

Midwifery Council

PUBLIC MINUTES

January 9, 2019

The January 9, 2019 meeting of the Midwifery Council (the "Council") convened at 12:06 pm at the Office of Professional Licensing and Certification, 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH with the following members present and eligible to vote: Sherry Stevens, Chair; Kate Hartwell, Secretary; Amy Darling, Treasurer (via phone); Mark Carney, Pediatrician Member, Heidi Rinehart, OB Member; and Evelyn Aissa, Consumer Member.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Evelyn Aissa, and second by Mark Carney, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the public minutes from 8/28/18 and 10/30/18. **Motion Approved**

The council was reminded to submit the Statement of Financial Interest form.

Kate Hartwell updated the council regarding her conversation with the Valley News in regards to Birth Centers rules and regulations and the opening of a birth center in Lebanon, NH.

Attorney Tom Broderick introduced himself in his new role as the OPLC Attorney. Jon Lavalee (JD) has assumed the role of Attorney at the AG's office.

Attorney Broderick discussed the subject of Laceration Repairs and the wording of the Rules with the council. After discussion, it was decided that Attorney Broderick will rework the wording with Dr. Heidi Rinehart and Sherry Stevens and will bring the revised initial proposal to the next council meeting.

Attorney Broderick discussed the process of the Rules that were adopted and need to be certified before being posted on the website. The Rules are effective but not yet posted. Attorney Broderick left the meeting at 12:43 pm.

Upon motion at 12:48 pm by Heidi Rinehart with a second by Kate Hartwell, the Council moved into non-public session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (e) and 91-A:5, IV.

The Council returned to public session at 1:33 pm.

New Business:

- Sherry Stevens asked Michelle Thibeault to request funds from OPLC to have NH Midwifery Council members attend the annual NNEPQIN meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2019 from 12-2 pm in Room 109 of the OPLC.

The following meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 29, 2019 from 12-2 pm at the OPLC.

Upon motion by Sherry Stevens, and seconded by Kate Hartwell, the Public meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.