

# Midwifery Council

121 South Fruit St. Concord NH

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Friday July 27, 2018 @ 12:30 PM

Public Minutes

The July 27, 2018 meeting of the New Hampshire Midwifery Council (Council) convened at 12:36 p.m. at the Office of Professional Licensing and Certification, 121 South Fruit St. Concord NH, with the following members present:

Sherry A. Stevens, Midwife – Chair

Kathryn Hartwell, Midwife

Heidi F. Rinehart, Obstetrician

Evelyn Aissa, Public Member

Amy E. Darling, Midwife

**Absent:** Mark Carney, MD, Pediatrician

## ADMINISTRATIVE

The Council welcomed Heidi Rinehart, Obstetrician as a new member to the Council.

Council Chair Sherry Stevens acknowledged Doreen Wittenberg former Administrator. Ms. Wittenberg explained to the Council that she has taken on a new position within the Office of Professional Licensing and will no longer be working with the Midwifery Council. Michelle Thibeault will be the temporary Administrator. Ms. Wittenberg will be available to answer questions that Ms. Thibeault may have and assist in any way if needed.

Council Chair Sherry Stevens acknowledged Director Sheri Walsh. Director Walsh plans to attend as many meetings when possible but will be available to the Council and Ms. Thibeault to help, address any questions, comments and concerns.

Council Chair Sherry Stevens is working with the Council's Attorney Thomas Broderick with a response to a right to know question from Lucille Sherman.

Upon motion by Sherry Stevens with a second by Kathryn Hartwell the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 25, 2018 and May 11, 2018 Public Meeting Minutes, as amended combining items 1 & 2 on the May 11, 2018 public minutes.

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## 1. Vote on the final proposal for Mid 300s – based on comments

Attorney Robert Lamberti Jr. introduced himself to the Council and his role as the Attorney for the Office of Professional Licensing and Certification. Attorney Lamberti discussed the changes that occurred within the rules based on comments that were made by the public. Attorney Lamberti pointed out changes that were added in bold italics and deleted items that had a line through them. The Council requested a change to Mid 302.05 (i) Documentation Required to Support An Application for Initial Certification, which adds the phone number to the Letter of Recommendation on the application.

Upon motion by Kathryn Hartwell with a second from Evelyn Aissa the Council unanimously voted to approve and adopt the Mid 300s rules as amended.

Attorney Lamberti said the next process will be to go before JLCAR; next meeting is Aug. 16, 2018 and the rules should be filed by Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. New Applications

Upon motion the Council unanimously approved the following applicants:

Morgan Gaines  
Jennifer Ross  
Bryn Munroe

## 3. Update HeP3008 IP 4-11-18 Newborn screening rules?

Kathryn Hartwell will be sending out a letter to the certified midwives with the New Born Screening Rules via group email.

Chair Sherry Stevens will be sending out an email regarding upcoming training called; “Mercy in Action Expect the Unexpected”.

## 4. CEUs in Pharmacology for NH Certified Midwives (Pharmacology and IV administration) – SS & AD working on courses

Sherry Stevens and Amy Darling continue to work on the on self-study course on Over the Counter Medicines (OTC). The course will include the formulary and give a working knowledge of medicines, understanding drug reactions and dosing.

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## 5. **Pedi reporting form update – DCYF initial new born report**

Dr. Mark Carney, Council Member was not in attendance to update the council. This item was tabled for the September meeting.

## 6. **Vote on new certificate and pocket cards**

The council voted to stay with the current certificate in use and voted to change the Pocket Cards (ID Certificate) as presented to the Council. One side of the pocket card will have the list of medications that can be obtained under the certification as a Midwife and on the other will be the Name, Certificate number, Expiration date and the Chairperson's signature.

New Council member Heidi Rinehart introduced self and asked that all members do the same.

Amy Darling notified the Council that she will not be able to attend next meeting.

Upon the motion at 1:45 p.m. by Amy Darling, with a second by Heidi Rinehart the Council moved into non-public session.

Upon motion at 3:05 p.m. by Amy Darling with a second by Heidi Rinehart, the Council voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Council member and to render the propose action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

7. **ADJOURN:** The meeting of the Midwifery Council adjourned at 3:05 p.m. By Sherry Stevens Chair.