



## **Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Meeting - March 19, 2025**

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
Videoconference  
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Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 9:00 AM AKDT to 12:00 PM AKDT  
Videoconference

### **Meeting Details:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802434132?pwd=PwTZvF59BeZwsXOItyUnxWdg5Lpglm.1>

**Meeting ID:** 848 0243 4132

**Passcode:** 491713

**Call-in:** +1 253 205 0468 US

## **Agenda**

### **1. Call to Order**

**9:00 AM**

#### **A. Roll Call**

Board Members:

- Holly Steiner, RN, CDM, CPM, Chair
- Bethel Belisle, CDM, CPM
- Darcy Lucey, APRN, CNM
- Lori Lindsay, MD
- Vacant - Public Member - 11/2024

#### **B. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

#### **C. Accept Agenda**

#### **D. Approve Minutes - 01/08/2025**

### **2. Public Comment**

**9:10 AM**

### **3. Division Update - FY25Q2**

**9:20 AM**

Presenter: Melissa Dumas

### **4. Legislative Update**

**9:35 AM**

- Statutory bill introduction - HB95
  - Sponsor - Representative Allard
  - Sunset Bill

### **5. Regulation Projects**

**10:05 AM**

Presenter: Stefanie Davis

- Opening Questionnaires for previously adopted regulation projects - completed and submitted to Regulations Specialist
  - 12 AAC 14.130(g) - Clarify definition of "in good standing"

- 12 AAC 14.540(f) - Update peer review requirements to include review of Reports of Client Death
- 12 AAC 14.445 - Align peer review requirements with national standards (NARM).

## **6. Board Administrative Business**

**A. Board Correspondence** **10:35 AM**

**B. Annual Report Update** **10:45 AM**

Presenter: Darcy Lucey

**C. Report of Death of a Client** **10:55 AM**

Completed form received - discuss distribution process

**D. Board Appointments/Recruitment - Midwives** **11:00 AM**

- MID Homepage updated 01/13/2025 w/both open board positions
- Darcy Lucey reappointed - 01/17/2025 - new term 03/01/2025 - 03/01/2029
- Recruitment email sent 01/31/2025 to all active licensees
- Lori Lindsay appointed 02/04/2025 - term 02/04/2025 - 03/01/2027

**E. 2025 Legislative Guidance for CBPL Board Members** **11:05 AM**

**F. Set Next Meeting Date(s)** **11:10 AM**

Sec. 08.65.020. MEETINGS. The board shall meet twice annually and may hold special meetings at the call of the chair or on the written notice of two board members.

**7. Investigative Report** **11:15 AM**

Presenter: Christina Bond

**8. Next Steps** **11:45 AM**

**9. Adjourn** **12:00 PM**



# Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Meeting Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Wednesday, January 9, 2025 at 9:00 AM AKST – 12:00 PM AKST

Videoconference

*These are DRAFT minutes prepared by staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.*

## 1. Call to Order

### 1. Roll Call

- i. The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives board meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, by chair Bethel Belisle at 9:04 am.
- ii. Board members present: Bethel Belisle, Chair; Holly Steiner and Darcy Lucey.
- iii. Staff present: Melissa Dumas, Administrative Operations Manager 1; Reid Bowman, Program Coordinator 2; Stefanie Davis, Regulations Specialist, and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner 3 Advanced.
- iv. Guests: Onica Sprokkreeff and Kate Parks.
- v. Quorum established. 3 of 3 appointed board members present. Two vacant seats available on this board - public member available since November 1, 2024 and physician seat available since March, 2023. Physician seat required to be licensed by the Alaska State Medical Board who has an obstetrical practice or has specialized training in obstetrics.

### 2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Each board member present declared no conflict of interest to report.

### 3. Accept Agenda

**Holly Steiner moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion seconded by Darcy Lucey. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

### 4. Board Chair Election

Bethel Belisle requested to step down as chair of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives but remain as a member of the board.

**Ms. Belisle nominated Holly Steiner as the new chair for the board. Darcy Lucey seconded the nomination. Vote called. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

Holly Steiner installed as new chair of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives effective this section of the board meeting on 01/08/2025.

5. Approve Minutes - 11-27-2024

**Bethel Belisle moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 27, 2024 as written. Motion seconded by Darcy Lucey. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

2. **Division Update - FY24 - Q4 + FY25 Q1**

Melissa Dumas, Administrative Operations Manager, for the division went over FYQ4 revenues and expenditures in detail for the board and FY25Q1 report placeholder expenses. Board asked questions regarding staffing expenses and how they were allocated. Ms. Dumas and Mr. Bowman provided clarification.

3. **Public Comment**

No public comment given.

4. **Sunset Audit Report**

Public posting for Sunset Audits available at <https://legaudit.akleg.gov/audits/sunset/> Legislative Auditor made a recommendation to extend board termination six years to June 30, 2031 (current termination 6/30/2025). Findings and Recommendations on pages 11-13. Board discussed 4 hours of peer review over 2 years in Alaska regulation versus 5 hours of peer review over 3 years for NARM certification requirement and regulation project to correct redundancy. NARM certification is required for initial Alaska midwife license and renewal. Board also discussed auditor finding of continuing professional practice requirement of 10 deliveries in concluding licensing period per 12 AAC 14.440 for renewal of a license. Board feels professional practice requirement found in 12 AAC 14.440 maintains public protection and wishes to continue this regulation requirement for renewal of a midwife license.

5. **Legislative Discussion**

The board reviewed the changes recommended by the Legislative Work Group to previously introduced HB175. No questions or subsequent changes made to the draft bill language.

**Motion by Bethel Belisle to accept the redesigned House bill 175 as written with the changes that have been looked at today and to approve Holly Steiner as our legislative liaison to speak with legislators on behalf of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives. Seconded by Darcy Lucey. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes**

unanimously. Motion amended by Bethel Belisle to also appoint Holly Steiner as the designated board member to testify in any legislative hearings and to speak on behalf of the board regarding the redesigned HB175 bill language. Amended motion seconded by Darcy Lucey. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

#### Action Items:

Staff to forward cleaned up copy of HB175 with accepted changes to chair Holly Steiner to present to Representative Jaime Allard for potential sponsorship.

### 6. Regulation Projects

The board reviewed Regulations “Cleanup” changes accepted at November 27, 2024 meeting.

Bethel Belisle requested clarification on “death report” requirement brought up as a concern in board oversight when there is a death of a client was brought up during legislative hearings in 2024. Topic previously discussed not to remove 12 AAC 14.540(f) but instead edited to read *“Not later than 3 days after the delivery or transfer of care of a client for whom a certified direct-entry midwife had primary responsibility, the certified direct-entry midwife shall report to the Department of Health as required in AS 08.65.140(3) if that client died.”* Current regulation requires reporting within 14 days on a form provided by the Department. Justification for change is to provide a directional point back to the statute AS 08.65.140(3) to give licensees clarification. Discussion on how to comply with this regulation per AS 18.150.230 referenced in AS 08.65.140(3) regarding registration of deaths by the Department of Health. No form will be filed with or maintained by the Midwives board any longer.

#3 discussion – “aligning supervisor requirements across all sections of regulations”. Unclear as to intent of this topic. Board members decided to take out as possible project and wait until it comes up again.

Remove Peer Review requirement redundancy discussion – CPM requires Peer Review already – NARM standard requires 5 hours every 3 years to maintain CPM. AK regulations require 4 hours per certification period every 2 years. One hour difference over 3 years for peer review. NARM requires submission of peer review at recertification and random audits are completed. 0.66 contact hour less per year to align to national standards. Adopting this regulation project would provide less confusion for licensees as they are already required to maintain their NARM CPM certification and submit at AK Midwife certificate renewal. This duplication was also something noted in the Sunset Audit report. Discussed options if a certifying body such as NARM were to cease to function. Emergency regulations could be adopted in the interim rather quickly as board worked on permanent regulations. Board feels priority issue as part of Sunset Audit and should be added to current regulations project. Board

discussed best option(s) for draft regulation language to accomplish similar to 12 AAC 14.420 Continuing Education referencing NARM requirements.

The regulations change adopted at the last meeting – November 27, 2024 - #2 14.445(f) retained records – would now be negated as board is now recommending removal of entire Peer Review 14.445 section.

Break taken 10:30 am. Recording stopped.

Recording resumed 10:39 am. Roll call: Holly Steiner, Bethel Belisle, and Darcy Lucey present.

**Motion by Darcy Lucey to initiate a regulations project regarding 12 AAC 14.445 by removing (a) through (i) and substituting the following language “Peer Review requirements are satisfied by holding a current certification at the time of renewal as a certified professional midwife from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM)” for public comment, unless substantive changes are made by the regulations specialist or Department of Law and I motion to remove the previously adopted regulations project for 12 AAC 14.445 regarding 12 AAC 14.445(g).**

**Seconded by Bethel Belisle. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Action Items:**

Staff to forward opening questionnaires (4) to Holly Steiner for completion for #1 + #4 on the list adopted 11/27/2025 and 12 AAC 14.445 regulations project adopted today, 01/08/2025.

**7. Board Administrative Business**

1. Correspondence – invitation reviewed from Nutrition & Lactation Research at the University of Alaska. Board chair Holly Steiner to forward to Midwives Association of Alaska.
2. Set Next Meeting Date(s) – Board required by statute to meet two times annually. Unable to schedule more than six months out due to changing schedules of board members. . Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**8. Next Steps**

1. Staff to forward cleaned up copy of HB175 with accepted changes to chair Holly Steiner to present to Representative Jaime Allard for potential sponsorship.
2. Staff to forward opening questionnaires (4) to Holly Steiner for completion for #1 + #4 on the list adopted 11/27/2025 and 12 AAC 14.445 regulations project adopted today, 01/08/2025.

**9. Adjourn**



**Motion by Bethel Belisle to adjourn. Seconded by Darcy Lucey. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Board meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

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Department of Commerce Community, and Economic Development  
Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Summary of All Professional Licensing  
Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures

Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives	FY 18 FY 19 Biennium			FY 20 FY 21 Biennium			FY 22 FY 23 Biennium			FY 25	
										FY 24	1st & 2nd QTR
<b>Revenue</b>											
Revenue from License Fees	\$ 24,565	\$ 135,595	\$ 160,160	\$ 15,280	\$ 142,945	\$ 158,225	\$ 17,065	\$ 82,680	\$ 99,745	\$ 12,949	\$ 7,700
General Fund Received					\$ -	-	\$ 1,165	\$ 320	1,485	\$ 914	-
Allowable Third Party Reimbursements	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 24,565</b>	<b>\$ 135,595</b>	<b>\$ 160,160</b>	<b>\$ 15,280</b>	<b>\$ 142,945</b>	<b>\$ 158,225</b>	<b>\$ 18,230</b>	<b>\$ 83,000</b>	<b>\$ 101,230</b>	<b>\$ 13,863</b>	<b>\$ 7,700</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>											
Non Investigation Expenditures											
1000 - Personal Services	12,504	8,921	21,425	15,274	10,107	25,381	13,702	13,882	27,584	3,822	6,409
2000 - Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,490	5,490	-	-
3000 - Services	2,359	2,614	4,973	1,251	9,456	10,707	2,600	7,683	10,283	2,474	1
4000 - Commodities	52	13	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000 - Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Investigation Expenditures	14,915	11,548	26,463	16,525	19,563	36,088	16,302	27,055	43,357	6,296	6,410
Investigation Expenditures											
1000-Personal Services	1,522	2,041	3,563	3,142	2,397	5,539	1,215	5,476	6,691	1,383	342
2000 - Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3023 - Expert Witness	-	-	-	2,250	-	2,250	-	-	-	-	-
3088 - Inter-Agency Legal	878	2,419	3,297	10,623	727	11,350	727	12,039	12,766	904	-
3094 - Inter-Agency Hearing/Mediation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,770	-
3000 - Services other	-	94	94	9	-	9	-	59	59	9,607	-
4000 - Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Investigation Expenditures	2,400	4,554	6,954	16,024	3,124	19,148	1,942	17,574	19,516	18,665	342
<b>Total Direct Expenditures</b>	<b>17,315</b>	<b>16,102</b>	<b>33,417</b>	<b>32,549</b>	<b>22,687</b>	<b>55,236</b>	<b>18,244</b>	<b>44,629</b>	<b>62,873</b>	<b>24,961</b>	<b>6,752</b>
Indirect Expenditures											
Internal Administrative Costs	2,898	2,433	5,331	2,910	1,831	4,741	2,271	3,296	5,567	1,429	715
Departmental Costs	2,598	2,473	5,071	2,668	2,008	4,676	2,594	2,623	5,217	1,335	668
Statewide Costs	1,568	1,150	2,718	2,426	1,716	4,142	1,875	2,105	3,980	504	252
<b>Total Indirect Expenditures</b>	<b>7,064</b>	<b>6,056</b>	<b>13,120</b>	<b>8,004</b>	<b>5,555</b>	<b>13,559</b>	<b>6,740</b>	<b>8,024</b>	<b>14,764</b>	<b>3,268</b>	<b>1,635</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 24,379</b>	<b>\$ 22,158</b>	<b>\$ 46,537</b>	<b>\$ 40,553</b>	<b>\$ 28,242</b>	<b>\$ 68,795</b>	<b>\$ 24,984</b>	<b>\$ 52,653</b>	<b>\$ 77,637</b>	<b>\$ 28,229</b>	<b>\$ 8,387</b>
<b>Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)</b>											
Beginning Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (135,724)	\$ (135,538)		\$ (22,101)	\$ (47,374)		\$ 67,329	\$ 60,575		\$ 90,922	\$ 76,556
Annual Increase/(Decrease)	186	113,437		(25,273)	114,703		(6,754)	30,347		(14,366)	(687)
Ending Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (135,538)	(22,101)		\$ (47,374)	\$ 67,329		\$ 60,575	\$ 90,922		\$ 76,556	\$ 75,869
<b>Statistical Information</b>											
Number of Licenses for Indirect calculation	61	55		51	50		47	54		44	
<b>Additional information:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General fund dollars were received in FY21-FY24 to offset increases in personal services and help prevent programs from going into deficit or increase fees.</li> <li>Most recent fee change: Fee reduction FY23</li> <li>Annual license fee analysis will include consideration of other factors such as board and licensee input, potential investigation load, court cases, multiple license and fee types under one program, and program changes per AS 08.01.065.</li> </ul>										

Department of Commerce Community, and Economic Development  
Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Appropriation Name (Ex)	(All)
Sub Unit	(All)
PL Task Code	MID1

Sum of Budgetary Expenditures	Object Type Name (Ex)		
Object Name (Ex)	1000 - Personal Services	3000 - Services	Grand Total
1011 - Regular Compensation	3,781.04		3,781.04
1023 - Leave Taken	615.35		615.35
1028 - Alaska Supplemental Benefit	269.77		269.77
1029 - Public Employee's Retirement System Defined Benefits	142.62		142.62
1030 - Public Employee's Retirement System Defined Contribution	201.97		201.97
1034 - Public Employee's Retirement System Defined Cont Health Reim	110.57		110.57
1035 - Public Employee's Retirement Sys Defined Cont Retiree Medical	32.30		32.30
1037 - Public Employee's Retirement Sys Defined Benefit Unfnd Liab	688.82		688.82
1040 - Group Health Insurance	642.48		642.48
1042 - Worker's Compensation Insurance	24.82		24.82
1047 - Leave Cash In Employer Charge	101.95		101.95
1048 - Terminal Leave Employer Charge	70.66		70.66
1053 - Medicare Tax	60.73		60.73
1077 - ASEA Legal Trust	3.11		3.11
1079 - ASEA Injury Leave Usage	0.18		0.18
1080 - SU Legal Trst	4.82		4.82
3085 - Inter-Agency Mail		0.69	0.69
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,751.19</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>6,751.88</b>

**HOUSE BILL NO. 95**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLARD**

**Introduced: 2/12/25**

**Referred: Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to midwives and the practice of midwifery; relating to apprentice**  
2   **midwives; renaming the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives as the Board of**  
3   **Licensed Midwives; relating to the Board of Licensed Midwives; extending the**  
4   **termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; relating to insurance;**  
5   **and providing for an effective date."**

6   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7       **\* Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
8   to read:

9           LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature to preserve the right of  
10   women to deliver children at home with licensed midwives, to remove obstacles for safe  
11   deliveries outside of hospitals, to ensure quality care of pregnant women and the children they  
12   deliver, and to guarantee that the practice of midwifery by a licensed midwife is covered by  
13   insurance regardless of the location where the care is received.

1     \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.01.010(17) is amended to read:

2                     (17) Board of **Licensed** [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] Midwives  
3                     (AS 08.65.010);

4     \* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.02.110(a), as amended by sec. 1, ch. 44, SLA 2024, is amended to read:

5                     (a) An acupuncturist licensed under AS 08.06, an audiologist or speech-  
6                     language pathologist licensed under AS 08.11, a behavior analyst licensed under  
7                     AS 08.15, a person licensed in the state as a chiropractor under AS 08.20, a  
8                     professional or associate counselor licensed under AS 08.29, a dentist under AS 08.36,  
9                     a dietitian or nutritionist licensed under AS 08.38, a massage therapist licensed under  
10                    AS 08.61, a marital and family therapist licensed under AS 08.63, a medical  
11                    practitioner or osteopath under AS 08.64, a **licensed** [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife  
12                    [CERTIFIED] under AS 08.65, a registered or advanced practice registered nurse  
13                    under AS 08.68, an optometrist under AS 08.72, a licensed pharmacist under  
14                    AS 08.80, a physical therapist or occupational therapist licensed under AS 08.84, a  
15                    psychologist under AS 08.86, or a clinical social worker licensed under AS 08.95,  
16                    shall use as professional identification appropriate letters or a title after that person's  
17                    name that represents the person's specific field of practice. The letters or title shall  
18                    appear on all signs, stationery, or other advertising in which the person offers or  
19                    displays personal professional services to the public. In addition, a person engaged in  
20                    the practice of medicine or osteopathy as defined in AS 08.64.380, or a person  
21                    engaged in any manner in the healing arts who diagnoses, treats, tests, or counsels  
22                    other persons in relation to human health or disease and uses the letters "M.D." or the  
23                    title "doctor" or "physician" or another title that tends to show that the person is  
24                    willing or qualified to diagnose, treat, test, or counsel another person, shall clarify the  
25                    letters or title by adding the appropriate specialist designation, if any, such as  
26                    "dermatologist," "radiologist," "audiologist," "naturopath," or the like.

27     \* **Sec. 4.** AS 08.02.130(j)(1), as amended by sec. 2, ch. 44, SLA 2024, is amended to read:

28                     (1) "health care provider" means

29                     (A) an audiologist or speech-language pathologist licensed  
30                     under AS 08.11; a behavior analyst licensed under AS 08.15; a chiropractor  
31                     licensed under AS 08.20; a professional or associate counselor licensed under

AS 08.29; a dental hygienist licensed under AS 08.32; a dentist licensed under AS 08.36; a dietitian or nutritionist licensed under AS 08.38; a naturopath licensed under AS 08.45; a marital and family therapist licensed under AS 08.63; a physician licensed under AS 08.64; a podiatrist, osteopath, or physician assistant licensed under AS 08.64; a **licensed** [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife [CERTIFIED] under AS 08.65; a nurse licensed under AS 08.68; a dispensing optician licensed under AS 08.71; an optometrist licensed under AS 08.72; a pharmacist licensed under AS 08.80; a physical therapist or occupational therapist licensed under AS 08.84; a psychologist or psychological associate licensed under AS 08.86; or a social worker licensed under AS 08.95;

(B) a physician licensed in another state; or

(C) a member of a multidisciplinary care team who is licensed in another state;

\* **Sec. 5.** AS 08.03.010(c)(8) is amended to read:

(8) Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives (AS 08.65.010) - June 30, **2031** [2025];

\* **Sec. 6.** AS 08.03.010(c)(8), as amended by sec. 5 of this Act, is amended to read:

(8) Board of **Licensed** [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] Midwives (AS 08.65.010) - June 30, 2031;

\* **Sec. 7.** AS 08.64.370 is amended to read:

**Sec. 08.64.370. Exceptions to application of chapter.** This chapter does not apply to

(1) officers in the regular medical service of the armed services of the United States or the United States Public Health Service while in the discharge of their official duties;

(2) a physician or osteopath licensed in another state who is asked by a physician or osteopath licensed in this state to help in the diagnosis or treatment of a case, unless the physician is practicing under AS 08.02.130(b);

(3) the practice of the religious tenets of a church;

(4) a physician in the regular medical service of the United States

Public Health Service or the armed services of the United States volunteering services without pay or other remuneration to a hospital, clinic, medical office, or other medical facility in the state;

(5) a person who is a licensed [CERTIFIED AS A DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife [BY THE DEPARTMENT] under AS 08.65 while engaged in the practice of midwifery whether or not the person accepts compensation for those services;

(6) a physician licensed in another state who, under a written agreement with an athletic team located in the state in which the physician is licensed, provides medical services to members of the athletic team while the athletic team is traveling to or from or participating in a sporting event in this state.

\* **Sec. 8.** AS 08.65.010(a) is amended to read:

(a) There is established the Board of Licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] Midwives.

\* **Sec. 9.** AS 08.65.010(b) is amended to read:

(b) The board consists of five members appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the legislature in joint session. Members serve for staggered terms of four years, and, except as provided in AS 39.05.080(4), each member serves until a successor is appointed and qualified. The board consists of

(1) three [TWO] members who are licensed [CERTIFIED IN THIS STATE AS DIRECT-ENTRY] midwives;

(2) [,] one member who is either a

(A) physician licensed by the State Medical Board in this state who has an obstetrical practice or has specialized training in obstetrics; or

(B) [, ONE] certified nurse midwife licensed by the Board of Nursing in this state; [,] and

(3) one public member.

\* **Sec. 10.** AS 08.65.030 is amended to read:

**Sec. 08.65.030. Duties and powers of board.** (a) The board shall

(1) review applications for a license to engage in the practice of midwifery to determine whether the applicant satisfies the requirements of AS 08.65.050 [EXAMINE APPLICANTS AND ISSUE CERTIFICATES TO THOSE

1 APPLICANTS IT FINDS QUALIFIED];

2 (2) [ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING CERTIFICATION  
3 AND CERTIFICATE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS;

4 (3)] issue permits to apprentice [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwives;

5 **(3)** [(4)] hold hearings and order the disciplinary sanction of a person  
6 who violates this chapter or a regulation of the board;

7 **(4)** [(5)] supply forms for applications, licenses, permits,  
8 [CERTIFICATES,] and other papers and records;

9 **(5)** [(6)] enforce the provisions of this chapter and adopt regulations  
10 necessary to make the provisions of this chapter effective;

11 **(6)** [(7) APPROVE CURRICULA AND ADOPT STANDARDS FOR  
12 BASIC EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND APPRENTICE PROGRAMS;

13 (8) PROVIDE FOR SURVEYS OF THE BASIC DIRECT-ENTRY  
14 MIDWIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE STATE AT THE TIMES IT  
15 CONSIDERS NECESSARY;

16 (9) APPROVE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND APPRENTICE  
17 PROGRAMS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER AND OF  
18 THE BOARD, AND DENY, REVOKE, OR SUSPEND APPROVAL OF THOSE  
19 PROGRAMS FOR FAILURE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS;

20 (10)] adopt regulations establishing

21 **(A) licensing requirements that are in accordance with**  
22 **national licensing standards;**

23 **(B) license renewal requirements; and**

24 **(C)** practice requirements for **licensed** [CERTIFIED DIRECT-  
25 ENTRY] midwives under **AS 08.65.140(a)** [AS 08.65.140].

26 (b) The board may

27 **(1) adopt regulations requiring** [BY REGULATION REQUIRE  
28 THAT] a **licensed** [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife **to** undergo a uniform or  
29 random period of peer review to ensure the quality of care provided by the **licensed**  
30 [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife;

31 **(2) approve curricula and adopt standards for basic education,**



1 **training, and apprentice programs; and**

2 **(3) approve education, training, and apprentice programs that**  
 3 **meet the requirements of this chapter and of the board, and deny, revoke, or**  
 4 **suspend approval of those programs for failure to meet the requirements.**

5 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 08.65.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (c) The board may not adopt a regulation that

7 (1) requires a person to have a nursing degree to be licensed under this  
 8 chapter;

9 (2) requires a licensed midwife to practice midwifery under the  
 10 supervision of, or in collaboration with, another health care provider or a health care  
 11 facility;

12 (3) requires a licensed midwife to enter into an agreement, whether  
 13 written, oral, or in another form, with another health care provider or a health care  
 14 facility; or

15 (4) limits the location where a licensed midwife may practice  
 16 midwifery.

17 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 08.65.050 is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 08.65.050. Qualifications for license.** The board shall issue a **license**  
 19 [CERTIFICATE] to practice [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwifery to a person who

20 (1) **holds a valid certified professional midwife certificate issued by**  
 21 **a nationally recognized midwife organization that is recognized by the board;**

22 **(2)** applies on a form provided by the board;

23 **(3)** [(2)] pays the fees required under AS 08.65.100;

24 **(4)** [(3)] furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the person  
 25 has not engaged in conduct that is a ground for imposing disciplinary sanctions under  
 26 AS 08.65.110;

27 **(5)** [(4)] furnishes evidence [SATISFACTORY] to the board that the  
 28 person has completed a course of **midwifery** study and supervised clinical experience;  
 29 the study and experience must be of at least **two years'** [ONE YEAR'S] duration; **and**

30 **(6)** [(5)] successfully completes the **national midwifery** examination  
 31 required by the board.

1 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 08.65.080 is amended to read:

2           **Sec. 08.65.080. Renewal.** A license [CERTIFICATE] issued under  
 3 AS 08.65.050 [OR 08.65.070] expires on a date determined by the board and may be  
 4 renewed every two years upon payment of the required fee and the submission of  
 5 evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY]  
 6 midwife **holds a valid certified professional midwife certificate issued by a**  
 7 **nationally recognized midwife organization that is recognized by the board,** has  
 8 met the continuing education requirements of the board, has demonstrated continued  
 9 practical professional competence under regulations adopted by the board, and has not  
 10 committed an act that is a ground for discipline under AS 08.65.110.

11 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 08.65.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12           (b) A person who was issued a license to practice midwifery by the board  
 13 because the person held a valid certificate to practice direct-entry midwifery under  
 14 AS 08.65.050 or former AS 08.65.070 on the day before the effective date of this  
 15 section may renew that license in accordance with (a) of this section as (a) of this  
 16 section read on the day before the effective date of sec. 13 of this Act, but is otherwise  
 17 subject to this chapter.

18 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 08.65.090 is amended to read:

19           **Sec. 08.65.090. Apprentice [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwives.** (a) The board  
 20 shall issue a permit to practice as an apprentice [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife to a  
 21 person who satisfies the requirements of AS 08.65.050(2) - (4) [AS 08.65.050(1) - (3)]  
 22 and who has been accepted into a program of education, training, and apprenticeship  
 23 approved by the board under AS 08.65.030 **and that prepares the apprentice for the**  
 24 **national midwifery examination.** A permit application under this section must  
 25 include information the board may require. The permit is valid for a term of two years  
 26 and may be renewed in accordance with regulations adopted by the board.

27           (b) An apprentice [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife may perform all the activities  
 28 of a licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife if supervised in a manner  
 29 prescribed by the board **in regulation** [BY

30                       (1) A CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE WHO HAS BEEN  
 31 LICENSED AND PRACTICING IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS

1 AND HAS ACTED AS A PRIMARY OR ASSISTANT MIDWIFE AT 50 OR  
 2 MORE BIRTHS SINCE THE DATE THE CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE  
 3 WAS FIRST LICENSED;

4 (2) A CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE WHO HAS BEEN  
 5 LICENSED FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS IN A STATE WITH LICENSING  
 6 REQUIREMENTS AT LEAST EQUIVALENT IN SCOPE, QUALITY, AND  
 7 DIFFICULTY TO THOSE OF THIS STATE AT THE TIME OF LICENSING, HAS  
 8 PRACTICED MIDWIFERY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND HAS ACTED  
 9 AS A PRIMARY OR ASSISTANT MIDWIFE AT 50 OR MORE BIRTHS SINCE  
 10 THE DATE THE CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE WAS FIRST  
 11 LICENSED;

12 (3) A PHYSICIAN LICENSED IN THIS STATE WITH AN  
 13 OBSTETRICAL PRACTICE AT THE TIME OF UNDERTAKING THE  
 14 APPRENTICESHIP; OR

15 (4) A CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE LICENSED BY THE BOARD  
 16 OF NURSING IN THIS STATE WITH AN OBSTETRICAL PRACTICE AT THE  
 17 TIME OF UNDERTAKING THE APPRENTICESHIP].

18 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 08.65.110 is amended to read:

19 **Sec. 08.65.110. Grounds for discipline, suspension, or revocation of license**  
 20 **[CERTIFICATION].** The board may impose a disciplinary sanction on a person  
 21 holding a license [CERTIFICATE] or permit under this chapter if the board finds that  
 22 the person

23 (1) secured a license [CERTIFICATE] or permit through deceit, fraud,  
 24 or intentional misrepresentation;

25 (2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation in the  
 26 course of providing professional services or engaging in professional activities;

27 (3) advertised professional services in a false or misleading manner;

28 (4) has been convicted of a felony or other crime that affects the  
 29 licensee's ability to continue to practice competently and safely;

30 (5) intentionally or negligently engaged in or permitted the  
 31 performance of client care by persons under the licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-

ENTRY] midwife's supervision that does not conform to minimum professional standards regardless of whether actual injury to the client occurred;

(6) failed to comply with this chapter, with a regulation adopted under this chapter, or with an order of the board;

(7) continued to practice after becoming unfit due to

(A) professional incompetence;

(B) failure to keep informed of current professional practices;

(C) addiction or severe dependency on alcohol or other drugs

that impairs the ability to practice safely; or

(D) physical or mental disability; or

(8) engaged in lewd or immoral conduct in connection with the delivery of professional service to clients.

\* **Sec. 17.** AS 08.65.120(a) is amended to read:

(a) When the board [IT] finds that a person holding a license [CERTIFICATE] or permit under this chapter is guilty of an offense under AS 08.65.110, the board, in addition to the powers provided in AS 08.01.075, may impose the following sanctions singly or in combination:

(1) permanently revoke the license [A CERTIFICATE] or permit [TO PRACTICE];

(2) suspend the license [A CERTIFICATE] or permit for a determinate period of time;

(3) censure the [A] person [HOLDING A CERTIFICATE OR PERMIT];

(4) issue a letter of reprimand;

(5) place the [A] person [HOLDING A CERTIFICATE OR PERMIT] on probationary status and require the person to

(A) report regularly to the board on [UPON] matters involving the basis of probation;

(B) limit practice to those areas prescribed;

(C) continue professional education until a satisfactory degree of skill has been attained in those areas determined by the board to need

1 improvement;

2 (6) impose limitations or conditions on the practice of the [A] person  
3 holding the license [A CERTIFICATE] or permit.

4 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 08.65.120(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) The board may reinstate a license [CERTIFICATE] or permit that has  
6 been suspended or revoked if the board finds after a hearing that the applicant for the  
7 reinstatement is able to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

8 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 08.65.140 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 08.65.140. Required practices.** The board shall adopt regulations  
10 regarding the practice of [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwifery. At a minimum, the  
11 regulations must require that a licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife

12 (1) [RECOMMEND, BEFORE CARE OR DELIVERY OF A  
13 CLIENT, THAT THE CLIENT UNDERGO A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION  
14 PERFORMED BY A PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, OR ADVANCED  
15 PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WHO IS LICENSED IN THIS STATE;

16 (2)] obtain informed consent from a client before onset of labor;

17 (2) [(3)] comply with AS 18.15.150 regarding taking of blood samples,  
18 AS 18.15.200 regarding screening of phenylketonuria (PKU), AS 18.50.160 regarding  
19 birth registration, AS 18.50.230 regarding registration of deaths, AS 18.50.240  
20 regarding fetal death registration, and regulations adopted by the Department of  
21 Health concerning prophylactic treatment of the eyes of newborn infants [;

22 (4) NOT KNOWINGLY DELIVER A WOMAN WITH CERTAIN  
23 TYPES OF HEALTH CONDITIONS, PRIOR HISTORY, OR COMPLICATIONS  
24 AS SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD].

25 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 08.65.140 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 (b) A licensed midwife may practice midwifery without

27 (1) being under the supervision of, or collaborating with, another  
28 health care provider or a health care facility; or

29 (2) entering into a written or other form of agreement with another  
30 health care provider or a health care facility.

31 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 08.65.150 is amended to read:

1           **Sec. 08.65.150. Prohibited practices.** Except as provided in AS 08.65.170, a  
 2           person who is not licensed [CERTIFIED] under this chapter as a licensed [DIRECT-  
 3           ENTRY] midwife may not practice midwifery for compensation.

4           \* **Sec. 22.** AS 08.65.160 is amended to read:

5           **Sec. 08.65.160. License [CERTIFICATION] required if designation used.**

6           A person who is not licensed [CERTIFIED] under this chapter, [OR] whose license  
 7           [CERTIFICATION] is suspended or revoked, or whose license [CERTIFICATION]  
 8           has lapsed [,] who knowingly uses in connection with the person's name the [WORDS  
 9           OR] letters "L.M.," the words "Licensed Midwife," ["C.D.M.," "CERTIFIED  
 10          DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE,"] or other letters, words, or insignia indicating or  
 11          implying that the person is licensed [CERTIFIED] as a licensed [DIRECT-ENTRY]  
 12          midwife by this state or who in any way, orally or in writing, directly or by  
 13          implication, knowingly holds out as being licensed [CERTIFIED BY THE STATE] as  
 14          a licensed [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife in this state is guilty of a class B  
 15          misdemeanor. In this section, "knowingly" has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900.

16          \* **Sec. 23.** AS 08.65.170 is amended to read:

17          **Sec. 08.65.170. Exclusions.** This chapter does not apply to a person who is  
 18          licensed as

19                       (1) [WHO IS LICENSED AS] a physician in this state;

20                       (2) an advanced practice registered [WHO IS LICENSED AS A  
 21          CERTIFIED] nurse [MIDWIFE] by the Board of Nursing in this state.

22                       [(3) REPEALED]

23                       (4) REPEALED]

24          \* **Sec. 24.** AS 08.65.180 is amended to read:

25          **Sec. 08.65.180. Responsibility for care.** If a licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-  
 26          ENTRY] midwife seeks to consult with or refer a patient to a licensed physician, the  
 27          responsibility of the physician for the patient does not begin until the patient is  
 28          physically within the physician's care.

29          \* **Sec. 25.** AS 08.65.190(1) is amended to read:

30                       (1) "board" means the Board of Licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-  
 31          ENTRY] Midwives;

1     \* **Sec. 26.** AS 08.65.190(3) is amended to read:

2                     (3) "practice of midwifery" means providing necessary supervision,  
3     health care, preventative measures, and education to women during pregnancy, labor,  
4     and the first postpartum year [PERIOD]; providing preconception care; conducting  
5     deliveries on the midwife's own responsibility; providing immediate postpartum care  
6     of the newborn infant, well-baby care for the infant through the age of six [FOUR]  
7     weeks, and preventative measures for the infant; identifying physical, social, and  
8     emotional needs of the newborn and the woman; arranging for consultation, referral,  
9     and continued involvement of the midwife on a collaborative basis when the care  
10    required extends beyond the scope of practice of the midwife; providing direct  
11    supervision of student and apprentice midwives; and executing emergency measures  
12    in the absence of medical assistance, as specified in regulations adopted by the board.

13    \* **Sec. 27.** AS 08.65.190 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

14                     (4) "health care facility" has the meaning given in AS 18.35.399;

15                     (5) "health care provider" has the meaning given in AS 09.65.300(c);

16                     (6) "licensed midwife" means a midwife who is licensed under this  
17    chapter to practice midwifery;

18                     (7) "midwife" means a person who practices midwifery;

19                     (8) "preconception care" means health care that identifies and treats a  
20    person's biomedical, behavioral, and social risk factors to maximize the person's  
21    conception health and pregnancy outcomes during the person's reproductive years.

22    \* **Sec. 28.** AS 09.65.300(c)(1), as amended by sec. 15, ch. 44, SLA 2024, is amended to  
23    read:

24                     (1) "health care provider" means a physician, physician assistant,  
25    dentist, dental hygienist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, registered nurse,  
26    practical nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, naturopath, physical therapist,  
27    occupational therapist, marital and family therapist, psychologist, psychological  
28    associate, behavior analyst, assistant behavior analyst, licensed clinical social worker,  
29    athletic trainer, licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife, licensed  
30    professional counselor, or licensed associate counselor;

31    \* **Sec. 29.** AS 11.41.470(1) is amended to read:

(1) "health care worker" includes a person who is or purports to be an acupuncturist, advanced practice registered nurse, anesthesiologist, **licensed** [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife, chiropractor, dentist, health aide, hypnotist, massage therapist, mental health counselor, [MIDWIFE,] nurse, occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, osteopath, naturopath, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, physician, physician assistant, psychiatrist, psychological associate, psychologist, radiologist, religious healing practitioner, surgeon, x-ray technician, or a substantially similar position;

\* **Sec. 30.** AS 18.20.095(e)(2) is amended to read:

(2) "licensed staff member" means a person who is employed by the hospital to provide direct patient care and who is licensed or certified in the state as a physician or physician assistant under AS 08.64, **licensed** [DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife under AS 08.65, nurse or nurse aide under AS 08.68, or physical therapist or occupational therapist under AS 08.84;

\* **Sec. 31.** AS 18.50.165(b) is amended to read:

(b) The registrar shall distribute copies of the form prepared under (a) of this section to each hospital in the state, to each physician in the state whose practice includes attendance at births, to each certified nurse midwife and **licensed** [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife in the state, and to each other interested person in the state who requests copies of the form.

\* **Sec. 32.** AS 21.36.090(d), as amended by sec. 21, ch. 44, SLA 2024, is amended to read:

(d) Except to the extent necessary to comply with AS 21.42.365 and AS 21.56, a person may not practice or permit unfair discrimination against a person who provides a service covered under a group health insurance policy that extends coverage on an expense incurred basis, or under a group service or indemnity type contract issued by a health maintenance organization or a nonprofit corporation, if the service is within the scope of the provider's occupational license. In this subsection, "provider" means a state licensed physician, physician assistant, dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, advanced practice registered nurse, pharmacist, naturopath, physical therapist, occupational therapist, marital and family therapist, psychologist, psychological associate, licensed clinical social worker, licensed professional



counselor, licensed associate counselor, **licensed** [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife, or dental hygienist holding an advanced practice permit.

\* **Sec. 33.** AS 21.42.347(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(3) "home birth" means the delivery of a child in the home setting.

\* **Sec. 34.** AS 21.42.347 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) A health care insurer who provides coverage for the costs of childbirth shall provide coverage for the costs of home birth services, including prenatal care, delivery, and postpartum care of both mother and infant, provided by a licensed midwife who is acting within the scope of the practice of midwifery under AS 08.65.

\* **Sec. 35.** AS 21.42.355 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(c) If a health care insurance plan or an excepted benefits policy or contract provides indemnity for the cost of preconception care or services of a physician provided to women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the period after childbirth up to one year, indemnity in a reasonable amount shall also be provided for the cost of a midwife licensed under AS 08.65 who provides the same services. Indemnity may be provided under this subsection only if the licensed midwife is practicing as a licensed midwife within the scope of the license.

(d) If a health care insurance plan or an excepted benefits policy or contract provides for furnishing preconception care or those services required of a physician in the care of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the period after childbirth up to one year, the contract shall also provide that a midwife licensed under AS 08.65 may furnish those same services instead of a physician. Services may be provided under this subsection only if the licensed midwife is practicing as a licensed midwife in accordance with the regulations adopted under AS 08.65.030(b)(2), and the services provided are within the scope of practice of the license.

(e) In this section, "preconception care" has the meaning given in AS 08.65.190.

\* **Sec. 36.** AS 21.84.335(b)(15) is amended to read:

(15) **AS 21.42.355(a) and (b)** [AS 21.42.355];

\* **Sec. 37.** AS 25.20.055(a) is amended to read:

(a) When a birth occurs to an unmarried woman in a hospital or en route to a

hospital to which the woman is later admitted, the hospital shall ensure that a staff member

(1) meets with the woman before release from the hospital;

(2) attempts to meet with the father of the unmarried woman's child, if possible;

(3) presents to the mother and, if possible, the father, a pamphlet or statement regarding the rights and responsibilities of a natural parent; the Department of Health shall prepare this pamphlet and distribute copies of it to each hospital in the state, to each physician in the state whose practice includes attendance at births, to each certified nurse midwife and licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife in the state, and to other interested persons in the state who request copies;

(4) provides to the mother and, if possible, the father, all forms, statements, or agreements necessary to voluntarily establish a parent and child relationship, including an acknowledgment of paternity form prepared under AS 18.50.165;

(5) on request of the mother and father, assists the father in completing specific forms, statements, or agreements necessary to establish a parent and child relationship between the father and the child; and

(6) on request of the mother and father, mails a completed voluntary acknowledgment of paternity form to the state registrar for filing under AS 18.50.165.

\* **Sec. 38.** AS 25.20.055(b) is amended to read:

(b) When a birth occurs to an unmarried woman who is not in a hospital for the birth nor admitted to a hospital immediately after the birth, and the birth is attended by a physician, certified nurse midwife, or licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife, the physician, certified nurse midwife, or licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife shall perform the duties described in (a)(2) - (6) of this section or ensure that an agent performs those duties.

\* **Sec. 39.** AS 44.62.330(a)(36) is amended to read:

(36) Board of Licensed [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] Midwives;

\* **Sec. 40.** AS 47.07.900(13) is amended to read:

(13) "midwife services" means services within the practice of

1 midwifery, as defined in AS 08.65.190, that are performed by a **licensed** [CERTIFIED  
2 DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife, and miscellaneous fees, other than facility fees, for birth  
3 kits, oxygen, and other ancillary expenses necessary for a birth attended by a **licensed**  
4 [CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife;

5 \* **Sec. 41.** AS 47.20.320(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) A hospital or other health facility, clinical laboratory, audiologist,  
7 physician, registered or advanced practice registered nurse, **licensed** [CERTIFIED  
8 DIRECT-ENTRY] midwife, officer or employee of a health facility or clinical  
9 laboratory, or an employee of an audiologist, physician, or registered or advanced  
10 practice registered nurse is not criminally or civilly liable for furnishing information in  
11 good faith to the department or its designee under this section. The furnishing of  
12 information in accordance with this section is not a violation of AS 08 or AS 18 or  
13 regulations adopted under AS 08 or AS 18 for licensees under those statutes.

14 \* **Sec. 42.** AS 08.65.060 and 08.65.070 are repealed.

15 \* **Sec. 43.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
16 read:

17 TRANSITION: CONTINUATION OF BOARD. Each member of the Board of  
18 Certified Direct-Entry Midwives, as that board is constituted under AS 08.65.010, as that  
19 section read on the day before the effective date of sec. 9 of this Act, shall serve on the Board  
20 of Licensed Midwives, established by AS 08.65.010, as amended by secs. 8 and 9 of this Act,  
21 for the remainder of the member's term under AS 08.65.010, as that section read on the day  
22 before the effective date of sec. 9 of this Act, and until the member's successor is appointed  
23 by the governor and confirmed by the legislature under AS 08.65.010(b), as amended by sec.  
24 9 of this Act.

25 \* **Sec. 44.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
26 read:

27 TRANSITION: CURRENT DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES, MIDWIVES LICENSED  
28 BY CREDENTIALS, AND APPRENTICE MIDWIVES. (a) Notwithstanding AS 08.65.050,  
29 as amended by sec. 12 of this Act, the Board of Licensed Midwives shall issue a license to  
30 practice midwifery to a person who held a valid certificate to practice direct-entry midwifery  
31 issued under AS 08.65.050 on the day before the effective date of sec. 12 of this Act. The

1 license to practice midwifery expires on the expiration date of the certificate to practice  
2 direct-entry midwifery.

3 (b) Notwithstanding the repeal of AS 08.65.070 by sec. 42 of this Act, the Board of  
4 Licensed Midwives shall issue a license to practice midwifery to a person who held a valid  
5 certificate to practice direct-entry midwifery issued under AS 08.65.070 on the day before the  
6 effective date of sec. 42 of this Act. The license to practice midwifery expires on the  
7 expiration date of the certificate to practice direct-entry midwifery.

8 (c) Notwithstanding AS 08.65.090, as amended by sec. 15 of this Act, the Board of  
9 Licensed Midwives shall issue a permit to practice as an apprentice midwife to a person who  
10 held a valid permit to practice as an apprentice direct-entry midwife issued under  
11 AS 08.65.090 on the day before the effective date of sec. 15 of this Act.

12 \* **Sec. 45.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
13 read:

14 **RETROACTIVITY.** Section 5 of this Act is retroactive to June 30, 2025.

15 \* **Sec. 46.** Section 45 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

16 \* **Sec. 47.** Section 5 of this Act takes effect June 30, 2025.

17 \* **Sec. 48.** Except as provided in secs. 46 and 47 of this Act, this Act takes effect  
18 September 1, 2025.

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Hello Ms. Dumas,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly! I'm very grateful.

I haven't been practicing midwifery since about 2015. Is it going to be necessary for me to go through a whole new course of study, or does the didactic work I completed through Via Vita still apply towards my new application? Also, will there be anything that carries over from my previous time working as a licensed midwife, or will it all be started anew from the beginning?

I appreciate you sharing any insights and information about this that you can. I'm hoping you might also be able to send me a copy of my previous application (which I seem to no longer have), so that I can review the information you already have about me.

Sincerely,

Stella Norris  


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and expired 12/31/2016

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<[license@alaska.gov](mailto:license@alaska.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

It looks like your license is expired. That means you will need to complete the initial application. Depending on if you have been practicing or not over the years will probably dictate if you can apply by exam or credentials. I have put both applications below so you can determine what will work best for you. More information can be found on the [Midwives](#) webpage.

Applications & Forms

Initial Applications

[Application for Certification as a Direct-Entry midwife by Examination](#)

#08-4215, Revised 03/28/2024

- [Application for Certification as a Direct-Entry Midwife by Credentials](#)

#08-4198, Revised 03/28/2024



Thank you,

Melissa Dumas

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**From:** Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing <[no.mail.dcced@alaska.gov](mailto:no.mail.dcced@alaska.gov)>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 19, 2025 6:56 AM

**To:** Occupational, License (CED sponsored) <[license@alaska.gov](mailto:license@alaska.gov)>

**Subject:** CBPL Contact Form Submission

Applicant Name: Stella Lyn Norris

Contact Name: Stella Lyn Norris

Contact Email: [REDACTED]

License Number: 73

License Program: CDM

Contact Reason: I have another question not listed here.

Additional Information: Hello,

I am writing to obtain information about how one goes about reinstating a lapsed CDM license in the State of Alaska.

I was licensed as a CDM/CPM under the name Stella Lyn (now Stella Lyn Norris) in 2013, with license number 73.

Can you please point me in the right direction toward information regarding the steps needed in order to get back into legal practice?

Thank you so much,

Stella Lyn Norris



**From:** [Robb, Sylvan S \(CED\)](#)  
**To:** [Ryan, Sheri J \(CED\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Bannarbie, Shane R \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Recruiting for Board Members  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 10:48:37 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
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For your awareness, this just went to all active licensees who have opted into electronic communications.

Sylvan



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**From:** Occupational, License (CED sponsored) <license@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2025 10:08 AM  
**Subject:** Recruiting for Board Members

**The Alaska Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives currently has openings for the following board positions:**

- Physician with Obstetrical Practice in Alaska
- Public Member

**WOULD I BE A GOOD BOARD MEMBER?**

**The primary prerequisite for all positions is a willingness to serve in the public interest.** Board members do not represent a particular constituency, profession, or agenda. Licensed board members bring to the table unique education and experience in their field. Public members provide consumer awareness and perspective to the deliberative process. By sharing this email with others you think may be qualified, you are helping strengthen your board's ability to govern well and protecting Alaskan consumers.

**HOW DO I LEARN MORE?**

If you or someone you know would be a top-notch board member, please refer them to the [DCCED Boards and Regulations Advisor](#) to help answer any questions or confirm seat availability. Additional resources about what to expect from board service can be located [here](#) or by reading materials on the board's web site linked at [professionallicense.alaska.gov](http://professionallicense.alaska.gov). Ready to apply? You may do so online through the Governor's Office of [Boards and Commissions](#).





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# 2025 Legislative Guidance for CBPL Board & Commission Members

The primary guidance for board and commission members during legislative session is in the CBPL Guide to Excellence in Regulation – Section IX: Legislation and Legislative Audit (pages 63-70), available on the CBPL Board Resources webpage: [www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardMemberResources](http://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardMemberResources).

Section IX of the guide includes information on the following:

- Initiating legislation
- The Open Meetings Act (it always applies)
- Legislative session
- The need to be informed about legislation (and how to do that)
- Guidelines for board member testimony
- Legislative testimony call-in dos and don'ts
- Legislative audit

It's important to remember that division staff cannot represent a board or its positions in meetings with legislators or in legislative hearings, except by pointing to a letter of support or opposition if the board has submitted one for a specific bill. Otherwise, the division only speaks to the Administration's position on legislative items. This means it's essential for board and commission members to carefully review Section IX of the CBPL Guide to Excellence in Regulation to be aware of how the process works and what their responsibilities include.

If a board or commission member has questions on how the legislative process works, please refer to the helpful information linked below. Division management and the department's Boards and Regulations Advisor are also happy to answer any specific questions from board and commission members, but please be aware that we tend to be very busy during legislative session so, at times, it may take a couple days to receive a response or call back.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Additional resources on [BASIS](#) that will be helpful in understanding how to navigate BASIS, understand what you're seeing, and become more familiar with the legislative process:

- Tips for Using Basis: <https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/basis.pdf>
- Frequently Asked Questions: <https://akleg.gov/faq.php>
- Legislative Abbreviations & Acronyms: <https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/abbracro.pdf>
- Glossary of Legislative Terms: <https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/glossary.pdf>
- Current Senators: <https://akleg.gov/senate.php>
- Current Representatives: <https://akleg.gov/house.php>
- Current Committees: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Committee/List/34>

- Steps in Passage of a Bill: <https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/passbill.pdf>
- Legislative Process: <https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/legprocess.pdf>
- How to Read a Bill History: <https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/readbill.pdf>
- Layman's Guide to the Budget Process: <https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/budgproc.pdf>

#### **How to Watch or Listen in on a Bill Hearing:**

- If the bill is currently being heard in a committee:
  - Identify what committee it's being heard in.
  - Go to [akleg.gov](http://akleg.gov), select the "Live Now" tab, and select the appropriate committee; **OR**
  - Go to Gavel Alaska ([ktoo.org/gavel](http://ktoo.org/gavel)) and select the appropriate committee.
- If the bill was already heard and the hearing has since concluded:
  - Go to [akleg.gov](http://akleg.gov) and search for the bill. Once on the bill's page, go to the "Meetings" tab and click on the link for the hearing you want; **OR**
  - Go to Gavel Alaska and look for the hearing in the "Archives".

#### **DEPARTMENT CONTACTS:**

- DCCED Boards and Regulations Advisor – Sara Chambers: [sara.chambers@alaska.gov](mailto:sara.chambers@alaska.gov), W: (907) 465-2144
- CBPL Director – Sylvan Robb: [sylvan.robb@alaska.gov](mailto:sylvan.robb@alaska.gov), W: (907) 465-2524, [REDACTED]
- CBPL Deputy Director – Glenn Saviers: [glenn.saviers@alaska.gov](mailto:glenn.saviers@alaska.gov), W: (907) 465-2691, [REDACTED]

Division management is often in meetings or hearings throughout the day during legislative session, so email may sometimes be the quickest way to get a response. If you opt to call, make sure to leave a voicemail and consider following up with an email. Please do understand that while management will get back to you as quickly as possible, they may not always be able to get back to you the same day.

Additionally, even when you opt to reach out to one of the contacts above, please be sure to also loop in your board staff before or latest, immediately after, the conversation so they can remain in the loop.



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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 04, 2025  
TO: Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives  
THRU: Erika Prieksat, Chief Investigator *EP*  
FROM: Christina Bond, Investigator *CB*  
RE: Investigative Report for the March 19, 2025 Meeting

The following information was compiled as an investigative report to the Board for the period of August 20, 2024 thru March 04, 2025; this report includes cases, complaints, and intake matters handled since the last report.

Matters opened by the Paralegals in Anchorage and Juneau, regarding continuing education audits and license action resulting from those matters are covered in this report.

**OPEN - 2**

<b><u>Case Number</u></b>	<b><u>Violation Type</u></b>	<b><u>Case Status</u></b>	<b><u>Status Date</u></b>
<b>DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE</b>			
2025-000007	Unprofessional conduct	Complaint	01/23/2025
2025-000008	Unprofessional conduct	Complaint	02/05/2025

**Closed - 1**

<b><u>Case #</u></b>	<b><u>Violation Type</u></b>	<b><u>Case Status</u></b>	<b><u>Closed</u></b>	<b><u>Closure</u></b>
<b>DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE</b>				
2024-000947	Unprofessional conduct	Closed-Intake	11/14/2024	Incomplete Complaint

***END OF REPORT***