

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES**

MINUTES OF MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2006

Draft

These draft minutes were prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the board.

By authority of AS 08.65.020 and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled teleconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held February 24, 2006, in Conference Room A on the 9th floor of the State Office Building at 333 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, Alaska.

February 24, 2006

Agenda Item 1

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Dana Brown, CDM, Chair at 9:10 a.m.

Present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

Mark Richey, MD, Anchorage (joined at 9:30 a.m.)
Dana Brown, CDM, Chair, Fairbanks
Barbara Norton, CNM, Anchorage
Mila Cosgrove, Public Member, Secretary, Juneau
Holly Steiner, CDM, Wasilla

Staff Present was:

Steve Snyder, Licensing Examiner

Agenda Item 2

Public Comment

No public was present for comment.

Agenda Item 3

Review/Amend Agenda

After review and on a motion by Cosgrove seconded by Norton and carried unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve the agenda as written.

Agenda Item 4

Minutes

After review and on a motion by Steiner, seconded by Cosgrove and carried unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 25-26, 2005, as presented.

Agenda Item 6

Regulations

A. Review of last project

The board reviewed 2 versions (version A and version B) of the last regulation project which had been adopted at the August 24-25, 2005 meeting, sent to the Department of Law, and returned to the board for re-adoption. The Department of Law had made some minor changes and requested that the board review them to approve the changes. Also version B had a different method to accomplish the boards goal. The board decided on version B and made the following change to the draft. On regulation 12 AAC 14.200(b) each mention of the date March 1, 2007, (mentioned 4 times) was changed to March 3, 2007. Since this regulation gives a deadline for board review of academic programs and the board is scheduled to meet on March 1st and 2nd 2007, it was imperative to change the date in 12 AAC 14.200(b) to March 3, 2007.

On a motion by Cosgrove seconded by Steiner and carried unanimously it was

RESOLVED to adopt the 5 page regulation project, version B, as amended which included changes to regulations 12 AAC 14.110, 12 AAC 14.120, 12 AAC 14.200, 12 AAC 14.210, and 12 AAC 14.420.

Because passage of these regulations had the potential to deny an applicant credit for completing a course of study program (per 12 AAC 14.200) that was not approved by the board it was determined that letters would be written to all midwives and apprentice midwives informing them of the need to complete a non approved program before the date March 3, 2007. The licensing examiner agreed to contact all apprentice midwives to inform them of the regulation change. The board agreed it would work with applicants if necessary to make a smooth transition.

Dr. Richey joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

B. Public Noticed Regulations

The board reviewed the 2 page project revising regulation 12 AAC 14.300, 12 AAC 14.400, and 12 AAC 14.900. No public comment had been received and the board considered that this change would not be of any monetary cost to the licensees or the public.

Making no changes to the language of the draft and on a motion by Cosgrove, seconded by Norton and carried unanimously it was

RESOLVED to adopt the 2-page regulation project as presented.

C. Word Search

The board had previously requested that the statute/regulation booklet be made available to them and the licensing examiner in a **Word** document. When making a regulation change, sometimes the change will affect another regulation that should also be amended in order to maintain consistency in the language. It is easy to miss these situations, which has required the board to start a new project, costing time and money. If the document were in **Word** the licensing examiner or board member could do a search for similar phrases and make the necessary changes at the onset of the project.

The licensing examiner reported that he was able to obtain a disk with the full **Word** document and that he had transferred it to his computer hard drive and emailed a copy to the board secretary, Mila Cosgrove.

D. Pharmacology

It had been previously reported that CDMS have a difficult time obtaining the pharmaceutical agents which they are authorized to administer in their practice. These drugs require a prescription and Midwives are not authorized to write prescriptions. It was reported that some have obtained their medications through an MD or a particular hospital pharmacy that was familiar with Midwifery law. It was reported that a company by the name of Cascade Medical Supply has worked with Alaska CDMs in supplying them with medications.

Dana Brown reported that she had not yet been able to speak with the Pharmacy Board chair but intended to do so. The board asked if a statement could be printed on their license authorizing them to obtain the drugs. The licensing examiner agreed to check with the division.

There was some discussion about Vitamin B-6 injections. It was not determined whether a CDM could or could not legally administer Vitamin B-6 injection, however the board did not believe CDMS were using the injectable version. Barbara Norton stated that she would be interested to see research reports comparing the effectiveness of B-6 by injection or sublingual (tablet that dissolves under the tongue). Vitamin B-6 is given to alleviate morning sickness.

Mila Cosgrove reported that she had received a phone call from the Governors Office informing her that her first term was due to expire on March 1, 2006. Mrs. Cosgrove reported that she informed them that she would be happy to serve a second term if the Governor saw fit to reappoint her. The board expressed their appreciation to Mila for her dedication and performance.

Maggie McQuade, Investigator, joined the meeting in the Anchorage Conference room at 10:00 a.m.

5. **Investigative Report**

The board reviewed the written investigative report that indicated 5 open cases. Ms. McQuade reported that all 5 cases had been subsequently reviewed by the chair, Dana Brown, and then closed with confidential warning letters sent to the licensees.

The board had previously been concerned that the system of peer review and investigative procedures was not working the way they had intended it to. They expect "Peer Review" to be a learning tool between peers and not a method of catching and disciplining licensees. Ms. Brown stated that she was pleased with the proceedings in these cases. Apparently the peer review committee found some problems that violated regulations and were important to correct, but not requiring punishment or discipline. The peer review committee reported the incidences to the investigator and made recommendations which were considered by the investigator to the peer review committee's satisfaction. The Board was involved when the chair reviewed the cases and made recommendations also, which were followed to the board's satisfaction.

Ms. McQuade agreed to revise the written report to indicate the 5 cases were now closed and submit it to the licensing examiner for distribution to the board.

Ms. McQuade reported that she would be retiring as of May 1 and had considered it a pleasure to work with this board. The board thanked Ms. McQuade and wished her well.

Ms. McQuade left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Recess: 10:28 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:35 a.m.

E. New Proposals for Regulation Changes

Dana Brown reported that the Midwives Association of Alaska MAA had requested that that board discuss making changes to the regulations. Since this was a teleconference Ms. Brown suggested that the board briefly touch on these items and schedule discussion for the August 2006 face to face meeting.

Item 1

Revise regulation to allow IV (interveneous) fluid for the sole purpose of hydration of a patient while in labor. It was noted that dehydration of a patient who was having trouble keeping liquids down could be safely controlled by IV saline solution. It was suggested that a physician should be consulted first but not agreed upon by all. It was also suggested that a time limit should be set such that if a certain number of hours passed with the patient being hydrated by IV and labor did not progress a transport must be done. This also was not agreed upon by all. It was agreed that the need of IV fluid for hydration did not in itself constitute an emergency situation requiring transport.

Item 2

12 AAC 14.500(f)(1)(B) should be amended to eliminate the requirement of a second antibody screen at 36 weeks for a woman with RH negative type blood. Mark Richey MD and Barbara Norton, ANP both agreed with the midwives that a second antibody screen was not necessary.

Laura Gore, CDM, MAA Peer Review Committee Chair, joined the meeting in Anchorage at 10:48 a.m.

Item 3

Revise regulation to allow IV fluid for the sole purpose of hydration of a postpartum patient. After discussion it was determined that this would not be pursued. It was noted that if hydration of a postpartum patient was necessary the patient was in a potentially dangerous situation and should be transported to a hospital.

Item 4

Amend regulation 12 AAC 14.500(c)(2)(A) so that there is no longer a requirement to recommend a TB test for the following reasons;

- ◆ Most patients will refuse the test
- ◆ CDMs cannot offer the test
- ◆ CDMs already fully discuss the dangers of TB with their patients.
- ◆ A standard TB skin test if positive, would not differentiate between active TB and mere exposure.
- ◆ Treatment for a positive TB test is contraindicated in pregnant women

Steiner and Brown agreed to work on draft language for these changes to be reviewed and discussed next meeting.

Christine Olson joined the meeting at the Anchorage office at 11:10 a.m.

7. **Annual Report**

The board did not discuss the annual report. Mila Cosgrove agreed to draft the FY 2006 report for board input at the August meeting.

8. **Academic Program Review**

The board reviewed and amended the letter and questionnaire to be sent to the list of approved programs and interested sponsors of programs of study. Since programs will no longer be approved by the board after March 2, 2007, the board requested that letters go to all midwives and apprentices advising that programs that are not approved must be completed in time for review by the board at the March 2007 meeting. The board asked that these letters be sent as soon as possible.

9. **Peer Review**

The board re-capped the discussion that had taken place during the investigative report for the benefit of Laura Gore, CDM, who is the Peer Review Committee Chair.

10. **Budget Report**

The board reviewed and discussed the budget report. The board asked that a staff member with knowledge of these reports be available to answer questions at the next meeting in Anchorage.

11. **Ethics Reporting**

All members reported that they had no ethics violations or potential violations.

12. **Schedule Meetings**

Meetings were scheduled as follows:

August 24-25, 2006	Anchorage
March 1-2, 2007	Juneau
August 23-24, 2007	Anchorage

No miscellaneous correspondence was presented.

The board, having no further business to discuss adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Steven B. Snyder, Licensing Examiner

Approved:

Dana Brown, CDM, Chair

Date