

NH Midwifery Council Meeting Minutes

Public Meeting April 25, 2018

Concord Birthing Center

Meeting held at OPLC, 121 S. Fruit St, Concord, NH

Present: Sherry Stevens, Kate Hartwell, Amy Darling, Evelyn Aissa, Doreen Wittenberg, Robert Lamberti, and Liora Goldensher

Absent: Mark Carney

1. Meeting minutes from 10/17/17 and 2/13/18 were voted on and approved by the Council. Approved minutes will be posted on the OPLC website.
2. Mid 300 changes are open for public comment until May 7, 2018. Discussed setting next meeting for after the period closes and JLCAR has the opportunity to approve the submission. The next step is to vote on the final proposal and send to JLCAR.
3. Discussion about renewal application. Sherry changed the phone number on the renewal and initial application, bringing them both in line with the rules.
4. Certification for Morgan Gaines discussed. Council will vote on her application very shortly. Discussion about the requirement for laceration repairs.
5. New OB member Heidi Reinhart has been nominated to fill the vacancy left by Carolyn Drake. The Executive Council should vote on her nomination at their next meeting.
6. Discussed using FTP (file transfer protocol) for sharing documents.
7. Discussed renewals. There are 4 up for renewal, 3 pending. Two want to renew and one is agreeable to lapse until she completes her CEUS.
8. Discussed Newborn Screening rule change, one of the most notable changes being the change in time of compliance with newborn screening and new time frames. This makes the appropriate specimen collection time frame between 24 and 48 hours instead of 24-72 hours. Discussion of midwives compliance with newborn screening and new time frames.
9. Discussion of the Statement of Financial Interest. All council members need to complete annually.
10. Pharmacology and IV administration education conversation. NHMC is looking to initiate training for the NH Certified Midwife.
11. There is no current report on the pediatrician reporting form.
12. Discussion of the issue with Birth Centers now being required to obtain a Collection Station license in order to continue performing venipuncture. The Council determined that this is a birth center issue and not a Council issue.

This concludes the public session of this meeting. Public session adjournment proposed by Sherry Stevens, seconded by Evelyn Aissa.

Non-public session adjourned at 2:53pm.

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Public session opened 3:34 pm.

1. Discussion of renewal license. The Council voted to approve renewal.
2. Next meeting scheduled for May 11 at 12:30pm at OPLC.