

**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 TELECONFERENCE MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2008

By authority of AS 08.65.020 and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held February 25, 2008 in the State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, Alaska.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Dana Brown, CDM, Chair at 11:05 a.m.

Present, constituting a quorum of the board were:

Dana Brown, CDM, Chair,
Barbara Norton, CNM
Holly Steiner, CDM
Mila Cosgrove, Public Member

Peggy Downing, MD, was unable to attend.

Staff present: Judy Weske, Licensing Supervisor

Public Present in Anchorage: Andrea Stiers and Kelly De Sieyes

Agenda Item 2

Review Application

Mila noted there was no state law questionnaire and proof of certification of IV Therapy and Group B Strep in the application packet.

Holly Steiner asked Andrea Stiers if she knew the dosage of Pitocin for IV administration. Andrea stated she did not know that nor did she learn it during her training. Board members stated that if someone is hemorrhaging it is important to know how much Pitocin to put into the bag if during a transport the patient is hemorrhaging.

Holly also went over the SubQ dosage for epinephrine; if someone is having an anaphylactic shock reaction to antibiotics, the IV administration is something we only do if the patient is extreme, like dying; if the reaction is moderate like a rash or slight wheezing, then we give the SubQ dose. Holly asked Andrea if she knew what the dose is in that situation – Andrea responded that she did not know the dose nor does she recall learning it in her class. Andrea looked up the information and asked if it was .3 to .5 milligrams SubQ and given every 15 minutes up to three doses? Holly confirmed “yes” and Barbara Norton mentioned that IV is 1 to 10,000; Dana said that the 1 to 1000 was more likely what a CDM will use – the IV is generally the last resort. Holly stressed that it is really important that if Andrea plans on giving antibiotics for Group B Strep that she has to have this information down regarding epinephrine.

Barbara Norton asked Andrea about Vitamin K – Barbara said she’s never heard of Vitamin K being given SubQ – Holly asked Andrea how she normally gives that and Andrea responded “intramuscular”. Barbara also asked about administering erythromycin; she noted that Andrea had written within one hour; however, the regulations actually state within two hours after birth. Andrea said she was trying to be on the safe side.

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

**RESOLVED TO APPROVE ANDREA STIERS FOR LICENSURE
PENDING PROOF OF IV CERTIFICATION AND GROUP B STREP AND
UPON PASSING THE NARM AND STATE LAW EXAMINATION.**

Roll Call vote in favor:

Holly Steiner
Dana Brown
Barbara Norton
Mila Cosgrove

Dana Brown stated that this would be her last meeting. She has served two terms and it was her understanding that Cheryl Corrick from Fairbanks will be the new member.

Dana advised the Midwives Association of Alaska (MAA) would like changes to the midwives statutes and the association hopes to have the support of the board in this matter. Dana read the following letter from MAA:

“The Midwives Association of Alaska requests the Alaska Legislature move the following items from statute to regulation, AS 08.65.140 which is Required Practices. Moving Required Practices out of statute and into regulation will allow the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives to exercise its authority as was the purpose of creating the board in the first place. The attention is to put the existing required practices in regulation so that the board can expound upon, clarify and further perfect and update the law without needing to involve legislation. This alleviates undue expense to the Alaskan

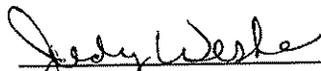
public and allows the board to keep laws current and continue in its service to Alaskan families.”

Dana recommends this matter be placed on the agenda for the September 2008 meeting.

The board thanked Dana for her years of service on the board.

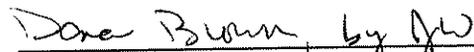
Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Judy Weske, Licensing Supervisor

Approved:



Dana Brown, CDM, Chairperson

9-11-08

Date