

NEW HAMPSHIRE MIDWIFERY COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, March 30, 2020 at 8:30 AM
Public Minutes

An emergency scheduled meeting of the New Hampshire Midwifery Council (the “Council”) was held on Zoom for the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (“OPLC”), 121 South Fruit St., Concord NH on March 30, 2020 beginning at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present:

Via Zoom conference by roll call vote:

Sherry Stevens, NHCM, Chair - Here

Amy Darling, NHCM - Here

Kathryn Hartwell, NHCM - Here

Mark Carney, MD - Here

Evelyn Aissa, Public Member – Here

Heidi Rinehart, MD - Absent

I. Addressing COVID-19

Mark Carney, MD shared with us a recommendation to wear mask for provider and client during interactions to keep droplets close to you and less chance of spreading virus when asymptomatic.

Kate will report on water birth as information comes in and is processed.

II. Recertification

A. Considering accepting extensions of expirations for NPR and CPR cards for recertification for the April cycle and indefinitely until the current public health crisis is over and we can reinstate the rule. A midwife has called Sherry saying she was unable to recertification her NRP and CPR at this time as all courses are shut down due to the Covid-19 crisis and recommendations against face to face classes or gatherings. Sherry sent an email out to ask our administrators and lawyers for advice as to how to proceed with such action.

B. Another midwife has reportedly sent in her recertification packet to OPLC that has not been received by NHMC. She has faxed another copy of her app and documents to Michelle Thibault and send another check via certified mail to OPLC. Fax # 603-271-6702.

C. The third midwife for this cycle of recertification has not submitted anything yet and Sherry will send her a letter saying it was due and her materials are missing at this point and please respond.

III. Birth centers have waiver for taking clients on in the last trimester during this public health crisis.

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Next meeting: Monday April 10 at 8:30 am via Zoom conference call.

Meeting adjourned by Sherry Stevens, Chair at 9:00am.