **Agenda Item 4 – Mandate 15/Board Guidance Update**
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34 Chair Penwell reviewed the previously written letter by the board and stated the content is still
35 current and she only found a minor update needed to the language. She went on to add there
36 should be language regarding transfer of care and making sure midwives know they’re
37 responsible for the handoff of their patient(s). It was discussed Health Mandate 15 could be
38 repealed and guidance would go to the boards themselves. It was important to mention
39 midwives were not able to transfer into hospitals with mothers so there were concerns being

40 able to meet the postpartum care of a mother and baby once in a hospital setting.

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42 Director Chambers updated the board regarding the intent of the guidance by the board, why it
43 was being directed to the board for implementation, and if the board felt strongly the mandate
44 should go away or if it should stay in place. Overall it was agreed overall 'guidance' was
45 preferable to 'mandate'.

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47 **Agenda Item 5 – Correspondence**

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49 The Alaska Birth Collective has been distributing correspondence to various hospital boards,
50 legislative working groups, and the Board of Direct- Entry Midwives regarding the restricted
51 access Midwives & Doulas have experienced throughout the pandemic. Specifically, the area of
52 the mandate limiting only 1 care giver to accompany the mother if there's a transfer. The
53 Alaska Birth Collective is seeking assistance in gaining access for the addition of a support
54 person for labor and delivery settings. It is understood the complexity of the COVID-19
55 situation and impacts on hospitals but the request is being made to work together to fully
56 support a birthing mother and newborn child to the greatest of all the collective professions
57 abilities. The Division will reach out to ASHNA and forward the correspondence along to keep
58 the momentum moving forward on an important topic to the board and the license base.

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60 **Agenda Item 6 – Annual Report FY20**

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62 Dianna Kristeller presented her initial draft of the FY20 Annual Report. The board discussed
63 changes and additional of goals, legislative objectives, and board recommended objectives.
64 Director Chambers assisted the board in what the next steps would look like once the board
65 chooses to move forward with legislative changes. RLS Derr took down the board's
66 recommended changes and would put the final draft together into an OnBoard vote for final
67 approval.

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69 **Agenda Item 7 – Executive Session**

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71 **I, Bethel Belisle, move that the Alaska State Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives enter**
72 **into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to**
73 **Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or**
74 **ordinance are required to be confidential; seconded by Dianna Kristeller and passed**
75 **unanimously.**

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77 **Executive Session: 11:27am**

78 **Out of Executive Session: 12:11pm**

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80 **Agenda Item 8 – Adjourn**

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82 **A motion was made to Adjourn the meeting by B. Belisle; seconded by D. Kristeller, the**
83 **motion passed unanimously.**

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85 **Meeting Adjourned 12:14 am**

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Lacey Derr, Records & Licensing Supervisor

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Amanda "Manga" Penwell, CDM Chair

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