

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIVES
4 333 WILLOUGHBY AVE, 9TH FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM C, JUNEAU, AK

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6 TELECONFERENCE MEETING
7 February 21, 2014
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9 By authority of AS 08.01.075 (a)(3) and in compliance with the provisions of
10 AS 44.62, Article 6, a teleconference was scheduled of the
11 Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives and held on February 21, 2014
12 at the State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Ave, Juneau, Alaska.
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16 Friday, February 21, 2014
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18 Cheryl Corrick, chair of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives, called the teleconference to order
19 at 12:16 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014.
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21 Ms. Corrick called for a Voice Roll call vote. Each board member present stated their name for the
22 record and a quorum of the board was present.
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24 Deborah Schneider
25 Jennie Grimwood
26 Sarah Taygan
27 Cheryl Corrick
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29 Approved absence – Peggy Downing, MD, Wasilla
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31 Staff present also stated their name for the record.
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33 Sher Zinn – Licensing Supervisor
34 Connie Petz, staff, - Present
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36 No Public present at this meeting.
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38 Ms. Corrick stated the main order of business for this teleconference was to draft a letter of support of
39 Senate Bill 156 and House Bill 311. Senator Kelly had said it would be good to have the Boards support
40 for the bill. This is the bill which the Midwives Association of Alaska has worked on and it has been
41 introduced at the Alaska State Legislature. The board has previously discussed the items in these bills as
42 goals of the board. All board members had read SB 156. Staff confirmed HB 311 was identical to SB
43 156. All board members were in agreement they would like to see the changes enacted.
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45 For the record, Ms. Corrick read the draft letter of support for the bills.
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48 "To Whom It May Concern,

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50 The Board of Certified Direct-entry Midwives convened a special teleconference board meeting
51 on February 21, 2014 regarding SB 156 and HB 311. The Board is in full support of SB 156 and HB

52 311. The Board has supported legislation to move the "Required Practices" Sec. 08.65.140 (d)
53 from statute to regulation for many years. The Board could then update and modify them as
54 needed to remain current with the standard of care as it continues to evolve. To enhance
55 public safety, the Board further supports adding the 50 births requirement for Certified Direct-
56 entry Midwives (CDMs) to become preceptors for apprentices.
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58 The Board also supports repealing the cultural traditions exclusion allowing a person to practice
59 midwifery for compensation without meeting the educational and practice requirements for
60 licensing. This measure would also enhance public safety.
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62 The Board supports clarifying the definition of the "practice of midwifery" to include care for
63 infants through 4 weeks of life. The Board believes it is important for the CDM to follow the baby
64 and provide consistent care at least through 4 weeks to insure the baby's health, good bonding
65 with the mother and the family, and a good start to breastfeeding. This public safety measure
66 will also improve outcomes for babies and children in Alaska.
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68 Please feel free to contact me if you would like further clarification or have questions regarding
69 this matter.
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71 Sincerely,

72 Cheryl Corrick, CDM, CPM
73 Chair of the Board of Certified Direct-entry Midwives
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77 **ON A MOTION MADE BY SCHNEIDER AND SECONDED BY GRIMWOOD IT WAS RESOLVED TO**
78 **APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT AS READ AND SEND TO REPRESENTATIVE KELLER AND**
79 **SENATOR KELLY. VOICE ROLL CALL VOTE: DEBORAH SCHNEIDER, JENNIE GRIMWOOD, SARA**
80 **TAYGAN AND CHERYL CORRICK ALL VOTED YES. ALL IN FAVOR, NO NAYS. MOTION**
81 **CARRIED.**
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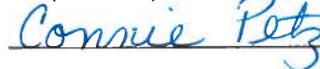
83 TASK: Staff to put letter on state letterhead and forward to Representative Keller and Senator Kelly.
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85 The board discussed they would follow the bill, if there are any amendments to the bill, as long as they
86 are not substantive, Ms. Corrick could address it without holding a teleconference. Ms. Zinn said if the
87 board members have any concerns or questions to any changes to the bill, they should send it via email
88 directly to staff to disseminate to all board members.
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90 Adjourn Meeting
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92 Cheryl Corrick asked if there was any other business. With no further business, she called to adjourn the
93 meeting. On a Voice Roll call vote the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Deborah Schneider,
94 Jennie Grimwood, Sarah Taygan and Cheryl Corrick. All in Favor, no nays. The Board having no further
95 business adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.
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97 Respectfully Submitted:

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100 Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner

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Cheryl Corrick, CDM, Chair

Date: 4-25-14