

NH Midwifery Council Meeting Minutes

Public Meeting February 13, 2018

Concord Birthing Center

Public Session called to order at 6:07 pm

In attendance: Sherry Stevens, Kate Hartwell, Amy Darling, Mark Carney, and Evelyn Aissa.

Members of the public: Bob Lombardi and Liora Goldensher

1. The council approved meeting minutes for the 12/5/17 meeting.
2. Kate will notify Doreen to make the draft minutes final and posted on the OPLC website.
3. Discussion about potential new OB member to replace Carolyn Drake should she decide to resign from the council.
4. Sherry has contacted two obstetricians and they have been given the board interest application process, one will apply and the other plans to put it on the back burner unless we need her to apply.
5. Certificate renewals: Sherry will work with Kate on the process of license renewal for the
6. April group. There are 4 potential renewals. Sherry will send reminder letters which will include the application deadline as well as where to mail the applications, which for this cycle will be directly to Sherry.
7. Mid 300s review. Discussion of pharmacology and administration courses for midwives. Amy researched a number of possible distance and in-person learning opportunities to help midwives demonstrate competency in using our formulary. Questions arose: do we require initial applicants to prove competency through a formal course? If so, do we need to change the law to accomplish this? Should we require a CEU component in pharmacology, and if so, how many hours? This conversation was tabled when we determined that this would fall into the Mid 400s vs the 300s, and attention needed to be focused on voting on the draft for the 300s as priority.
8. Mid 300s draft. The decision was made to change the requirements for retaking a failed
9. exam. Original wording did not allow for a retake for 6 months. The council elected to change that to a 6 week waiting period. The council quorum voted to submit this initial draft of the mid 300s for OPLC approval at 6:59pm.
10. Discussion of NH's Right to Know Law concerning active case investigations and the public's right to know when concerning private/pending cases. Sherry will contact Tom Broderick to discuss this further.
11. Mark Carney let the council know that there is still no mandatory reporting form requiring pediatric or midwifery providers to communicate parental competency to DCYF. A brief discussion of hearing screening accessibility and out of hospital birth was also had.
12. Sherry was contacted by Autumn Vergo re: epidemiologist study on morbidity and mortality studies that are being done in NH. Autumn will provide more information and we will discuss NHMC's participation in the project at the next meeting.
13. Discussion of the green and purple birth worksheets. Why can't midwives certify the births they attended on the purple worksheet (which currently is certified by the town clerk in the town or city of birth)? Who do we talk to get more information on this? Kate will look into this issue further.

Public session closed 7:25pm.